

**Colonel Filomena R. Manor**  
*Dates of Service: 1950 - 1983*

Colonel Filomena R. Manor passed away on 25 October 2009 at Coronado, CA and was given full military honors at internment at Fort Rosecrans 5 November 2009. She is survived by her brother and sister-in-law, Gabrielle and Catherine Fusco in Las Cruces, NM.

Born 6 July 1926 in Troy, NY, Colonel Manor received a BA in Foods and Nutrition at Russell Sage College in Troy, NY and completed a dietetic internship at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston, Mass. She received her MA at Ohio State University.



Colonel Manor was a dedicated leader in U.S. Air Force Dietetics for over 33 years of continuous active military service. Colonel Manor was the first officer in the country to be commissioned from civilian life in the newly created Air Force Women's Medical Specialist Corps (WMSC). She retired in 1983 and was awarded the prestigious Legion of Merit.

She led development of AF enlisted diet therapy job standards and training courses. Colonel Manor was instrumental in creating the officer dietetic residency and the AF Dietetic Internship in 1972, serving as Director for 12 classes. She was the Military Consultant to the AF Surgeon General from 1972-82 when the Air Force-Navy Diet Manual, Medical Food Service Space Criteria and Manpower Standards were published.

She served on the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services. Key wartime accomplishments include support during the 1953 return of UN POWs from the Korean Conflict, Repatriated Prisoner of War Nutritional Plan, and improved Therapeutic In-flight Meals (CTIM) during aeromedical evacuation flights from Vietnam.

During her retirement Colonel Manor served as: Past President Silver Stand Chapter / San Diego Chapter MOAA, Commander Military Order of the World Wars, San Diego and State Regions Founder and Founder and Vice President, Retired Air Force Dietitians Association; Chairperson, President

Council, San Diego Sub-Region, Southern Region C MOAA; and Navy League, Board of Directors, San Diego. Her legacy has touched us all.  
Biography of Colonel Filomena R. Manor

**(From 50 Years of Air Force Dietetics)**  
**Filomena R. Manor, Colonel, USAF, Retired**  
**1950-1983**

Associate Chief for Dietetics and Nutrition, Biomedical Sciences Corp  
1972-1982

Filomena R Manor, Colonel, was born on 6 July 1926 in Troy, NY. She received a BS degree with honors in foods and nutrition from Russell Sage College in 1948 and completed her dietetic internship at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston, MA.

Colonel Manor was commissioned 2nd lieutenant on 17 January 1950, the first officer in the country to be commissioned from civilian life into the newly created Air Force Women's Medical Specialist Corps. She completed Female Officers Basic Course at Medical Field Service School at Fort Sam Houston, TX and was assigned as a staff dietitian to Brooke Army Hospital and reassigned to Scott AFB IL as Dietitian.

She served as Food Service Officer and Dietitian at Clark AFB in the Philippines from 1951 to 1953 and was involved in Operation Big Switch, the return of UN POWs from the Korean conflict. At Hamilton AFB, CA, she was consultant dietitian for ADC providing staff assistance to bases, CONUS to Labrador, and conducted the first formal courses (1956-57) for military supportive personnel. While at Bitburg AB, Germany, served as USAFE consultant dietitian accomplishing staff visits to Germany, France, Italy, and Greece, Turkey, and North Africa bases. Colonel Manor received an MS degree from the Ohio State University in 1960. Her thesis was the basis for the Job Training Standard and initiation of the Diet Supervisors Course at Air University at Maxwell AFB.

At March AFB, she was the 15th AF consultant dietitian, a design consultant to the Medical Construction Liaison Office, and preceptor of a dietetic residency. She served as Assistant for Dietetic Services, Hq SAC, SGO design consultant, and Consultant to the Western Area Medical Construction Liaison Office. She developed a cooked therapeutic in flight meal (CTIM)

system for C-9 and C-141 aeromedical evacuation during the Vietnam era while assigned as MAC consultant, Scott AFB. At Malcolm Grow USAF Medical Center, Andrews AFB, 1972, she initiated the USAF dietetic internship and served as its Director for 12 years. While serving as Associate Chief for Dietetics and Nutrition, Biomedical Sciences Corps from 1972-82, the Repatriated Prisoner of War Nutritional Plan, the Diet Manual and diet instruction pamphlets, Medical Food Service Space Criteria and Manpower Standards were published. Having managed medical food service operations for hospitals ranging from 75 beds to 1,000 beds,

Colonel Manor also served as Chairperson of the Interagency Committee on Food Service for Federal Hospitals. She has been a staff advisor to the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS) and Air Force Representative to the Foods and Nutrition Board, National Research Council. Colonel Manor is a member of the American Dietetic Association, a registered dietitian, and served on the American Dietetic Association Dietetic Internship Board. She is also a member of the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States, Aerospace Medical Association, Air Force Association, and the Military Order of the World Wars.

Her honors and awards include: The World's Who's Who of Women; Who's Who of American Women; Who's Who in American Aviation and Aerospace; Who's Who in the East; Omicron Nu Honorary Fraternity; Distinguished Alumnus Award, The Ohio State University; McLester Award, Association of Military Surgeons of the United States; and Consultant Dietitian-Nutritionist to the USAF Surgeon General (Air Force Specialty Code "W" prefix).

Her military decorations include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, and Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award ribbon with two Oak Leaf Clusters, National Defense Service Medal with one Bronze service star, Vietnam Service Medal and the Air Force Longevity Service Award ribbon with one silver and two bronze Oak Leaf Clusters.

Colonel Manor retired after 33 years, 7 months and 18 days of continuous active military service to Coronado, CA.