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Maj. Gen. William F. Ward, Jr., A.U.S. (Ret.) (1928 – 2018) retired as Chairman from the New York College of Podiatric Medicine Board of Trustees in May 2018, and died on June 21st. He had been elected to NYCPM’s Board on September 26, 2000 as a Trustee. He was elected Chairman of the Board July 2006; was elected Vice Chairman July 2008; and elected Chairman July 2014. General Ward was also Chairman of the Trustees of Podia Insurance, Ltd., an insurance company wholly owned by NYCPM.

General Ward is a 1950 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy commissioned in the Cavalry. He subsequently earned an M.B.A. degree from Harvard Business School and a Bachelor of Law degree from LaSalle University. He served in Korea with the 1st Cavalry Division as an Infantry Platoon Leader, Reconnaissance Platoon Leader, Aerial Observer, and Tank Battalion Staff Officer.

He was appointed by the President to be Chief, Army Reserve, effective December 1st, 1986, and served until retirement in August, 1991. Immediately prior to his selection as Chief, Army Reserve, he served as the Assistant Deputy Commanding General (Reserve Affairs), Individual Mobilization Augmentee, U.S. Army Forces Command, Ft. McPherson, GA, and before that as Commander, 77th Army Reserve Command, Ft. Totten, NY.

General Ward’s civilian activities include: Controller of the Ansco-Ozalid Division of GAF; Corporate Director of Marketing Service of GAF; Vice President for Finance and Administration, Grosset & Dunlap, Inc.; Vice President-Controller, Dun & Bradstreet; Chairman and President, Dun-Donnelley Publishing Corporation; and President, Gestam, Inc., a real estate investment enterprise. He has been a Director, Trustee, or consultant with numerous private and public corporations, as well as civic associations.

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The General’s many awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Legion of Merit, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, World War II Victory Medal, Army of Occupation Medal with Japan Clasp, National Defense Service Medal with two Service Stars, Korean Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Twenty-year Device, Army Service Ribbon, Republic of Vietnam Civil Actions Medal, Unit Citation Badge, United National Service Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, and Aircraft Crewman Badge.

General Ward was married to the former Marie-Louise Buchheit.