



Charles Todd Westpheling Co I-2

This ambitious Army brat enjoyed his Highland home, and gave to it mightily, but he could hardly wait for June Week's double-header. Academics were no problem for this Infantry bound "muckoid" – who leaves his mark, whether in activities, calling "Butts" to, rousing the "Rabble," or just winning the respect and friendship of his classmates. The future looks bright.....

Born – 24 Sept. 1938 in Wyoming.

To USMA – from Fort Bragg, NC. Appointed at large. Nickname – “Chuck”.

Died – 15 Sept. 2018 (age 79) at Grand-Leez, Belgium. Buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

Military Awards – Silver Star Medal, 3 Bronze Star Medals, Soldiers Medal, Purple Heart, Air Medal, 2 Army Commendation Medals, 2 Meritorious Service Medals, Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Combat Infantryman's Badge.

Schooling – Master's Degree, University of North Carolina, Command and General Staff College, CGSC, Army War College, AWC.

Family – 1st Wife – Rosemary Westpheling, 2nd Wife – Patricia Westpheling – 4 children (Charles, Eric, Deborah, Edward) – 7 grandchildren.

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Chuck served on active duty in the Army (Infantry) for 26 years, retiring in 1987, with the rank of Colonel. His first assignment was with the 501st Airborne Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, KY (Platoon Leader and Company Commander). He then served at Fort Bragg, NC (10th Special Forces Group, SFG, Detachment Commander), Vietnam (1st tour, MACV), Fort Benning (Infantry Advanced Course), Vietnam (2nd tour, Headquarters 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division), Chapel Hill, NC (University of North Carolina), West Point, NY (Tactical Department), Fort Leavenworth, KS (Command and General Staff College), Pentagon, VA (Department of the Army, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, ODCSO), Fort Campbell, KY (Battalion Commander, 1st Battalion, 503rd Airborne Infantry Regiment, Ismir, Turkey (Headquarters, Allied Land Forces Southeastern Europe, HALFSEE), Carlisle, PA (Army War College), Brussels, Belgium (NATO Military Committee).

After leaving active duty in the Army, Chuck had a successful career on the NATO International Staff in Brussels, Belgium. Chuck passed away on 6 April 2015, from cancer.

Footnote from Chuck – “Looking back across 7 decades, my life until my retirement seems almost a blur of moving vans, and settling in homes, schools and jobs. Our nuclear Army family had 14 addresses before I even started school, and 11 more during my school years. No roots, no long-term friendships – a pattern to shape much of my life, but a fondness for life overseas, having lived in Germany and Turkey, visited some 14 other countries, and acquired language skills.”