



Michael Richard Mudre, 68, a public relations officer with the Air Force band from 1945 until he retired in 1963 (and a former vice president with the James L. Dixon Real Estate Company here, died of cancer June 15 at the Myrtle Beach Air Force Base Hospital in South Carolina.

Mr. Mudre, who lived in Myrtle Beach, was born in Slovan, Pa. During World War II, he served in the Army Air Forces. After the war, he moved to Washington and became a public relations officer with the Air Force band. During his career, he arranged 10 international band tours that required travel to 55 countries on five continents.

He then joined the Dixon firm, where he became vice president in 1968. He retired a second time in 1978 and moved to South Carolina.

Survivors include his wife, Pearl Zorrena, of Myrtle Beach; a daughter, Michaela M. Twomey of Arlington; two sons, John M., of Blacksburg, Va., and Stephen P., of Salem, Va.; five sisters, Anna Kayton of Bellport, N.Y., Mary Hayes of Valley Stream, N.Y., Judy Donovan of Brentwood, N.Y., Susie Elsmann of Wantagh, N.Y., and Helen Floyd of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; a brother, Peter, of Galena, Ohio, and one granddaughter

Aurora Symphony Retired major solos

The Aurora Symphony Orchestra Spring Concert will be conducted by Gloria Olsen at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at East Middle School Auditorium, 1275 Fraser Street. Admission will be \$2 for adults and \$1 for students and seniors.

Orchestral numbers include "Concerto for Trombone and Orchestra," Rimski-Korsakov, George Attridge, Soloist; Schubert's "Unfinished" Symphony; "The Barber of Seville" by Rossini; and "English Folk Songs" - Suite by R. Vaughan Williams.

The soloist will be Maj. George P. Attridge, (U.S.A.F. ret.) playing the Rimski-Korsakov "Concerto For Trombone." While attending Boston University College of Music, Attridge played in the Boston Brass Quartet, organized by Robert D. King, a noted publisher. While in college, Attridge played in civic orchestras conducted by Fabian Sevitsky, Jacques Hoffman and Arthur Fiedler. A member of the U.S. Military Academy Band at West Point for five years, Attridge continued the study of the trombone with Ernest E. Clarke of the Juilliard Faculty.

On Jan. 1, 1942, Attridge was appointed a U.S. Army Bandleader and recruited musicians in the Boston and New York City areas. This band was selected for a special military and diplomatic assignment in Brazil playing for U.S. troops in the South Atlantic and

fund raising for the families of Brazilian Troops killed in Italy.

Following World War II, Attridge served as Bands and Music Officer for the 29 bands in the Air Training Command. After 27 years service, he retired at Lowry where he served as Personal and Family Services officer.



G.P. Attridge

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EL RENO, Okla. — Now possibly more than ever before, our benefits are under siege. Now is the time for dynamic action from all of us.

We are a minority. There are only 1.4 million military retirees and survivors, who receive only 3.5 percent of the entitlement portion of the federal budget. It is being suggested that more than six percent of the reductions be applied to us.

Considering that retiree's and survivor's annuities are subject to income tax, the proposed reductions represent a disproportionate share to us. If we make enough noise about this and do it systematically our Congress will listen.

Understandably, members of Congress hope to remain in office as long as possible. They really have a "juicy" (retirement) program. That is not meant as an affront to elected conscientious patriots, but let's be practical. It cost them a bundle to get elected,

and wouldn't you hope to recoup as much as possible, if you had invested lots of money to get your job?

Now, some possible courses of action— Call the local office of your representative in Congress. Tell them your opinion.

Follow up with a letter, telling them your opinion. Don't be insulting, don't tell

your life story and don't tell war stories. Be concise.

If they do not respond, send another letter and continue doing so until they do respond.

If you receive a smoke screen response, ask for clarification and answers to specific questions. "Do you support us or not?"

If your representative in Congress disagrees with you, draw a petition. Contact your local civic clubs (Rotary, Lions, etc.) and the services-oriented clubs (American Legion, VFW, DAV, etc.). Don't restrict signing your petition to only retired military people, friends and relatives. Give everyone the opportunity.

If current legislative budget problems

are thrown at you, remember in 1961, this country spent nine percent of its gross national product— almost half the federal budget— on defense. Today we allocate only 6.7 percent of the GNP— one fourth of the federal budget— to defense. Only six percent of the defense budget goes to retired military people. (I quote John G. Kester for these statistics.)

Come on, tigers, stand up on your hind legs and growl. We all know how. Our benefits were fought for, earned and deserved— now, they are endangered.

Show your elected officials that you know how to get things done in your area. That will get their attention. Politicians are always looking for ways of getting more, personally inexpensive, votes.

LT. COL.. JIM ROLAND (USAF-RET)