



Francis Lee Gibson Co B-1

Francis, Gibby, is another Ohio football player. He also holds down a position as a pitcher on Army's baseball team. Gibby is well liked and highly respected by everyone who comes in contact with him. He is one of the finest team captains Army football has had – another reflection of Gibby as the great guy that he is.

Born – 1 April 1939 in Ohio.

To USMA – from Glencoe, OH. Appointed as Qualified Alternate, Nicknames – “Frank”, “Hoot”, “Gibby”.

Died – 24 Jan. 2017 (age 77) at Tustin, CA. Burial to be determined.

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

Schooling – M.S. Degree, Georgia Tech University, Command and General Staff College.

Family - Wife – Barbara Ann Tanis Gibson (52 years) – 3 children (Francis Jr., Donald, Craig) – 10 grandchildren.

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Frank served on active duty in the Army (Transportation Corps) for 20 years, retiring in 1981, with the rank of Lt. Colonel. His first assignment was at West Point with the Army Athletic Association (AAA) as a Coach. He then served at Fort Eustis (Transportation Corps), Vietnam (first tour – Commander, RVN, 61st Truck Company, Atlanta, GA (Georgia Tech University), Vietnam (second tour – Commander, RVN 5th Traffic Region), Ft Ord, CA (Combat Development Command Experimentation Command, CDCEC), Ft. Leavenworth (Instructor, Command and General Staff College, CGSC), West Point, NY (Coach, Office of Division I Athletics, ODIA), Korea (Battalion Commander, 25th Transportation Center, Pentagon and Bethesda Think Tank (Center for Army Analysis, CAA).

After retiring from active duty in the Army, Frank and his family settled in Orange County, California. He obtained a California Real Estate Brokers License and had a successful second career in the real estate and mortgage broker industry. His three sons played football at the University of Arizona and University of Southern California. Frank and Barbara traveled coast to coast, never missing a game. He was a mentor at the Combat Veterans Superior Court of Orange Counting and was the founder of the military veteran’s support group at Trinity Presbyterian Church. Frank passed away on 24 January 2017, from a heart attack.

Footnote from Frank – “Our life has been blessed, and we owe West Point tremendous gratitude. And yes, I still return to the coal mines of Eastern Ohio twice a year; cannot ‘forget from whence I came!’”