

Colonel Maximilian Lamont USAF (Ret)



In the events leading up to the last U.S. Air Force flight from Saigon on April 30, 1975, the Officer in Charge of the Evacuation Processing Center in Saigon stated

At about 1430, Col Max Lamont (from the Defense Attaché Office) . . . and Mr. Charles Enberger of the Air Force Division delivered a pickup truck full of C-rations which I had requested to feed the people who had not eaten in over 24 hours. For that matter, neither had I. At any rate, the presence of food which most could share had a definite stabilizing effect on the crowd.

(An excerpt from **Last Flight from Saigon**, a USAF Southeast Asia Monograph Series Volume VI that details the activities and events leading up to the US evacuation from Saigon.)

Col Max Lamont lived a life of “service above self.” He served in the U.S. Navy as a PT Boat Combat Crew Member during World War II. After graduating from the Virginia Military Institute in 1949, he served 30 years in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean and Vietnam eras. After retirement, he and his late wife Hilma Anne Smeak Lamont settled in Tullahoma. He was inducted into the Rotary Club of Tullahoma in 1984, became a Paul Harris Fellow in 1990, and Club President In 1992. Hilma was awarded Honorary Paul Harris Fellow in 1998. Max was a notable participant in Rotary’s Million Dollar Dinner in 2016 and a member of the coveted Paul Harris Society. He served on the Coffee County Election Commission and was a participant in many Tullahoma Veterans Day ceremonies. He was a member of St. Barnabas Church, and the Lakewood Golf and Country Club. We will miss you, Max.