



Patrick James Murphy Co K-1

Patrick James Michael Murphy brought with him to West Point a sparkling personality and a readiness for fun that brightened and enlivened K company for four years. Whether it was wrestling, walking the area, or playing the "uke," Murph did all well. His approach to the academic and tactical departments can best be summed up in K-1's motto – "Not Obnoxiously Eager."

Born – 24 June 1939 in New York State.

To USMA – from Messina, upstate NY on the St. Lawrence River on the border with Canada. Appointed as a Qualified Alternate (QA). Nickname – "Murph".

Died – 24 Oct. 2022 (age 83) at Rochester, NY. Buried at St. Lawrence Church Parish Cemetery, Louisville, NY.

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

Schooling – Master of Science, MS Degree in Management, University of Arkansas (UAR).

Family - Wife – Willa (Davis) Murphy (61 years) – 3 children (James (deceased), Loreen, & Bryan) – 3 grandchildren.

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Pat served on active duty in the Army (Infantry and then Military Intelligence) for 20 years, retiring in 1981, with the rank of Lt. Colonel. His first assignment was with the 12th Infantry of the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, WA. He then served at Fort Holabird, MD, Army Intelligence School, ArlntS '64 & '68), Germany (Counter Intelligence service, 6th Military Intelligence Company Europe, 6MICO Eur), Vietnam (1st tour – Headquarters, U.S. Army Vietnam, HqUSARV), West Point (Tactical Officer, USMA Office of Military Instruction, OMI), Vietnam (2nd tour – 23rd Division and Headquarters Military Assistance Command Vietnam, HqMACV), Turkey (Headquarters, Allied Land Forces Southern Europe, HALFSEE), Fayetteville, AR (Student, University of Arkansas, UAR), Norfolk, VA (Student, Armed Forces Staff College, AFSC), Huachuca, AZ (Headquarters Intelligence School Command, HqINSCOM).

After leaving active duty in the Army, Pat had a successful career in business. He worked for Mantech International (Senior Engineer and Technical Director), Murphy's Celtic Inn (Owner and Manager), American Mohawk (Indian) Building Systems (General Manager), Phoenix Griffin (Plans Consultant), Mohawk (Indian) NTA (Plans Consultant). Pat passed away on 24 October 2022. Pat was recognized by the Veterans Administration as an Agent Orange Veteran.

Footnote from Pat after retiring from the Army – "Following a stint with a beltway bandit, I carted my family off to the North Country to pick up an old Rooming House Bar and Restaurant which we named "The Celtic Inn." I would frequently tell associates that my former roommate (Georg Joulwan) and I had almost identical career patterns – he was NATO Commander and I was a bartender".