



William Lytle Heiberg Co D-2

Few will forget Bill's four full years of contribution. He willingly accepted whatever he was called upon to do, and continually achieved excellence. Whether with the Glee Club at Steuben's or with more serious activities, Bill's understanding won the respect of all. He shall always stand as a testament to a great tradition.

Born – 29 June 1938, West Point, NY. Army Brat - third generation Academy graduate.

To USMA – Came from West Point. Appointed by the President.

Died – 15 Oct 2002 (age 64) at Brighton Gardens, Arlington, VA. Buried at West Point.

Military Awards – 2 Bronze Start Medals (one with V), Army Commendation Medal, 3 Meritorious Service Medals, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Legion of Merit.

Schooling – Master's Degree, Columbia University, Command and General Staff College, National War College.

Family - Wife – Louisa O'Meara Heiberg (35 years - she passed away 30 Dec 2006) – 3 children (William Jr., James, and Harriett) – grandchildren?.

Contact – William Jr. (son), James Heiberg (son), Harriet Heiberg Aldridge (daughter).

Bill served on active duty in the Army (Artillery) for 26 years, retiring in 1987, with the rank of Colonel. His first assignment was with the 95th Infantry at Schwaebisch Gmuend, Germany. He then served at New York, NY (Columbia University), Vietnam (25th Infantry Division), West Point, NY (Instructor, Social Sciences Department), Ft. Leavenworth, KS (Command and General Staff College), Korea (Headquarters, 2nd Division), Pentagon (Army Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel, ODCSP DA), Pentagon (Office of the Secretary of Defense, International Security Affairs, OSD ISA), Germany (Commander, 28th Field Artillery), Belgium (NATO Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, SHAPE), Ft. McNair, D.C. (National War College, NWC), Washington, D.C. (Liaison Officer, Rapid Development Training Program, RDTP), Ft. Monroe, VA (Systems Manager, Cannons and Missiles, Training and Doctrine Command, TRADOC, Field Artillery Section), Ft. Sill, OK (Director, Combat Development, Field Artillery School, CD FAS).

After retiring from active duty in the Army, Bill worked as the Director of Army Programs with Burdeshaw Associates, Manager of Army Programs with LTV Aerospace and Defense Company, Manager of Regional Compliance Oversight with the Loral Vought Systems Corporation / Lockheed Martin Vought Systems. Bill passed away on 15 October 2002, from a rare form of cancer (adenoid cystic carcinoma, ACC) which he had courageously fought for a dozen years.

Footnote from Bruce Holmberg, also a cancer victim – “I’ve thought about this a lot....Relatively few people know the emotions that come when diagnosed with cancer or any other life threatening disease, especially in the prime of one’s life. Some people quit and some people fight. Bill, you have chosen to fight, despite being told over and over for almost a decade that you had only a few months to live. Webster defines courage as ‘the spirit enabling one to face danger or hardship with confidence and resolution.’ I have a more succinct definition. I define courage as ‘Bill Heiberg.’”