



Martin J. Zaldo Co E-1

Red was an Army Brat. First love was baseball, then the pad. He spent most of the time keeping from getting "turned out." He is a true "got." He has always believed a minute early is a minute wasted.

Born – 6 Feb 1939, Ohio. Army Brat.

To USMA – Came from Albuquerque, NM. Appointed by Ohio 12th. Nickname – "Red".

Died – 1 May 2012 (age 73) at Hoag Hospital, Newport Beach, CA. Burial site unknown.

Military Awards – National Defense Service Medal.

Schooling – Unknown.

Family - Wife – Julie Zaldo (43 years) – 2 children (Kelly and Patrick) – 2 grandchildren

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Red served on active duty in the Army (Infantry) for 3 plus years, resigning in 1964, with the rank of 1st Lieutenant. His first assignment was with the 181st Airborne and the 101st Airborne Division at Ft. Campbell, KY.

After leaving the Army, he went to Florida and tried out with the baseball New York Yankees – which lasted two weeks. He then went to California and almost rejoined the Army. His career was spent in energy sales and management. He worked for Shell Oil, then the Thrifty Oil Company, Oasis Petroleum Corporation, E&C La Mesa Energy Corporation, and GW Main. Red passed away on 1 May 2012, from natural causes.

Footnote - Red had the coveted distinction of being the "Class Goat" – the last in the numeric class standing. The Goat is the last classmate to receive their diploma at the graduation ceremony and receives the loudest ovation from the members of the class. People at the bottom of the class vie for the coveted last position. Being second from last or third from last carries little or no distinction.