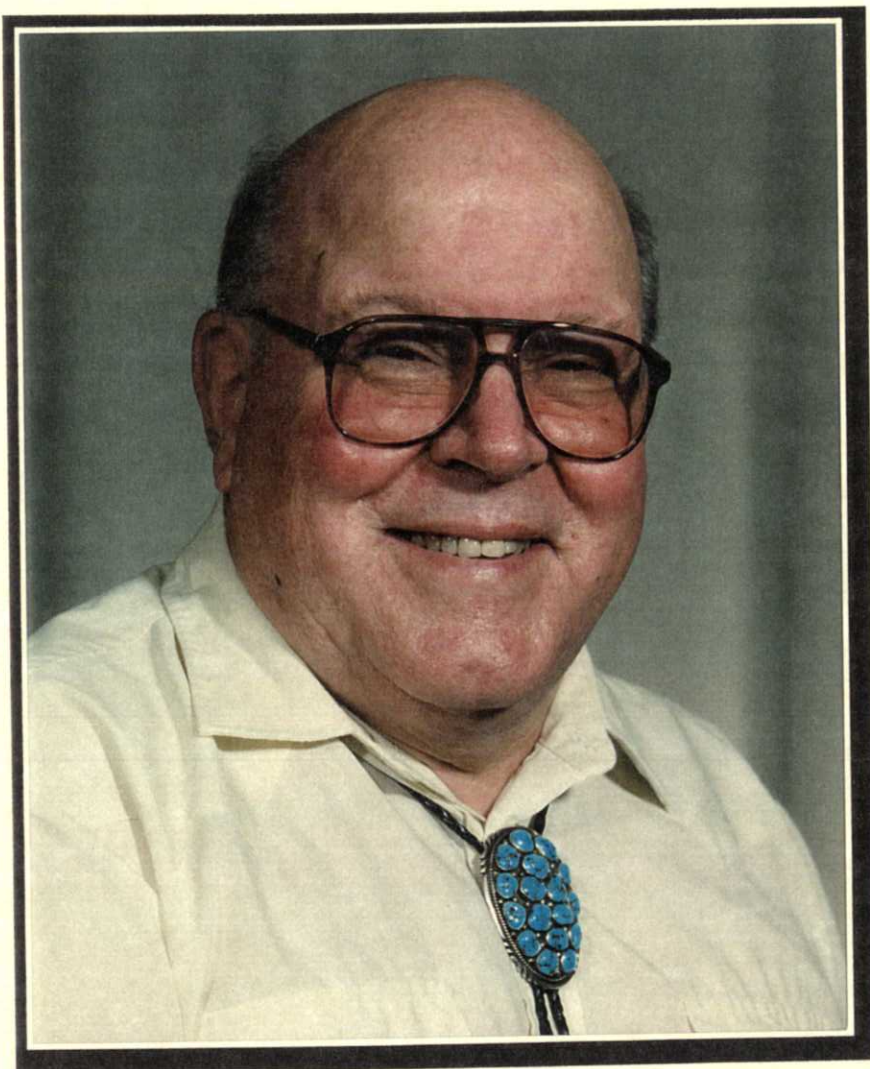




**John Kaltenthaler  
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**I**magine a hall filled with men and women elegantly dressed in formal wear as a scene for an initiation into square dance calling. This, in 1948, was John's first calling experience. A few years later as a member of Uncle Sam's armed forces, he had a second crack at calling while serving in Japan. Eventually, in 1958, while stationed in Albuquerque, New Mexico, he started his calling and teaching in earnest.

When in 1961 he and his wife, Freddie, were sent to Germany they took their love for square dancing with them. Immediately involved in the clubs and classes in the area John soon became training director for the European Callers and Teachers Association and held the office of president of that organization on two occasions. In 1964, along with several other leaders, he conducted the first college of square and round dancing in Europe.

During those early years John served on the Sets in Order Gold Ribbon Committee and as time went on he wrote articles for that publication, helped in

the editing of the Sets in Order Teaching Manual and the SIO Caller Text.

Retiring from the military and returning to the United States in the mid 1960s, John became the Executive Secretary for CALLERLAB, a post he held until his retirement in 1991. During that period of time he earned the Chairman's Award and a special Recognition Award for services to the organization.

John and Freddie are charter members of LEGACY and served as members of its Board of Directors for 10 years. In addition they played an active role with the Overseas Square Dancers Association and have served as its chairman on two separate occasions. John is an Accredited Caller Coach and has been on many CALLERLAB committees. He has been Chairman of the Caller Training Committee, played a significant role in developing the CALLERLAB Curriculum Guidelines and created the Starter Kit for New Callers. He has been to Australia twice conducting CALLERLAB Mini-Labs

John and Freddie have served as panelists and moderators at National Square Dance Conventions and have conducted a number of mini-LEGACYs. In 1979, for his dedication to the square dance activity, John was presented with the American Square Dance Society's Silver Spur Award.