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Name on the Gate: Arlington

The gate on the Army Navy Drive entrance was donated by Colonel (Retired) Orrin “Ockie” Krueger, USA and his wife Doris in 1996. Given that the donation and dedication came two years after Doris’ passing, it is highly likely that the gate and plaque were Colonel Krueger’s way of honoring Doris. The best way to learn more about the Colonel and Doris is to read his obituary from the July 4, 2006, edition of the *Washington Post*:

Army Colonel, Olympic Athlete

Orrin C. Krueger, 99, a retired Army colonel who competed in the Olympic Games and served on the athletic staff at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, died of a stroke June 16 at Goodwin House West, a retirement house in Falls Church.

Col Krueger, whose nickname was Ockie, was born in Buffalo and graduated from the U.S. Military at West Point in 1931. He was a basketball player at West Point and at the time of his death was believed to be the ninth oldest living graduate of the academy.

He competed in the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin as a member of the United States pentathlon team.

Col Krueger was an infantry officer in China in the 1930s and during World War II served in the Caribbean and in Washington as a logistical planner.

After the war he was part of a board that formulated the curriculum for the National War College, then worked in the Pentagon in logistics.

In 1949 Col Krueger was named graduate manager of athletics at West Point- a position similar to athletic director. While there he became good friends with the football team’s offensive line coach, Vince Lombardi, who went on to coaching fame with the Green Bay Packers.

In the 1950s, Col Krueger served in Paris with NATO forces and later was the special assistant to the Army Chief of Staff at the Pentagon. He was the commanding officer at Fort Meade at the time of his retirement in 1961. His military decorations included the Legion of Merit.

After retiring from the Army, he moved to Wisconsin to join his old friend Lombardi as the director of activities for the Packers. Col Krueger was described in some accounts as Lombardi’s “aide de camp”. He sat beside Lombardi’s wife in the stands at all Packer home games.

In 1969 when Lombardi was named coach of the Washington Redskins, Col Krueger moved to Arlington and took an unpaid advisory position with the team until Lombardi's death in 1970.

His wife of 63 years, Doris E. Krueger died in 1994. He leaves no immediate survivors.

Colonel Krueger's ANCC Legacy:



Colonel Krueger joined ANCC on October 25, 1946. He served on the Golf and Green Committee 1983 to 1985. An article similar to the *Washington Post* obituary appears on page 98 of the *Army Navy Country Club Historical Review*, 1924-1989.

