



David Harlan Mace Co L-1

Whether using his head in soccer, or playing goalie in Lacrosse and looking like the turtle that gave him his name, "Churchy" was always a terror in intramurals. He was easy to live with and never known to sweat anything. Although he swore a female would never trap him, there are still those who don't believe him.

Born – 18 Jan. 1937, at Cincinnati, Ohio

To USMA – from Cincinnati, OH. Nickname – "Churchy".

Died – 15 Nov. 2017 (age 80) at Panama City, FL. Cremated. Buried at the West Point Cemetery.

Military Awards – Bronze Star Medal, Army Commendation Medal, 2 Meritorious Service Medals, 2 Legion of Merit Medals, Combat Infantry Badge.

Schooling – MS Degree, Ohio State University, Command and General Staff College, CGSC.

Family - Wives – 1st wife - Diane Nye (43 years, deceased in 2004), 3 children (David Jr., Charles, Katherine) – many grandchildren, 2nd wife - Elizabeth Ann Morgan.

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Dave served on active duty in the Army (Armor) for 21 years, retiring in 1982, with the rank of Lt. Colonel. His first assignment was with the 34th Armor Regiment (Company Commander). He then served at Fort Benning, GA (Military Advisor Training Academy, MATA), Monterey, CA (Defense Language Institute), Vietnam (1st tour - MACV), Fort Benning, GA (1st Cavalry 2AD), Fort Knox (Armor Advance Course), Columbus, OH (Ohio State University), West Point, NY (ES&GS Department), Vietnam (2nd tour – MACV, State Department of Military Region II Headquarters), Fort Bragg, NC (Headquarters FORSCOM), Fort Leavenworth, KS (Command and General Staff College, CGSC), Germany (Executive Officer, 64th Armor and OG3, Headquarters VII Corps), Warren, MI (Deputy Logistics Program Manager, Bradley Fighting Vehicle Program, FVS).

After leaving active duty in the Army, Dave had a successful 16 year career with the Northrop Grumman Corporation. He worked on a wide variety of military programs including the Peacekeeper Missile, drones, command and control systems and autonomous aerial vehicles. Dave passed away on 15 November 2017.

Footnote from Dave – "I liked the folks at (Ohio State University, OSU) ROTC and decided that kind of career should start with the Military Academy. I learned more in two weeks at USMA than I did in two years at OSU. I can't say I enjoyed every minute. I can say I felt personally successful, proud to graduate, and grateful for the friends I made there."