



Conwell Barry Leinbach Co I-2

Connie, our company philosopher, was always ready with a sympathetic word for those with problems. After taps parties were his specialty during which he could expound to others on intellectual subjects as well as entertain with his delightful sense of humor. In spite of studies, he found time to become a fine trackman. This well-roundedness can only bring future success.

Born – 17 Jan 1940, Reading, PA.

To USMA – Came from Shillington, PA. Appointed by Pennsylvania 14th, Rep. George Rhodes. Nickname – “Connie”.

Died – 12 Nov 2011 (age 71) at Nashville, TN. Buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

Military Awards – 2 Bronze Star Medals, Air Medal, 2 Legions of Merit, 4 Meritorious Service Medals, Order of Military Medical Merit.

Schooling – Medical Doctor, Temple University Medical School.

Family – First Wife – Anne Miller Leinbach – 3 children (Marc, Grace, and Kira) - Second Wife – Sharon Leinbach (38 years – also an Army Officer in the Medical Corps) – 2 children (Chris and Dane) – 7 grandchildren.

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Connie served on active duty in the Army (Signal Corps, then Military Intelligence, then Medical Corps) for 23 years (with a 10 break in service for medical school and related training), retiring in 1994, with the rank of Colonel. His first assignment was in the Signal Corps at Ft. Hood, TX. He then served in Korea (Commander, Signal Company), Ft. Huachuca, AZ (Military Intelligence School), Panama (Instructor, School of the Americas), Vietnam (G-2, Military Intelligence Battalion, 1st Infantry Division), Pentagon (Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence), La Paz, Bolivia (Special assignment, U.S. Embassy). In 1971, Connie left active duty in the Army to pursue a new career in medicine in family practice at the Temple University Medical School.

In 1981, Connie returned to active duty in the Army with the Medical Corps. He served at Camp Darby, Italy (Practicing Physician, 45th Field Hospital), Kaiserslautern, Germany (Commander and Practicing Physician, 913th Medical Detachment), Ft. Polk, LA (Division Surgeon, 5th Infantry Division Mechanized), Hanau, Germany (Commander and Practicing Physician, 209th Medical Detachment), Frankfurt, Germany (Chief of Community Medicine, Frankfurt Army Regional Medical Center), Yong San, Korea (Commander and Practicing Physician, 215th Medical Detachment and Chief of Primary Care and Community Medicine, 121st Evacuation Hospital), Ft. Lee, VA (Deputy Commander for Clinical Services, U.S. Army Medical Department Activity).

After Connie’s retirement from the Army, he continued to work as a physician in private practice for a period of time. Connie passed away on 12 November 2011, from a brain tumor.

Footnote from Connie on his career change into medicine - “I entered into early menopause and decided to go to medical school.” As he wrote to medical schools, “my decision to embark on a new career at the age of 31 involved a great deal of soul searching.” He then spent two difficult years attaining the academic prerequisites for medical school while working as a shoe salesman by day and a private detective by night.