

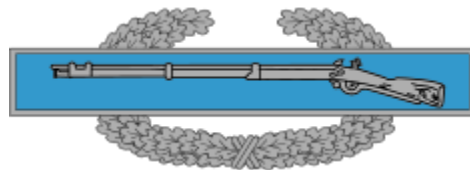


## LTC THOMAS WADE HERREN, JR

Age 84, of Jacksonville, FL, passed away on August 12, 2017. He was born April 17, 1933 at Fort McPherson, GA to CPT and Mrs. Thomas Wade Herren. He graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1955 and his L-2 cadet classmates remained among his closest friends throughout his life.

Tom served with distinction for 21 years in the United States Army. Duty assignments included command and staff positions in Germany, Korea and Vietnam. He served in Vietnam as the Battalion Executive Officer of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion (Mechanized), 50<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division (Airmobile) from September of 1967 to January of 1968.

Among his many awards and decorations, he was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge, Bronze Star Medal and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm for his actions in Vietnam from September, 1967 to August, 1968. Later, while assigned to the Army Staff, he received the Legion of Merit for his distinguished work on the Army Unified Command Plan. Tom retired in 1976 but continued working as a consultant until 1993.



Tom's extracurricular activities were many. During his Germany tour of duty in 1958-60, Tom was introduced to auto racing by renowned racing instructors Wolfgang Von Trips and Stirling Moss. While attending the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, he obtained a pilot's license and continued his 'hobby' through to commercial flight instructor rating. After moving to Florida he became an instructor for amateur Porsche drivers. His love of cars, particularly Porsches, continued throughout his life, and his son, Wade, has continued that pastime. Tom spent many happy times at lake Martin, Alabama with family, cousins and friends. As for his family, Tom married his first wife, Patience, in 1962. His son, Wade, was born during his tour in Korea and joined by a sister, Katherine Kyle, while he was on ROTC assignment at the University of Rhode Island.

Tom is survived by his second wife Peggy of 39 years, his brother, John, a retired Colonel, his son Wade, daughter Kyle, Peggy's daughters Sarah and Jennifer, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

In his own words...*"My time on this earth has been blessed by friendships and experiences of service in the United States Army. Disappointments have been countered by unparalleled joys of accomplishment and a loving family".*

BuriL WAS AT Arlington National Cemetery on September 28, 2017, Section 48, Grave 107.