

OBITUARIES

Air Force Brigadier General Godfrey McHugh Dies at 85

Godfrey McHugh, 85, a retired Air Force brigadier general who served as a military aide to President John F. Kennedy, died of cardiac arrest July 5 at nursing home in Palm Beach, Fla. A longtime Washington resident, he moved to Florida in 1986.

Gen. McHugh, who joined the Army Air Corps in 1942, was commissioned brigadier general in 1961. He retired from the military in 1964 after serving three years in the White House as the Air Force aide.

He was born in Brussels to American parents. Gen. McHugh, whose father was a business executive in the textile industry, grew up in Germany, France, Italy and Spain. He graduated from the University of Paris and came to the United States in 1932, living for a short time in California and Texas. A commercial pilot, Gen. McHugh was flying over Fort Worth when he heard the radio reports of the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

He flew to Washington, where he signed up for military service. He was assigned to the Air War Plan Division of the War Department General Staff and later became senior aide to Air Force Gen. Hoyt Vandenberg.

His decorations include the Legion of Merit.

After his military service, he became vice president of the international division of Magnavox Co. in Washington, working until his final retirement in 1967.

He was a parent-trustee of the Holton Arms School and Maret School, past director of the Alliance-Francaise and served on the board of trustees of the Marjorie Merriweather Post Foundation.

He was a member of the Army & Navy Club, Bath and Tennis Club and Four Arts Society.

Survivors include his wife Lillian Triplett McHugh of Palm Beach; three children, Boyd Fall McHugh of Chevy Chase, Lillian Fall McHugh of Bethesda and Allison McHugh Bachrodt of Delray Beach, Fla.; and three grandchildren.