



William Stuart Chandler Co L-1

Whether on the tumbling mat or in the rack, Bill's bald head was easily recognized. His only ambition, other than logging sufficient sleep, is to be a tank jockey; most of his awakened moments were spent in perusal of the latest copy of "Armor". Fort Knox, beware – '61's Patton is on the way!

Born – 3 Feb 1939, at Fort Sheridan, IL.

To USMA – from Fort Knox, KY. Appointed as a Qualified Candidate, QC.

Died – 5 July 2014 (age 75) at Santa Fe, NM.
Burial - cremated.

Military Awards – Bronze Star Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal.

Schooling – Command and General Staff College.

Family - Wife – Franziska (Francie) M. Chandler (47 years) – 4 children (Eric, Tom, Mark, Lisa) – 5 grandchildren.

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Bill served on active duty in the Army (Armor) for 25 years retiring in 1986, with the rank of Colonel. His first assignment was with the 2nd and 3rd Squadrons, 7th Armored Cavalry Regiment, ACR in Bamberg and Schweinfurt, Germany (Platoon Leader, Troop Commander, S-2). He then served at Fort Knox, KY (U.S. Army Training Center, USATC and Advanced Armor Course), Vietnam (first tour – Staff and Troop Advisor, 1st ARVN Cavalry Squadron north of Saigon), Ft. Benning (Instructor, Armor Company Tactics), Vietnam (second tour – District Senior Advisor, IV Corps), Ft. Hood, TX (Commander, 1st Battalion, 1st Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division), Ft. Leavenworth (Command and General Staff College, CGSC), Friedberg, Germany (Executive Officer, 3rd Battalion, 32nd Armor, Brigade S-3), Vaihingen, Germany (European Command Operations Center), Tennessee (Senior Advisory, 278 Armored Cavalry Regiment, Training, Tennessee National Guard), Warren, MI (Director, Advanced Concepts Lab, Tank Auto Command).

After retiring from active duty in the Army, Bill managed a company servicing computers for several art galleries in Santa Fe, NM. Bill passed away on 5 July 2014, from lymphoma.

Footnote from West Point roommate, George Hricz – “Bill was a good roommate, a gentle quite gentleman. His passion was gymnastics and he represented the Academy very well for four years. He always had a smile and pleasant conversation.”

Footnote from son, Eric – “Dad had a lifelong curiosity which came out in magazine subscriptions to Popular Mechanics, car magazines, National Geographic and maybe a few others having to do with computers. He was ever tinkering with his cars, woodcrafts, computers and endless gadgets. Dad loved crewing for a local Santa Fe team and hot air ballooning until his pilot retired.”