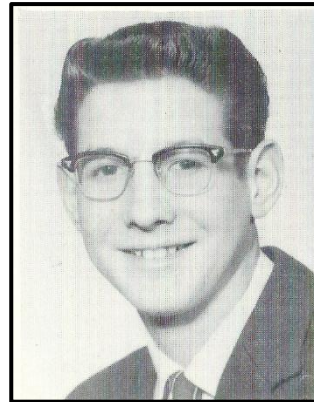


***Colonel Michael Lehmann Class of 1957
Ephrata Alumni Association Noted Alumni***



When he was a member of the Junior class of Ephrata High School Michael Lehmann joined the Army National Guard and attended Guard drills each Wednesday evening at the Ephrata Armory along with 12 other high school students.

In the 1950s Michael and other teenagers were always looking for part-time jobs and they found one setting pins at the Ephrata Bowling Center. The job setting pins lead to a life-long hobby of competitive bowling that Michael has been enjoying for 68 years.

While in high school Michael never visualized that he would marry Myrna in 1961 and have three daughters (Holly, Heidi, Heather) let alone become President of the Ephrata Alumni Association in his retirement years.

After graduation from Ephrata High School, Michael:

- Attended Washington State College (WSU) and earned 2 ½ years credit toward Electrical Engineering Degree. Graduated from Regents College, earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Liberal Arts.
- While continuing to fulfill duties with the National Guard, became employee of the Grant County Public Utility District in 1962. Worked in various positions as a repairman, electrical mechanic, meter and relay technician, technician foreman, electric shop supervisor, maintenance management supervisor, and retired in 1993 as the local manager for Ephrata/Grand Coulee.
- Served the National Guard in a variety of assignments. After completing Officer Candidates School, returned to Ephrata Unit as a 2nd Lieutenant and became Company's Commander. Was promoted to Battalion Commander in Yakima, Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics in Tacoma, and Deputy Brigade Commander in Seattle. On May 10, 1994, after 38 years of service, the distinguished military career was completed.
- Co-owned Mike & Myrna's Antiques business, joined Ephrata service clubs, volunteered in community projects, ran every race of the 10,000m Ephrata Canal Caper (36), was an extra when the movie "Always" was filmed in Ephrata.

Serving the Nation



LT. COL. LEHMANN OF EPHRATA CARRIES THE COLORS
He's now in command of the Army National Guard's 1st Battalion,
303rd Armor Division

Lehmann in command of National Guard battalion

EPHRATA — Lt. Col. Michael Lehmann of Ephrata was recently handed the battalion colors in a Yakima Firing Center ceremony marking a change in command for the Washington Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 303rd Armour Division.

Lehmann formally took command this summer from Lt. Col. Lee Legowik of Yakima, who had commanded the 460-man battalion since August of 1980.

The battalion, headquartered in Yakima, includes five companies in Yakima, Toppenish, Pasco and Walla Walla.

Lehmann has served as operations and training officer of the 1st Battalion, 161st Infantry, in Spokane and comes to his new post from state headquarters at Camp Murray where he served as communications

and electronics officer.

He joined the National Guard in 1956 while he was a junior at Ephrata High School. He served as company commander of the 1161st Transportation Company in Ephrata from 1971 until 1977.

Lehmann lives in Ephrata with his wife, Myrna, and three daughters. He is employed by the Grant County PUD.

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