



Travis Neal Dyer Co B-1

Rusty entered West Point, and then the war began. He lost many skirmishes on the academic field, but he never lost a battle. He devoted a major portion of his time to leading an unauthorized athletic league which inflicted much damage to participants. His sincerity and personal warmth made life a little more bearable for those who new him.

Born – 3 April 1939 in Bemis, TN.

To USMA – from Jackson TN between Nashville and Memphis. Appointed from the Army. Nickname – “Rusty”.

Died – 20 Jan. 2022 (age 82) at Las Cruces, NM, north of El Paso, TX. Buried at the Fort Bliss Cemetery, El Paso, TX.

Military Awards – Bronze Star Medal, 2 Army Commendation Medals, 3 Meritorious Service Medals, Defense Superior Service Medal, 2 Legion of Merit Medals, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Distinguished Service Medal.

Schooling – Master of Science, MS Degree in International Relations, George Washington University, Naval War College, NavWC School of Command & S, National War College, NWC.

Family - Wife – Donna Dyer (61 years) – 2 children (Andrea and Cheryl) – 3 grandchildren.

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Rusty served on active duty in the Army (Artillery) for 32 years, retiring in 1992, including a year in the Army before West Point, with the rank of Major General. His first assignment was with the 4/652nd Artillery and then served as the Commanding Officer, 22nd Missile Detachment). He then served in Vietnam (Headquarters 97th Artillery Group), Fort Sill, OK (Chief of Staff, Air Defense Center & School, ADS), West Point, NY (Tactical Officer, USMA Tactical Department), Washington, D.C. (Student, Naval War College, NavWC and Student, George Washington University), Germany (Commanding Officer, 5/6th Air Defense Artillery, ADA), Fort Myer, VA (Military Personnel Center, MILPERCENT), Fort McNair, Washington, D.C. (Student, National War College, NWC), Korea (S3, Operations, 38th Air Defense Artillery, ADA, Brigade), Pentagon, VA (Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, OASD, MRA&L), Fort Bliss, TX (Commanding Officer, S Brigade and Command Staff, CS), Colorado Springs, CO (Command Director, North American Aerospace Defense Command, NORAD), Germany (Deputy Commander, 32nd Army Armament Development Command AADCOM), Fort Bragg, NC (Director of Personnel, Army Force Command, FORSCOM).

After leaving active duty in the Army, Rusty had a successful career in providing consulting services to defense contractor companies. Rusty passed away on 20 January 2022 from Multiple Myeloma.

Footnote from Rusty – “West Point was a challenge for me because of poor high school preparation. I graduated from a country school with twenty-one other Classmate.....I was lucky to get through Plebe Year academics.....West Point remains the highlight of my life because of the foundation it gave me and the strong will to endure regardless of the challenge.”