



Thomas Schiller Myerchin Co M-1

Tramping to West Point with gold dust still on his feet, Tom came to us via the gold fields of Montana. Tom is as much at home on skates as in his comforter. In his four year USMA tenure, he has shown a sense of humor combined with ability that is certain to make him a success wherever he goes.

Born – 5 Feb 1937, Grand Forks, ND.

To USMA – Came from Grand Forks, ND.

Appointed by North Dakota Rep Krueger.

Died – 15 May 2012 (age 75) at Goodlettsville, TN.

Buried at Middle Tennessee Veteran's Cemetery, Pegram, TN.

Military Awards – Silver Star, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, 8 Bronze Star Medals, Purple Heart, 8 Air Medals, 3 Army Commendation Medals, 2 Meritorious Service Medals, and others.

Schooling – Masters and Doctorate Degrees in Industrial Psychology, Georgia State University, Masters in International Affairs, George Washington University.

Family - Wife – Barbara LaFollette Myerchin – 1 Son (Thomas Jr.).

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Tom served on active duty in the Army (Infantry) for 31 years, retiring in 1992, with the rank of Colonel. His first assignment was with 508th Airborne Infantry Battalion in the Panama Canal Zone. He then served in the Dominican Republic (7th Special Forces Group), Vietnam (5th Special Forces Group), Ft. Benning, GA (Infantry Advance Course), Vietnam (Operations Officer and interim Commander, 508th Airborne Infantry Battalion, 3rd Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division), Ft. Benning (Company Commander and Instructor, Infantry School), Atlanta, GA (Georgia State University), Washington, D.C. (George Washington University), Ft. Bragg, NC (Project Manager, Headquarters, FORSCOM), Korea (Executive Officer, Mechanized Infantry Brigade, 2nd Division), Ft. Stewart, GA (Commander, 3rd Mechanized Battalion, 19th Infantry, 24th Infantry Division), Ft. McNair, Washington, D.C. (Professor, Industrial College of the Armed Forces), Pentagon (Chief, Leadership and Human Resource Division, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, and subsequently Chief, Special Operations Division, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations), Ft. McNair, Washington, D.C. (Director of Academic Affairs at the National Defense University, Pentagon (Chief, Special Operations Division, Operations Directorate, and the Joint Staff). He assisted in the highly sensitive planning for conducting classified operations in the Caribbean, Panama, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Bolivia, and Columbia, as well as in Kuwait and Iraq during Desert Storm 1990-91.

After retirement from active duty in the Army, Tom was recalled to assist the Chief of the Special Operations Division and the Director of Special Forces Policy during Desert Storm in Iraq and Kuwait as a civilian Senior Executive Service he served as the National Director for Education for the IRS and a Professor of Human Resources at Marymount University, School of Business. After his second retirement, he used assisted many local Veterans organizations. Tom passed away on 15 May 2012, possibly from a stroke.