VINCENT J. TEDESCO, JR. '64

Biographical Sketch

In 1991, COL Tedesco retired after 27 years of service. He commanded thousands of soldiers. For his service in Vietnam he was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action, the Bronze Star, and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Silver Star. He is the Honorary Colonel of the 44th Air Defense Artillery Regiment. He has received the very rare honor of having a street - Tedesco Way - named for him at Fort Hood, Texas.

He retired from Lockheed Martin in 2011. While working for Lockheed Martin, he received the Washington Award six times, the Washington Community Service Award and in 2005 the Nova Award, the highest award given to a Lockheed Martin employee.

Vin and his wife Suzann are members of the Nittany Lion Club and the President's Club. They are active members of the Centre County Chapter of the Alumni Association. He is an advisor and board member for Delta Upsilon Fraternity and a volunteer for the Penn State men's lacrosse team.

Two of their children graduated from Penn State, V. J. Tedesco, III ('86) and Matthew T. Tedesco ('91) and a granddaughter, Rachel, is a sophomore.

Position Statement

I am the current board's worst nightmare! I will apply my proven record of leadership, achievement and courage to representing the views of the loyal alumni and to righting the wrongs done by the current Board. If elected, I will work to:

Ensure the board operates in an open manner, hiding nothing from the alumni, faculty and students.

Lead a movement to change the board's charter to require at least 2/3rds of the membership be elected by the alumni, not appointed by special interest groups and politicians. The legacy charter no longer makes sense. The agricultural and industrial societies reflect the 19th Century, not the 21st. The Commonwealth provides an ever diminishing and relatively small percentage of the funding required by our university. That influence should be proportional to the Commonwealth's shrinking contribution.

Reestablish Joe Paterno's place of honor by adding his name to Beaver Stadium and by rescinding the vote taken to fire him on Nov. 9th.

I have no ambition beyond serving the best interests of the University and it's Alumni. I will do everything I can to prevent cowardly actions by the Board from ever again staining the name of our great University. With your support we will restore the standard that Coach Paterno established—“Success with Honor!”