



Benjamin Wilson Covington III Co F-1

Patton, pall vaulting, and P.E. were the chief focus of Ben's attention. Between praising the attributes of Southern Belles and the M-60 tank from Myrtle Beach to the Manhattan Hotel, Ben found time to build a collection of military books which is the envy of the art department. Airborne, Ranger and the Pentagon await this man of destiny.

Born – 14 January 1939, in South Carolina.

To USMA – From Myrtle Beach, SC. Nickname – “Benjy.”

Died – 31 July 2023 (age 84) at Vilas, NC. Buried at West Point, NY.

Military Awards – 4 Bronze Star Medals (one with V), Purple Heart Medal, 4 Air Medals, Combat Infantryman Badge (CIB), Army Commendation Medal, 6 Meritorious Service Medals, 3 Legion of Merit Medals.

Schooling – Master of Arts, MA Degree in History of the English Language and 18th Century English Literature (and completed PhD course work, ABD) from Columbia University, Armed Forces Staff College (AFSC), National War College (NWC).

Family - Wife – Ruth Covington (deceased) – 2 children (Benjamin IV and Farley) – 8 grandchildren – one great grandchild.

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Ben served on active duty in the Army (Armor) for 28 years, retiring in 1989, with the rank of Colonel. His first assignment was with the 14th Armored Cavalry Regiment at Fulda, Bad Kissingen and Bad Hersfeld, Germany. He then served at Fort Knox, KY (Student, Advanced Course, The Armor School, TARS and Company Commander, 1/9th Cavalry), Vietnam (1st tour - 1st Cavalry Division RVN), New York, NY (Student, Columbia University), West Point, NY (Instructor, USMA Department of English), Vietnam (2nd tour – Headquarters MACV and Advisor, 3rd Army RVN Armor Brigade), Thailand (ACS Advisory Group and S4 Supply, Support Activity Group), Fort Eustis, VA (Headquarter, Army Training & Doctrine Command, TRADOC), Norfolk, VA (Student, Armed Forces Staff College, AFSC), Alexandria, VA (Branch Chief, Military Personnel Europe), Germany (Commanding Officer, 4/69th Armor, 8th Division), Pentagon, VA (Office of the Chief of Staff Army, OCSA), Washington, D.C. (Student, National War College, NWC), Germany (Deputy G3, Operations, VII Corps), Fort Hood, TX (Commanding Officer, 1st Tiger Brigade, 2nd Armor Division), Fort Monroe, VA (President, U.S. Army Training Board).

After leaving active duty in the Army, Ben had a successful career as a military contractor. He worked for J-DL, Inc (Deputy Director of Operations), O'Connell & Associates Senior Associate), Germany (Director of Major Exchange Analysis), Cubic TSI (Director of Training Support), Hungary (Operations & Training Advisor), Bagdad, Iraq (Senior Advisor, Iraqi General Staff), Albania (Operations & Training Advisor). Ben passed away on 31 July 2023.

Footnote from Ben – “(60) years it seems like yesterday when we reported in to West Point. We have had a great time and a great career, and the fun has not stopped. I can honestly say that I would not trade a day in uniform for a month anywhere else.”