



**James Lee Madden Co M-2**

*Jim came in plebe year after serving with the 77<sup>th</sup> Special Forces. After fighting off runts, he settled down to a three year reign as "King of the Flankers." Jim varied like an algebra function from upper to lower sections as his interest always remained fixed on the Wings, Tab, and Crossed Rifles – his goals.*

**Born** – 11 Jan 1938, Hope, AR.

**To USMA** – Came from Ottumwa, IA. Appointed by Iowa 4<sup>th</sup>. Nickname – “J.J.”

**Died** – 11 July 2007 (age 69) at Palm Springs, CA. Buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

**Military Awards** – 3 Silver Star Medals, 2 Purple Hearts, many others.

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

**Family** - Wife – Dawn Madden (21 years) and former wife Heidi Madden – 1 son (Christopher) – grandchildren.

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Jim served on active duty in the Army (Infantry) for 20 years, retiring in 1980 (including his service time before entering West Point), with the rank of Lt. Colonel. His first assignment was in Germany as a Platoon Leader and Company Commander with the 1st Battle Group, 30th Infantry. He served at Ft. Benning (Infantry Advanced Course), Vietnam (first tour – Company Commander, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry, 1st Infantry Division, operating north of Saigon), Vietnam (second tour - 101st Airborne Division), New Orleans, LA (Tulane University), Vietnam (third tour - Special Operations), Ft. Eustis, VA (Army Training and Doctrine Command, TRADOC), Pentagon (Office of the Chief of Staff of the Army), Ft. Benning, GA (Combined Arms Training Board). Germany (Battalion Commander, 2d Armored Division, Commander 54<sup>th</sup> Infantry and G-3, 8<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division). Jim helped develop training and review procedures that are used throughout the Army today - known as the Multiple Integrated Laser Engagement System (MILES) and the After Action Review (AAR) methodology.

After retiring from active duty in the Army, Jim worked the BDM Corporation and the Institute for Defense Analyses (IDA). He helped develop the Army's Future Combat Systems' embedded training capability. Jim passed away on 11 July 2007, from lung cancer.

Footnote – “On 25 August 1966 Jim was seriously wounded in the chest (in Vietnam) leading his company to rescue an embattled force from another battalion. A few days later I was amazed to see Jim dismount from a resupply helicopter, and saunter up to request my permission to resume command of his company. Noting his pallor, his gaunt figure, and his bloody bandages, I denied his request, but assigned him instead as my S-3, my operations staff officer. Within hours of Jim’s return, a very portly and much agitated Colonel of the Medical Corps appeared, announcing that Madden was absent without leave from the Field Hospital, and demanding that I surrender the miscreant immediately. I patiently explained that it was a long standing tradition of the Big Red One to go AWOL from hospitals....” (General Gorman, Jim’s Battalion Commander at the time).