



Gunnar Carl Carlson Jr Co D-1

Chic is probably D-1's greatest son. He has managed to enjoy Cadet life in spite of it all. His exploits during Plebe Year, at Camp Buckner and in Ciudad Juarez will long be the topic among gentlemen. He will be remembered most for his expression, "Pick a card, any card." We wish you best of luck in the Army, Chic.

Born – 7 April 1939, at Fort Benning, Georgia. Father USMA '31.

To USMA – from Alexandria, VA. Appointed from Illinois. Nickname "Chic".

Died – 29 Oct. 2024 (age 85) at Las Cruces. Buried at Las Cruces Masonic Cemetery, Las Cruces, NM.

Military Awards – Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal, 2 Army Commendation Medals (one with V), 4 Meritorious Service Medals, Legion of Merit Medal.

Schooling – Master of Science MS Degree in Meteorology, University of Wisconsin, Armed Forces Staff College AFSC, Industrial College of the Armed Forces ICAF.

Family - Wife – Beverley Ann Carlson (37 years) – 3 step-children (Torre, Cindy & Daniel) – 3 step grandchildren (two deceased).

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Gunnar served on active duty in the Army (Artillery) for 30 years, retiring in 1991, with the rank of Colonel. His first assignment was with the 5th Division Artillery (Company Commander) in CONUS. He then served in Turkey (Company Commander, warhead detachment, the U.S. Logistical Command Turkey TUSLOG), Fort Sill, OK & Fort Bliss, TX (Artillery & Missile School A&MS), Vietnam (Company Commander, howitzer battery, 4th Division Artillery RVN), Madison, WI (Student, University of Wisconsin), Fort Sill, OK & Fort Bliss, TX (Instructor, Artillery Advanced Course TAS), Norfolk, VA (Student, Armed Forces Staff College AFSC), Pentagon, VA (Army OASCI DA), Korea (S3 Operations, 2nd Division Artillery), Fort Sill, OK (Commander, Training Command Battalion, Field Artillery Center FAC, managing four remotely piloted vehicle programs, Firefinder, Firefinder II, Elevated Target Acquisition System, and Aquila.), Fort Sill, OK (Staff & Faculty, Field Artillery School FAS), Pentagon, VA (Army Office of the Inspector General OIG DA), Fort Belvoir, VA (Student, Industrial College of the Armed Forces ICAF), Fort Sill, OK (Field Artillery Center FAC), White Sands, NM (Brigade Commander, Army Atmospheric Sciences Laboratory ASL, White Sands Missile Range WSMR).

After leaving active duty in the Army, Gunnar had a successful career as a radio operator (Extra Class amateur), member of two Masonic Lodges (33rd Degree Scottish Right Mason), a deputy of a local sheriff's office and writer / lecturer on subjects related to meteorology. Gunnar passed away on 29 October 2024.

Footnote from Gunnar - "My father graduated from West Point (in 1931); my love and admiration for him made me want to follow in his footsteps. He strongly discouraged me, but as is true with most young men, this strengthened my resolve".