



John Rickert McCormick Co L-2

Little Mac with the seasonal chubby cheeks – a conscientious worker with a violent temper. He never failed to express his opinions. Many accused him of sweating thins, but it is exaggerated. He took things in stride and made a great contribution to our isolated little life in L-2. We all look upon him as a great guy and a true friend.

Born – 27 Sep 1938, Sewickley, PA.

To USMA – Came from Corpus Christi, TX. Appointed by Texas Senator Yarborough. Nickname – “Mac”.

Died – 30 Apr 2014 (age 75) at Corpus Christi, TX. Buried at Seaside Memorial Park, Corpus Christi, TX.

Military Awards – 2 Bronze Star Medals (one with V), 11 Air Medals (one with V), 2 Army Commendation Medals, Legion of Merit.

Schooling – Degree, French Foreign Language School, Paris, France, Master’s Degree in French, Columbia University, Master’s Degree in Administrative Education, Texas, A&M University.

Family - Wife – Unknown – 2 daughters (Bettina and Aimee) – 5 grandchildren.

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Mac served on active duty in the Army (Armor) for 13 years, resigning in 1974, with the rank of Major. His first assignment was with the 37th Armor and then 64th Armor. He then served in Vietnam (first tour - 519th Mechanized Infantry Battalion and Company Commander, 4th Cavalry, 25th Infantry Division), Paris, France (Foreign Language School), West Pont, NY (Instructor, Foreign Language Department), New York, NY (Columbia University), Vietnam (second tour – Special Operations Center).

After leaving active duty in the Army, Mac attended Texas A&M University in College Station, TX. He then worked as the Moody High School Teacher from 1976 until his retirement in 2005. During this time he also served as an Instructor at the Graduate French Language Institute at the Texas State University in San Marcos, TX and Instructor at the Fulbright Exchange in Quebec, Canada. In retirement from teaching he served as a Volunteer at the historic USS Lexington Aircraft Carrier Museum in Corpus Christi, TX. John passed away on 30 April 2014, from natural causes.

Footnote – “McCormick’s Raiders” in Vietnam were written about in David Reed’s book, “Up Front in Vietnam” as well as being featured on NBC and CBS Evening News with Walter Cronkite.