



## DR. JOHN STREMPLE

Dr. John Stremple served as Director of the Department of Defense Dependents Schools (the name of which changed to Department of Defense Education Activity during his tenure) from 1987 – 1994

An Eagle Scout and a member of the Air Force, Dr. Stremple served in Japan during the aftermath of World War 2. Following his time with the armed services, he earned a bachelor's degree from California State University, San Francisco, and a master's degree from Sacramento University, and taught as the football coach and teacher at Marysville High School, Christian Brothers High School, and Yuba City High School.

He later moved into administration, becoming Assistant Superintendent and then Superintendent at the San Juan Unified School District and Superintendent of the Fresno Unified School District. During this time he also received his Doctoral Degree in Education from Brigham Young University. Subsequently he served as the Superintendent of the Fresno Unified School District. In 1987 Dr. Stremple was appointed the Director of Department of Defense Dependents Schools.

Dr. Stremple served as a member of the Council of Chief State School Officers, Association of California Administrators Association, American Association of School Administrators, Urban Schools of California, Great City Schools, and the Superintendents' Advisory Council of the State (California) Superintendent of Public Instruction. He earned many awards and recognitions during his life from organizations including the United Way, the Sacramento Association for the Retarded, the YMCA Century Club, Christian Brother's High School and the Department of Defense.

Dr. Stremple placed a very high premium on family, helping to raise seven children and 14 grandchildren, and hosting large family gatherings throughout his life.