



**Michael John Xenos Co H-1**

*Mike's vocal esteem for all things Peloponnesian won him the friendly sobriquet of "Greek." He was well known to all as a varsity manager. His academic fortunes ran the gamut of success, from a harrowing experience with the English Department to some "solid" victories over the Department of Mechanics. His selflessness and generosity have won him a loyal group of friends.*

**Born** – 22 Mar 1936, Greece.

**To USMA** – Came from Seattle, WA. Appointed by Washington 1<sup>st</sup>. Nickname – “The Greek”.

**Died** – 28 Nov 2000 (age 64) at Hospice of Northern VA, Arlington, VA. Buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

**Military Awards** – Bronze Star Medal, 2 Army Commendation Medals, 3 Legions of Merit, Air Medal, Meritorious Service Medal.

**Schooling** – Master's Degree, University of Arizona, Command and General Staff College, Army War College.

**Family** - Wife – Elaine Xenos – 4 sons (John, Dean, Christopher and Andreas) – 6 grandchildren

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Mike served on active duty in the Army (Signal Corps) for 20 years, retiring in 1980, with the rank of Lt. Colonel. His first assignment was with the 124<sup>th</sup> Signal Battalion. He then served in Vietnam (first tour – 232<sup>nd</sup> Signal Company), Washington, D.C. (Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, DCSLOG, Data Processing Center), Tucson, AZ (University of Arizona), Vietnam (second tour – 4<sup>th</sup> Division Aid and 1<sup>st</sup> Signal Brigade – first in the Class of '61 to command a Battalion), Ft. Leavenworth, KS (Command and General Staff College), Washington, D.C. (Office of the Chief of Staff of the Army, OCSA), Germany (Battalion Commander, 8<sup>th</sup> Signal Battalion and Headquarters, USAREUR), Carlisle, PA (Army War College), Washington, D.C. (OCSA).

After retirement from the Army, was a Manager with Boeing Computer Services and a Senior Principal with the BDM Corporation. In 1984, he established his own company - SONEX Enterprises, Inc. The business and family thrived until Mike fell ill with pancreatic cancer in early 2000, and he sought medical care at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Mike passed away on 22 November 2000, from the pancreatic cancer.

Footnote – The most significant part of Mike's Army career was the 6 years of Mike's that were devoted to building the post-Vietnam footprint of our Army. In the Army Programming Office he devoted countless hours and played a critical roll in framing the Army systems acquisition program through the Reagan era build-up that led to our victory in the Cold War.