



## Remembering our brothers who have passed from this life

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### **Conley, Samuel G., '47**

From Ed Click:

Sam G Conley '47 is dead. Listed in Taps section of MOAA magazine. No details. He lived down by Ft Huachuca, AZ, in Sierra Vista and was a retired full colonel.

From

[https://www.patriotguard.org/showthread.php?420108-COL-Samuel-G-Conley-Jr-USA\(RET\)-Vietnam-Sierra-Vista-AZ-13-JUL-16](https://www.patriotguard.org/showthread.php?420108-COL-Samuel-G-Conley-Jr-USA(RET)-Vietnam-Sierra-Vista-AZ-13-JUL-16)

The family of Sam Conley has requested PGR presence to honor the service of their loved one.

Sam proudly served our country for 30 years in the US Army. Sam was a Soldier from a long line of Soldiers and after graduating from the Augusta Military Academy and the US Military Academy at West Point, he entered the US Army in 1955 as a Second Lieutenant of Infantry. He has a very extensive list of accomplishments during his tenure in the service to our country.

Sam's final assignment was here at Fort Huachuca in 1983 and he retired from service in 1985. A reciting of the Rosary will be held at 11:30 am at St. Andrews the Apostle Catholic Church on Taylor Drive with a memorial Mass at noon. Sam's final resting place will be with his father, mother and uncle in Arlington National Cemetery, Washington DC.

from: <http://www.hatfieldfh.com/obits/obituary.php?id=676785>

Colonel Samuel Glenn Conley Jr.

United States Army, Ret.

29 June 2016

Samuel G. Conley Jr. went to be with the Lord on 29 June 2016. He had been a resident of Sierra Vista for the past 33years. Sam was born at Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington, DC to

Sam and Ellen Conley.

He graduated from the Augusta Military Academy at Fort Defiance, Virginia, in 1947, then attended William and Mary College, the United States Military Academy at West Point, and the University of Kansas.

Sam was a Soldier from a long line of Soldiers, and entered the US Army in 1955 as a Second Lieutenant of Infantry.

After assignments to Fort Carson, Colorado and Heidelberg, Germany, he was selected to command the 611th Aircraft Maintenance Company at Cap Saint Jacques in the Republic of Vietnam from 1962 to 1963.

Upon return he became the Battalion Aircraft Maintenance Officer for the 101st Aviation Battalion, 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. In 1966 he returned to the Republic of Vietnam, serving as the Aircraft Maintenance Officer for 147th Assault Support Helicopter Company at Cap Saint Jacques, and the Aviation Plans Officer for Headquarters, United States Army Vietnam, at Long Binh.

From 1968 to 1969 he served as the Aviation Plans Officer for the Department of Rotary Wing Aviation School, Fort Rucker, Alabama, and was then reassigned to the 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley, Kansas, serving as the Division Aviation Officer for a year before assuming command of the 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry (Mechanized), known as the Black Lions, from 1970 to 1973. Great success in command was followed by a three-year assignment to the Pentagon as a Force Development Staff Officer, where he eventually became the Army Staff's key Action Officer for producing the Program Objective Memorandum - the resource allocation document critical to all US Army funding.

Now known to all as the Army's premier Resource Guru, Sam was promoted to Colonel in 1976 and assigned as the Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development, Army Communications Command, Fort Huachuca, Arizona; in 1979 the Army selected him as the Chief of the Manpower and Force Analysis Resource Management Directorate of the United States Army in Europe, where for three years he directed the changeover of the Army Divisions in Europe to the new Division 86 configuration, a colossal task involving innumerable manpower and force structure changes affecting every Army unit in Europe.

Sam returned to Fort Huachuca in 1983 hoping to resume his previous job as the Army Communications Command Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development, but when the Army Chief of Staff directed the Communications Command to radically transform itself into the all new Army Information Systems Command, Sam was immediately assigned to lead this effort: yet another colossal task that took three years to complete. Following this assignment, and after more than thirty years service, he retired from the Army in 1985.

Sam's military education included Infantry Basic and Advanced Courses, Command and General Staff College, the Industrial War College Strategic Course, Fixed Wing Aviation Course (Flight 56-12), Rotary Wing Course (Flight 58-2), Instrument Class for Fixed and Rotary Wing, Twin Engine Fixed and Rotary Wing Courses. His awards include the Legion of Merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Bronze Star Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, ten Air Medals, Master Army Aviator Badge, Department of the Army Staff Identification Badge, Republic of Vietnam

Gallantry Cross with Palm, and the Vietnam Service Medal with Silver Campaign Star for participation in the Vietnam Advisory Campaign, Vietnam Counteroffensive Phases II, III and IV, and the Tet Counteroffensive.

Sam was a life member of the Army Aviation Association of America (AAAA) and is a past president of both the Fort Riley and Fort Huachuca chapters.

Sam is survived by his loving wife Theresa of Sierra Vista; daughters Bambi and Rebecca, sons Sam Conley III, William and Clifford, sisters Joan Conover and JacqueWatts, brother James, nine grandchildren and one great grandson. Preceding him in death were his Mother Ellen Elizabeth (Lanham) Conley, his father, General Samuel G. Conley, Sr., his sister Alice Conley Merrill, and his uncle, General Charles Lanham.

A reciting of the Rosary will be held on Wednesday, July 13, 2016 at 11:30 A.M. at St Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church with a memorial Mass at noon, followed by a committal ceremony with full Military Honors and a reception.

Final burial will be with his father, mother, and uncle, General Charles Lanham, in the Arlington National Cemetery, Washington, DC.

RECALL Research:

- '47: Captain "E" Company, Fencing Team, Honor Committee, Baseball, Tennis, Track  
From Army Ground Forces, Fort Monroe, VA
- '46: From Arlington, VA
- '45: From Gaymont, Staunton, VA
- '44: From Hampton, VA