



**James Michael Winters Co F-1**

*Jim came to us from the Land of Pilgrims – bringing an ever-present smile and a boundless enthusiasm for any task he undertook. None of us will forget Jim’s solo “Bony Morony” plebe year in the Mess Hall or his reputation as the F Co “Blind Drag Rep.” Jim will assuredly prove to be a great asset to the Artillery.*

**Born** – 26 Dec 1939, Lawrence, MA.

**To USMA** – Came from Andover, MA. Appointed by Massachusetts 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Died** – 31 May 2003 (age 64) at Honolulu, HI. Buried at National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl Cemetery), Oahu, Honolulu, HI.

**Military Awards** – Bronze Star Medal, 2 Air Medals, Legion of Merit.

**Schooling** – Master’s Degree, Ball State University, Command and General Staff College, Army War College.

**Family** - Wife – Unknown.

**Contact** – Robert Winters (brother), Paul Winters (brother) and Geri Winters Anderson (sister).

Jim served on active duty in the Army (Artillery) for 27 years, retiring in 1988, with the rank of Colonel. His first assignment was with the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry in Korea. He then served at Ft. Bliss, TX (Air Defense School), CONUS (Hawk Battery), Vietnam (13<sup>th</sup> Artillery), Germany (32<sup>nd</sup> Army Armor Command, AADCOM), Ft. Leavenworth, (Command and General Staff College), Muncie, IN (Ball State University), Spokane, WA (Professor of Military Science, Gonzaga University), Ft. Knox, KY (Commander, Training Battalion), Alexandria (Headquarters, Military Personnel Center, MILPERCEN), Carlisle, PA (Army War College), Hawaii (Headquarters, Pacific Command). When he returned from Vietnam, he became seriously ill with a life threatening liver problem and he spent 6 months in the hospital recovering. It was believed to be caused by the exposure to Agent Orange in Vietnam.

After retirement from active duty in the Army, he worked as a Therapist at a Community Mental Health Center. He counseled and worked with indigent Hawaiians and worked on perfecting his skill as an artist (potter). He had one man shows on Oahu, HI and was listed as a highly regarded artist in a Hawaiian brochure promoting local artists. Jim passed away on 31 May 2003, from cancer (lymphoma), again believed to be caused by exposure to Agent Orange in Vietnam.