



Earl Campbell Horan, Jr. Co M-2

Calhoun with an inevitable grin and his hat rakishly perched is one of the best known men in our class. Undaunted by the academic or tactical departments, he hazed them throughout his cadet career. Although most at home with a guitar in his hands, Earl possesses the ability to be a success in any field of endeavor.

Born – 23 Feb 1936, Indiana.

To USMA – from Marion, AL. Nickname – “Calhoun”.

Died – 7 March 2015 (age 79) at Fayetteville, NC. Buried at Fayetteville Memorial Park, NC.

Military Awards – Silver Star Medal, 2 Bronze Star Medals, Legion of Merit, Air Medal, 2 Army Commendation Medals, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal.

Schooling – Master’s Degree, Murray State University, Command and General Staff College, Foreign Service Institute.

Family - Wife – Elizabeth Belford Horan – 2 children (Eleanor and Earl III) – 4 grandchildren.

Contact – Elizabeth Horan, Address 6229 Falkland Court, Fayetteville, NC 28311, Phone unknown, Email unknown.

Earl served on active duty in the Army (Infantry) for 30 years (of cumulative service), retiring in 1989, with the rank of Lt. Colonel. His first assignment was in Berlin, Germany (OIC, Checkpoint Charlie, Office of the Guard, Spandau Prison). He then served at Ft. Bragg, NC (B Company, 7th Special Forces Group), Vietnam (first tour – 5th Special Forces Group, Command of A Detachment), Ft. Benning, GA (Training Center and Infantry Advanced Course), Arlington, VA (Foreign Service Institute), Vietnam (second tour – MACV, Long An Province), Rock Island Arsenal, IL (Headquarters, 1st Army), Murray, KY (ROTC, Murray State University), Ft. Campbell, KY (101st Airborne Division), Ft. Leavenworth, KS (Command and General Staff College), Japan (Headquarters, U.S. Army Japan, 9th Corps), Ft. Leavenworth, KS (CGSC, Instructor in Tactics), Fayetteville, NC (Headquarters, 18th Airborne Corps, TDY to Grenada), Ft. Bragg, NC (JFK, Special Warfare Center).

After retiring from active duty in the Army, Earl worked in real estate sales. Earl passed away on 7 March 2015.

Footnote – Earl served as a special adviser for the movie "The Green Beret." He was a skilled and accomplished musician. He was a member of bluegrass band, the Foggy Mountain Boys. He also made an appearance on the Ed Sullivan Show in the 1950s with the West Point Glee Club.