



John Rife Petty Co M-2

John, a solid Southern vote on any occasion, was rebel "rep" for M-2. He worked with the Chapel Choir and Water Polo Club. Always as enthusiastic about academics as he was about parties, J.P. could be counted on for original ideas. He was a steady worker who always kept his objective in mind.

Born – 9 Apr 1939, Georgia.

To USMA – Came from Gainesville, GA. Appointed by Georgia 9th. Nickname – “J.P.”

Died – 29 Sep 2011 (age 72) at Atlanta, GA. Buried at West Point.

Military Awards – National Defense Service Medal.

Schooling – Master’s Degree in International Relations, University of Tennessee.

Family - Wife – Beryl Grall Petty – 2 children (John USMA '94 and Page) – 3 grandchildren.

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John served on active duty in the Army (Infantry) for 3 plus years, resigning in 1964, with the rank of 1st Lieutenant. His first assignment was with the 101st Airborne Division at Ft. Campbell, KY. He attended the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, TN. He worked for the Central Intelligence Agency, CIA in Laos (two tours), Singapore and a number of TDY assignments around the world. He then served as the Director of the Cobb International Center in Atlanta and President of First Pacific Federal Systems, a defense communications contractor. He served as the Executive Director of the Atlanta Enterprise Center assisting the homeless and jobless to find a new and successful lives.

John was an active member of the West Point Society of Atlanta (WPSA) for more than 25 years. He created the original job networking group in the early 1990's and the WPSA monthly luncheon program. He was one of the driving forces behind establishing the West Point Charitable Enterprises Association. John passed away on 29 September 2011, from gastric cancer.