



Michael John Lombardo Co F-2

Lom was one of the best liked men in the Corps. Always congenial and ready with a remark, he made friends easily, whether in the classroom or on the athletic field. His natural ability in both these areas made him stand out. He like horizontal relaxation, but always rose to the situation when faced with a challenge.

Born – 25 Apr 1939, Fall River, MA.

To USMA – Came from Warren, RI. Appointed by Massachusetts 14th. Nickname – “Lom”.

Died – 13 Sep 2011 (age 72) at Honolulu, HI. Buried at National Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl, Honolulu, HI.

Military Awards – 2 Bronze Star Medals (one with V), 5 Air Medals.

Schooling – Master’s Degree and PhD Degree in Chinese History and Language, Georgetown University.

Family - Wife – Gertrud Veronika Lombardo – 3 sons (Michael, Alexander and Johannes) – 7 grandchildren.

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Mike served on active duty in the Army (Artillery) for 24 years, retiring in 1986, with the rank of Lt. Colonel. His first assignment was with the 35th Artillery. He then served in Vietnam (first tour – 11th Artillery, 25th Infantry Division at Cu Chi), Ft. Leavenworth, KS (Army Management Staff College, AMSC), Ft. Bliss, TX (Staff and Faculty, Air Defense School, ADS), Vietnam (second tour – Adviser at Sadec in the Mekong Delta), Germany, (G-2, 1st Armored Division in Ansbach), Norfolk, VA. (Operational Test and Evaluation Agency, OTEA), Washington, D.C. (Georgetown University and entered the Defense Attache Program), Hong Kong (Army Attache, American Consulate), Bethesda, MD (Desk Officer, Defense Intelligence Agency, DIA).

After retiring from active duty in the Army, Mike started a Chinese translation business with several other retirees in Hong Kong - Serold Hawaii Inc., a government contractor providing Chinese language translation and open source research services to government agencies. The business expanded over the years, and an office was set up in Honolulu. Mike was still working up until a week before he died. Mike passed away on 13 September 2011, from colon cancer.