



Robert Frank Harris Co C-2

West Point took away his D.A. and levis, but "Razzle" never lost his love of a good time. Between trips to Flirty, Bob found time to rise from the "D" list to the Dean's List, but never did let academics interfere with his more "serious" pastimes. His warm smile and cold determination should carry him far in the Army.

Born – 8 Dec 1938, Calhoun County, AL.

To USMA – Came from Jacksonville, AL.

Appointed as a Qualified Alternate. Nickname – "Razzle".

Died – 8 June 2010 (age 71) at Austin, TX. Buried at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, TX.

Military Awards – 4 Bronze Star Medals (one with V), Air Medal, 2 Army Commendation Medals, 4 Meritorious Service Medals, Legion of Merit.

Schooling – Master's Degree in Civil Engineering and Master's Degree in PW, Command and General Staff College, Army War College.

Family - Wife – Unknown – 2 sons (Dirk and Erik) – 2 grandchildren.

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Bob served on active duty in the Army (Corps of Engineers) for 30 years, retiring in 1991, with the rank of Colonel. His first assignment was with the 12th Engineer Battalion, 8th Infantry Division in Dexheim, Germany. He then served in Vietnam (first tour – Military Assistance Command Vietnam, MACV), Germany (NATO Central Army Group, CENTAG), Vietnam (second tour – S-3 and Executive Officer, 8th Engineer Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division), Ft. Leavenworth, KS (Command and General Staff College), Pittsburgh, PA (University of Pittsburgh), Ft. Belvoir (Corps of Engineers Advanced Course), Indonesia (U.S. Defense Liaison Group), Ft. Leonard Wood, MO (2nd Training Brigade), Ft. Sam Houston, TX (Inspector General, Headquarters 5th Army), Ft. Belvoir (Faculty, Corps of Engineers Advanced Course), Carlisle, PA (Army War College), Cairo, Egypt (Area Army Engineer), Detroit, MI (District Commander, U.S. Army Engineer District, USAED), Ft. Hood, TX (Post Engineer).

Bob enjoyed his retirement in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands - sailing, fishing and playing squash. He was also recruited into a second career as Dock Master at the Independent Boatyard and Marina where he kept his boat and was known to all as Colonel Bob. In 2008, he moved to Austin, Texas, to be closer to family. Bob passed away on 8 June 2010, from cancer.

Footnote from a soldier, Scott Smith who served with Bob in Vietnam - "I was just a 19-year-old, but I never saw him not doing his duty. I never experienced him not standing up for us. I never experienced him not being willing to coach and help us. He always worked hard, he was serious about what he did, and he pursued it diligently. His position of running the S-3 was critical to everything we did. If he didn't do his job well, the entire battalion didn't function...and it functioned pretty darn well! Major Harris was a good soldier, a good officer and a good human being. He cared about us."