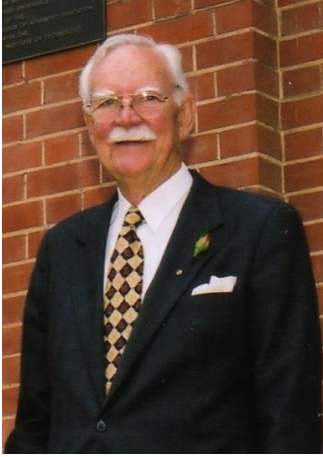


Dr. DONALD BEARD AM



Sportsman, Soldier, Surgeon.

Born: Ashford SA, 22 February 1925

Attended ATHS: 1938-40

Career

Don was always interested in sport. He enrolled in a local church cricket club and played cricket, baseball and football in the Adelaide Parklands. In 1940, Don was a member of the State Junior Baseball team. In his Leaving Year, Don chose medicine as a career but continued to play sport during his training, playing cricket for Adelaide University and Sturt Clubs as a fast bowler. After qualifying, he became a house-surgeon at the Royal Adelaide Hospital. He later volunteered for the Australian Army as a Captain and was appointed as the Medical Officer for three battalions

. He served in Japan, Korea (including the battle of Kapyong) and Vietnam. He often operated under enemy fire but never lost a patient. He finished his military career as a full Colonel. He returned to Japan and then to England as a ship's surgeon and in England he achieved his Fellowship of the Royal College.

Back in Adelaide Don became Surgical Registrar at the Royal Adelaide Hospital and in 1962, set up his own surgical practice, operating in country hospitals also. He was made Surgeon-to-the-Queen at a Royal Visit and still marches proudly in Anzac Day marches. He retired at 80 but still maintains a strong interest in sport and his profession. He has been on numerous committees and is still active on many. He is the patron of the Adelaide Technical High School Old Scholars Association.

Awards:

In 1986 he was awarded the Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for medical services to the Army,

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