



Walter Ivie

I graduated from Austin High School in 1963. After Basic Training at Fort Polk, Louisiana, I attended MP School in Fort Gordon Georgia. Later, I became an OJT Clerk Typist and wound up as a Battalion Training NCO in Fort Eustis Virginia, where I subsequently attended NCO Leadership School.

At Ft. Benning Georgia, I graduated from Infantry OCS in February 1966 and attended Airborne School. I was then assigned to A Company, 3rd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment, 9th Infantry Division stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas. We picked up new recruits in Louisiana and trained them for Basic and Advanced Infantry. Then we went to Vietnam. Dong Tam was dredged out the Mekong Delta and became our home base in about a month.

My weapons platoon was the guinea pig for what became the Mobile Riverine Force, a joint Navy/Army project. One of the more interesting moments was when we fired an 81mm mortar off a Mike boat bouncing around in the ocean. Luckily, no one was killed.

After 6 months they had to split us up since we were all scheduled to go home at the same time. I was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division in the rubber plantations near Dong Tau. Then the regiment was transferred to the 25th Infantry Division, where I served out my tour.

I received my BBA from UT Austin in 1970 and my Masters from UT Arlington in 1971. Later I became a CPA.

From 1999 to 2004, I taught Advanced Placement Computer Science at Westwood High School.