



IN MEMORIAM: REX O. DILLOW

We recently learned that APPA

Member Emeritus Rex Dillow died on January 22, 2015, at the age of 92. While an APPA member at the University of Missouri Columbia in the late 1970s and

early 1980s, Rex took an instrumental role in professionalizing what is now the Institute for Facilities Management, supported the creation and development of *Facilities Manager* magazine, and served as the editor-in-chief for

the first two editions of the *Facilities Management* manual, which evolved over the years to become the current Body of Knowledge (BOK). Rex also served as an interim executive director at the APPA office, and he was the namesake for the Rex Dillow Award for Outstanding Article in *Facilities Manager*.

Rex was one of the first APPA members I ever met, back in 1982 when the Professional Affairs Committee met at the APPA office. His demeanor was hewn by his Marine Corps and Midwestern background, and I quickly learned to listen to both what he said and how he said it. He was firm, to the point, and sometimes impatient, but he also had focus and a dry, sly sense of humor that I enjoyed over several years of working with him on APPA projects.

Rex served in the U.S. Marines in World War II in the Pacific, including the Okinawa operation and the recapture of Guam. During the Korean War he was a company commander and fought in the Chosin Reservoir battle. He also served 15 months in Vietnam and was commander of Marines in the Panama Canal Zone. He earned a bachelor's degree in education from Southern Illinois University in 1942 and a B.S. degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Texas Austin in 1948.



Pictured above: Rex Dillow, right, co-presenting the first Rex Dillow Award for Outstanding Article to Doug Christensen, center, with Phil Rector, left (1988 photo).

Rex was an avid golfer, to put it mildly, and he remained active well into retirement in organizing and administering golf tournaments in Columbia, Missouri and at the MU campus. In 2005, the championship trophy of the Columbia Championship golf tournament was designated The Rex Dillow Cup.

Rex's delightful wife Dottie passed away in 2012, and Rex is survived by his son Matthew Dillow, daughter Mary Elizabeth Manka, two grandchildren, and a brother and sister.

Rex Dillow is just one example of the many members and volunteers over our 101-year existence who have contributed so much of their unique qualities, expertise, and time to APPA the organization and to the institutions and people who comprise our membership. We thank Rex for being part of APPA's history. ☺

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