



**James Lee Tedrick Co K-1**

*A stranger from the land of catfish, corn and crude oil, "T" realized his two big ambitions: the first, to log as much sack time as possible; the second, to deadbeat on the golf team First Class year. His natural inclination to save leg power should stand him in good stead in the Armor. May he always get a first-round pick.*

**Born** – 17 Jan 1939, Illinois.

**To USMA** – Came from Casey, IL. Appointed by Illinois 21<sup>st</sup>. Nickname – “T”.

**Died** – 12 Aug 1993 (age 54) in Korea. Buried at Casey Cemetery, Casey, IL.

**Military Awards** – 2 Bronze Star Medals (one with V), 2 Air Medals (one with V), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Legion of Merit, Combat Infantryman’s Badge.

**Schooling** – Master’s Degree in English, University of Pennsylvania, MBA Degree, Farleigh Dickerson University, Professional Military Comptrollership School, Maxwell AFB, AL.

**Family** – First Wife – Wray Everhart Tedrick (died in 1976) – Second Wife - Anne Dryden Colton Tedrick – 2 children with Anne (James and Elizabeth) – grandchildren.

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Jim served on active duty in the Army (Armor and then Finance Corps) for 22 years, retiring in 1983, with the rank of Lt. Colonel. His first assignment was with the 14th Armored Cavalry Regiment (Platoon Leader and Staff) in Germany. He then served at Ft. Knox (Armor Advanced Course), Kansas (assignment in Panama), Vietnam (9th Infantry Division, War Eagle Platoon), Philadelphia, PA (University of Pennsylvania), West Point (Instructor, English Department), Teaneck, NJ (Farleigh Dickinson University), Vietnam (Headquarters, MACV, writing the official history of the Vietnam campaigns), Ft. Eustis, VA (Headquarters, Training and Doctrine Command, TRADOC, working on the Integration of Women in the Army study), Ft. Shafter, HI (Headquarters, Pacific Command, CINCPAC and Defense Finance and Accounting Office, DF&AO), Washington, D.C. (Office of the Army Comptroller, OAC, Career Proponent Officer and Editor of its quarterly magazine), Ballistic Missile Defense Program Office (BMDPO).

The 9th Infantry Division's history records that, while preparing for deployment to Viet Nam, Captain Tedrick was selected to establish its Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol (LRRP). Jim interviewed 130 soldiers, selecting 40 to form the "War Eagle" platoon. Jim led the platoon through training at the Jungle Warfare School, deployment to Viet Nam in January 1967, and completion of MACV's Recondo School. He and his unit then settled into the Mekong Delta and began combat operations.

After retiring from active duty in the Army, Jim and Anne moved to Greenfield, IN, and then to Korea. Jim passed away on 12 August 1993.

Footnote – As an English Instructor at West Point, Jim’s motto was - "They shall not pass (unless deserved)."