



Joseph Frank Paone Co A-2

Joe's career at West Point often times had him lending a helping hand to his classmates and underclassmen. His kindness and good humor will not be forgotten by any of us. With his hard drive and willingness to help others, Giuseppe, or Je, cannot help but be an outstanding officer.

Born – 30 May 1938, Brooklyn, NY.

To USMA – Came from Brooklyn, NY. Appointed by the National Guard. Nickname – “Giuseppi”, “Goombah”.

Died – 21 June 2007 (age 69) at Mount Vernon Hospital, Alexandria, VA. Buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

Military Awards – Silver Star Medal, 8 Bronze Star Medals (one with V), Purple Heart, 6 Air Medals, 2 Army Commendation Medals, Meritorious Service Medal, Combat Infantryman's Badge.

Schooling – Master's Degree in Mechanical Engineering, New York University, MBA Degree, Georgia State University, Command and General Staff College.

Family - Wife – Lucille (Lucy) Penzabene Paone (46 years) – 2 daughters (Anne and Maria) – 6 grandchildren.

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Joe served on active duty in the Army (Infantry) for 20 years, retiring in 1981, with the rank of Lt. Colonel. His first assignment was with the 18th and 87th Infantry Regiments, 8th Infantry Division in Germany. He then served at Ft. Benning (Infantry Advanced Course), Vietnam (first tour – Company Commander, 28th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division), New York, NY (New York University), Vietnam (second tour – S-3, 1st Infantry Division and Staff, 101st Airborne Division), Ft. Benning, GA (Infantry Board, Combat Developments Command), Atlanta, GA (Georgia State University), Ft. Leavenworth, KS (MMAS Command and General Staff College), Pentagon (Office of the Chief of Staff of the Army, OCSA), Korea (Battalion Commander, 1st Battalion, 17th Infantry, 2nd Infantry Division), Pentagon (Office of the Secretary of Defense, Manpower, Reserve Affairs and Logistics, MRA&L).

After retirement from active duty in the Army, Joe, who was able to fix anything, founded his own construction and home improvement company – Paone Associates, Inc. where he did quality construction in the Washington, D.C. area. Joe passed away on 21 June 2007, from cancer.

Footnote - Joe's Army career had been progressing very well. He was selected for Colonel below the zone and projected for brigade command in Germany. He made the decision to forego promotion and command so that his daughters, Anne and Maria could graduate from the same high school they had been attending. This says a lot about the soldier who put his family before his career. Joe retired from active duty in 1981.