



**Frank Lawrence Heikkila Co C-2**

*The world after graduation holds no obstacles for Larry. Endowed with the attributes of ability, determination, and a competitive spirit, he has done well as a cadet. Characterized by understanding, cheerfulness, and trust, he has been well liked by all who knew him. Certainly he will be a success in any field he chooses.*

**Born** – 18 Oct 1938, in New York. Grew up in Lima OH.

**To USMA** – from Lima, OH. Appointed from Ohio. Nickname – “Heck”.

**Died** – 17 Jan. 2016 (age 77) at Dewey, AZ. Cremated. Ashes to be spread over the waters of the Virgin Islands.

**Military Awards** – National Defense Service Medal.

**Schooling** – MBA Degree, Ball State University, Doctorate Degree in Math Education, State University of New York (Suny) at Buffalo.

**Family** - Wife – Margo English Heikkila (52 years) – 2 sons (Erik and Kyle) – 4 grandchildren.

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Larry served on active duty in the Marine Corps for 3 years, resigning in 1964, with the rank of 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant. His first assignment was with the Marine Detachment of the USS Franklin D. Roosevelt carrier group (shown in the picture below). He then served with the 1st Battalion, 8<sup>th</sup> Marine Regiment at Camp Lejeune, NC.



After leaving active duty in the Marine Corps, Larry taught mathematics for 30 years at the University of the Virgin Islands, retiring in 2006 with the distinguished status of Professor Emeritus. He was devoted to many water activities including - boating, swimming, snorkeling, scuba diving and spear fishing. He was an avid sports enthusiast and particularly enjoyed working with young people as a high school football referee. In 2006, he and Margo moved from the Virgin Islands to Prescott, AZ because of the four “H’s” – Health care, Hurricanes, High cost of living, High humidity. Larry passed away on 17 January 2016, after a five year courageous battle with brain melanoma.

Footnote from Larry’s wife, Margo – “He (Larry) was the kindest man I ever met, and I was blessed to have him as a life partner for all those years.....My husband always said that being a member of West Point’s swim team saved his sanity as he was able to eat at ‘training tables!’”