



Allan Raymond Wetzel Co A-1

From the start of his cadet career, Wetz has succeeded in winning the friendships of those around him. His unflinching humor and his willingness to help others are outstanding qualities which will enable him to achieve success throughout life. As a true friend and faithful comrade, there could never be a better man than Wetz.

Born – 19 Aug 1938, Green Bay, WI.

To USMA – Came from Lake Worth, FL. Appointed by the Reserve Component. Nickname “Wetz”.

Died – 9 May 2006 (age 67) at Crossville, TN. Buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

Military Awards – Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star Medal, 2 Bronze Star Medals (one with V), 4 Purple Hearts, 2 Army Commendation Medals, Air Medal, Legion of Merit, Combat Infantryman’s Badge.

Schooling – Command and General Staff College, Army War College.

Family - Wife – June Wetzel – 3 children (Allan II, JoAnne, Kristia) – 6 grandchildren.

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Al served on active duty in the Army (Armor and then Infantry) for 29 years, retiring in 1990, with the rank of Colonel. His first assignment was with the 15th Cavalry. He then served with the 4th Cavalry, then Vietnam (first tour - 22nd Infantry), West Point, NY (Tactical Officer), Annapolis, MD (Naval Academy Tactical Officer), Carlisle, PA (Command and General Staff College), Germany (Headquarters, 1st Brigade, 8th Division), Pentagon (Secretary to the Army General Staff, SGS), Ft. Bragg, NC (first tour - Headquarters, Army Forces Command, FORSCOM), Ft. Lewis, WA. (Headquarters, 9th Division), Carlisle, PA (Army War College), Ft. Bragg, NC (also FORSCOM), Ft. Sam Houston, TX (Deputy Commander for Training, 5th Army). Al passed away on 9 May 2006.

Footnote – Al was one of the most combat decorated members of the Class, having received the Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) for extraordinary heroism in Vietnam. He led a platoon up a hill, personally charging into a Viet Cong machine gun emplacement, knocking it out, and achieving his objective.