



**Gail Patrick Burchell Co D-1**

*Bush's prowess on the obstacle course is well known and his entanglements with the OPE seemed destined by the gods. His outstanding scientific ability, his constant and wonderful good humor, and eagerness to help one and all virtually assures his confirmed popularity and success*

**Born** – 10 December 1938 in Oregon

**To USMA** – from Alexandria, VA. Appointed at Large. Nickname “Bush”.

**Died** – 5 June 2024 (age 85) at Lebanon, OR located between Portland and Eugene. Burial to be determined.

**Military Awards** – 3 Bronze Star Medals, Army Commendation Medal.

**Schooling** – Masters of Science MSNE Degree in Nuclear Engineering, Iowa State University.

**Family** – 1<sup>st</sup> Wife - Margaret (Mardie) Reed Burchell – 4 children (Anne, Mara, Cynthia & Theresa) - 2<sup>nd</sup> Wife – Patricia (Giles) Burchell, 6 step-children (Sherri, Linda, Dawna, Richard, Jason & Jay), many grandchildren.

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Gail served on active duty in the Army (Corps of Engineers) for 12 years, resigning in 1973, with the rank of Major. Gail's first assignment was with the 23rd Engineer Battalion at Hossen-Homburg Kaserne Hanau, Germany. He then served at Ames, IA (Student, Iowa State University), Vietnam (1<sup>st</sup> tour – MACV), Conus (Combat Development Center, Engineers, CDC (E), Vietnam (2<sup>nd</sup> tour - 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, 5<sup>th</sup> Division RVN), Fort Greely, AL (Officer in Charge OIC, SM-1A Nuclear Power Plant in central Alaska).

After leaving active duty in the Army, Gail had a successful career in construction project management. He worked for the Westinghouse Hanford Company (Construction Project Manager), National Park Service (Volunteer in Wyoming), Thousand Trails / NACO, Security Region in Oregon, North Albany Self Storage (Assistant Manager). Gail passed away on 5 June 2024.

Footnote from Gail - “Although I didn't always appreciate it, West Point provided a base that matured into an essential part of my being. Without that highland rock, traversing life's difficult twists and forks would have been virtually impossible. Duty, Honor, Country: a legacy of incredible pride and responsibility”.