



Howard William Randall Co B-1

Buzz came to West Point fresh from high school. West Point quickly opened his eyes to the higher things in life. An airborne infantryman all the way, Buzz couldn't be told there was any other branch. When not in the clutches of his red-boy (rare indeed) he could be found pounding academics into some of his colleagues.

Born – 20 Aug. 1939 in New York.

To USMA – from Ellenville, NY. Appointed by U.S. Senator Javits of NY. Howard's nickname – "Buzz".

Died – 7 Oct. 2021 (age 82) at Clermont, FL. Buried at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL.

Military Awards – 3 Bronze Star Medals (one with V), Purple Heart Medal, 10 Air Medals, 2 Army Commendation Medals, Combat Infantryman Badge, Meritorious Service Medal.

Schooling – Master of Business Administration, MBA Degree, Tulane University, Armed Forces Staff College, AFSC, Army War College, AWC.

Family – Michelle Gottlieb Randall – 3 children - grandchildren.

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Howard served on active duty in the Army (Infantry) for 22 years, retiring in 1983, with the rank of Colonel. His first assignment was with the 25th Infantry Division in Hawaii. He then served in Vietnam (1st tour - MACV), Fort Ord, CA (Commanding Officer of a Training Battalion), Fort Knox, KY (Armor Advanced Course, The Armor School, TARS), Vietnam (2nd tour – 1st Division, RVN), New Orleans, LA (Student, Tulane University), Pentagon (Office of the Chief of Staff, Force Development, OACSFOR, Army Program Analysis & Evaluation, PA&E), Norfolk, VA (Student, Armed Forces Staff College, AFSC), Germany (Executive Officer and then Commanding Officer, 2/28th Infantry and then G3 Operations, 8th Mechanized Infantry Division), Carlisle, PA (Student, Army War College, AWC), Pentagon, VA (Office of the Chief of Staff, Army, OCSA and then Military Assistance, Office of the Secretary of Defense, OSD).

After leaving active duty in the Army, Howard had a successful career in business. He started in program management with a NYSE computer systems integration company and rose to becoming the Executive Vice President. He then became the Chief of Staff of another NYSE company that provides outsourcing and consulting services. Howard passed away on 7 October 2021, from a malignant brain tumor.

Footnote from Howard – "Looking back at 50 years, I am proud of my accomplishments, pleased that my kids have turned out well, and am lucky to have a great wife with whom to enjoy retirement. West Point was one of the best things that ever happened to me and I am thankful for the many opportunities that it has given to me."