



James Bruce Royce Co F-2

Throughout his cadet career, Jim has achieved remarkable success with his quiet, efficient manner. Having been a member of two companies, he has acquired twice as many firm friends as most cadets. He has a wide field of interests, reads a lot, and is all set to rule the world after graduation.

Born – 2 October 1938, at Sault Saint Marie, Ontario, Canada. Army Brat, father was USMA Class of '24.

To USMA – from Washington, D.C. Appointed at Large.

Died – 2 Oct. 2017 (on his 79th birthday) at Walla Walla, WA. Buried at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Walla Walla, WA.

Military Awards – 2 Bronze Star Medals, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, 2 Meritorious Service Medals, 3 Legion of Merit Medals.

Schooling – MS Degree in Civil Engineering, University of Illinois, Command and General Staff College, Army War College.

Family - Wife – Diane Bedal (52 years) – 2 children (Charles and Beckett) – 2 grandchildren.

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Jim served on active duty in the Army (Corps of Engineers) for 29 years, retiring in 1990, with the rank of Colonel. His first assignment was in Korea with the 13th Engineer Battalion in Korea. He then served at Urbana-Champaign (University of Illinois, MS Degree in Civil Engineering), Munich and Heidelberg Germany (Company Commander, 3rd Engineer Battalion), Vietnam (first tour - S3, Operations, 20th Combat Engineer Battalion), Fort Belvoir, VA (Engineer Advance Course), West Point, NY (Instructor in Thermodynamics, Mechanics Department), Vietnam (second tour – Headquarters MACV), Fort Leavenworth, KS (Command and General Staff College, CGSC), Germany (S3, Operations 17th Engineer Battalion, Battalion Commander, 8th Engineer Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division), Baltimore, MD (Deputy District Engineer), Carlisle, PA (Army War College), Germany (Office of Defense Cooperation, ODCSE, Headquarters US Army Europe, HqUSAREUR), Walla Walla, WA (District Engineer, USED), Portland, OR (Deputy Division Engineer, North Pacific Division).

After leaving active duty in the Army, Jim had a successful career as a Project Engineer and Regional Manager for Engineering Science Corporation, a national engineering firm. He then served as the “Chief of Custodial Services” at his wife’s Royce Horse Stables dressage barn – “the hardest job”, he reported, he’d ever had. Jim passed away on 2 October 2017, from Alzheimer’s disease.

Footnote from Jim – “My great-grandfather (Major Walter Reed - for which the Walter Reed Hospital was named), grandfather (MG Walter Reed) and father (BG Charles Royce) were all career military men, my father USMA '24. I was very impressed by the lives they led, and enjoyed the travel my father’s life offered me....Our times together (Jim and Diane) in the Army and later through our horse experiences have provided us with a full and rewarding life. We thank God, USMA and the Army for blessing us so richly.”