



**Anderson Howel Walters Co H-2**

*Sandy, known by any other name – from Chimp to others – is still Sandy. Never at a loss in a good scramble, as his multi-fractured nose will testify, this guy has the persistence to make it up any grade that shall present itself and still have time to help the buddy who needs it.*

**Born** – 30 June 1939, Johnstown, PA

**To USMA** – Came from Ligonier, PA. Appointed as a Qualified Alternate. Nickname – “Sandy”.

**Died** – 30 Aug 2001 (age 62) at Winston-Salem, NC. Buried at the Lebanon National Cemetery, Marion County, KY.

**Military Awards** – 3 Bronze Star Medals (one with V), 4 Army Commendation Medals, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Legion of Merit.

**Schooling** – Master’s Degree in Operations Systems and Research Analysis, Ohio State University.

**Family** - Wife – Zoé Kathryn (Petie) Eggleston Walters (35 years) – 4 children (Jennifer, Anderson III, Barbara and James) – 6 grandchildren.

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Sandy served on active duty in the Army (Armor) for 20 years, resigning in 1981, with the rank of Lt Colonel. His first assignment was with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Armor Cavalry Regiment (Troop Commander). He then served at Ft. Knox (Company Commander, Armor Training Center and Armor Advanced Course), Vietnam (first tour - 11<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment and Company Commander, 4<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division), Ft. Monroe, VA (Army Combat Development Command, ACDC), Vietnam (second tour – MACV), Germany (1<sup>st</sup> Armor Division), Columbus, OH (Ohio State University), Winston-Salem, NC (Professor of Military Science, Wake Forest University), Ft. Bragg, NC (ROTC camp support). Sandy finished his Army career by building three ROTC programs to capacity, leading the ROTC Advanced Recondo site, and inspiring a generation of young people to become Army officers. Included in that number was Sandy’s own daughter, Jennifer.

After retiring from active duty in the Army, Sandy worked as a Systems Engineer for IBM for 15 years, trouble-shooting with one of IBM’s largest contracts. He taught various computer courses at Forsyth Technical Community College. He also taught “orienteering” at various locations in North Carolina. Orienteering is a family of sports that requires navigational skills using a map and compass to navigate from point to point in diverse and usually unfamiliar terrain, and normally moving at speed. Flying as a glider pilot was another of his favorite activities. Sandy passed away on 30 August 2001, from a heart attack.

Sandy loved to take his young family to his 40 acre mountainside boyhood home, called Cliffwood near Ligonier, PA and show them the sites and tell the stories of his growing up. The oldest of Sandy’s six grandchildren, Alexandra Deets will graduate from West Point in the Class of 2016. She is a member of the Cadet Skydiving Team. Coincidentally, she has been in Company H-2 during her time as a Cadet.

Footnote - Mottos Sandy lived by, and taught his children to live by, included such simple but powerful phrases as - “Can’t never did anything”, “I think I can, I think I can”, “If it doesn’t fit, don’t force it”, “Use a bigger hammer”, and “Duty, Honor, Country”.