



Charles Patrick Burns Co I-1

The Big Corporal can usually be found poring over military novels. Sacrificing CQ in order to make more time for his primary activity of reading was never a problem to Charlie since he is a natural hive. Highly industrious and efficient, success will definitely shine on this soldier from Brooklyn.

Born – 27 Jul 1938, New York, NY.

To USMA – from Brooklyn, NY. Appointed from New York.

Died – 25 Feb. 2016 (age 77) at San Francisco, CA. Buried at Holy Cross Cemetery, Coma, CA.

Military Awards – 4 Bronze Star Medals, 3 Air Medals, 3 Army Commendation Medals (one with V), 2 Meritorious Service Medals, Legion of Merit, Combat Infantryman Badge.

Schooling – Master’s Degree, Boston University, Law Degrees (JD and LLM), Golden Gate University, Command and General Staff College.

Family – 2nd Wife – Vera Burns (42 years) – 5 children (Amy, Timothy, Patrick, Jenny, Kathleen) – 7 grandchildren.

Contact – Vera Burns, Address 28 Forest Side Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94127, Phone unknown, Email unknown.

Charlie served on active duty in the Army (Infantry) for 27 years, retiring in 1987, with the rank of Lt. Colonel. His first assignment was with the 1st Brigade, 504th Infantry and Headquarters 1st Brigade, 8th Division in Germany. He then served in Vietnam (first tour – Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, MACV), Ft. Benning, GA (Infantry Advanced Course), Vietnam (second tour – 101st Airborne Division), Clay Kaserne, Wiesbaden, Germany (Headquarters U.S. Army Europe, HqUSAREUR), Monterey, CA (Defense Language Institute, DLI), Boston, MA (Masters Degree, Boston University), San Francisco, CA (Associate Professor Military Science, APMS, University of San Francisco), San Francisco, CA (Golden Gate University, 1st Law Degree, JD), Ft. Leavenworth, KS (Command and General Staff College), Presidio, San Francisco, CA (Office of Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, ODCSOPS, Headquarters 6th Army), San Francisco, CA (Golden Gate University, 2nd Law Degree, LLM).

After retiring from active duty from the Army, Charlie began a successful career in San Francisco as an attorney. Charlie passed away on 25 February 2016, from cancer (leukemia).

Footnote from Charlie – “I told my father during my Senior Year in high school that I’d like to go to West Point. He suggested becoming a Doctor or Lawyer instead. I persisted, so he told me he would join the Hibernians (our Representative was named Kelly), eventually resulting in my appointment.....the public affairs office had my entrance and graduation filmed by TV network news; everyone gets fifteen minutes.” The Hibernians are an ancient Irish fraternal organization.