



Peter James Boylan, Jr. Co G-1

Pete came to West Point after a short stint in the Army and two years at the University of Wisconsin. Equipped with a ready grin and a talent for making friends early, he established an enviable record athletically, militarily, and scholastically. A forthright and sincere man, with excess talent, Pete's success is guaranteed.

Born – 18 May 1936, in Wisconsin.

To USMA – From Portage, WI northwest of Milwaukee. Appointed by a WI Congressman.

Died – 12 Nov. 2023 (age 87) at Milledgeville, GA. Buried at West Point.

Military Awards – Silver Star Medal, 2 Bronze Star Medals (one with V), Purple Heart, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Combat Infantryman Medal CI, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Legion of Merit Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Distinguished Service Medal.

Schooling – Master of Science in Engineering MSE Degree, University of Michigan, Command and General Staff College CGSC, Navy War College NaWC).

Family - Wife – Kathleen Boylan (62 years) – 5 children (Peter III USMA '84, Therese USMA '86 and her husband Michael USMA '83, Heather, Gregory USMA '94, Emily) – 14 grandchildren (including Mary USMA '23).

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Pete served on active duty in the Army (Infantry) for 31 years (plus one year of prior service in the Army), retiring in 1992, with the rank of Major General. His first assignment was with the Headquarters, 1st Brigade, 24th Infantry Division in Germany. He then served at Fort Knox, KY (101st Airborne Division), Vietnam (1st tour - 1/2 Infantry, 1st Division), Ann Arbor, MI (Student, University of Michigan), West Point, NY (Instructor, USMA Mechanics Department), Vietnam (2nd tour – Headquarters MACV), Fort Leavenworth, KS (Student, Command and General Staff College CGSC), Fort Bragg, NC (Commanding Officer, 3/325 Airborne), Fort Bragg, NC (G3 Operations, 82nd Airborne Division), Washington, D.C. (Student, Navy War College NavWC), Pentagon, VA (Office of the Joint Chief of Staff OJCS), Fort Bragg, NC (Commanding Officer 1st Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division, Chief of Staff CS and Assistant Division Commander ADC including U.S. 1983 Grenada operations), West Point, NY (USMA Commandant of Cadets), Fort Sheridan, IL (Deputy Commanding General, 4th Army), Fort Drum, NY (Commanding General, 10th Mountain Division), Pentagon, VA (Deputy Inspector General IG, Department of the Army).

After leaving active duty from the Army, Pete had a successful career in education administration, serving as the President of the Georgia Military College (GMC) for 18 years. Pete passed away on 12 November 2023, from heart failure.

Footnote from Pete – “The Academy changed my life. I found purpose and direction that shaped me in ways I did not fully understand, but I somehow grasped the deeper meaning of what West Point was attempting to do in creating soldiers whose purpose was to ‘support and defend the Constitution of the United States.’.....The friendships I made there have persisted through the years.”