



Remembering our brothers who have passed from this life

RYDER, MG CHARLES WOLCOTT JR. '38 "BUD"

Major General Charles Wolcott Ryder Jr., himself the son of a major general, passed away in San Antonio on 28 March 2010 after a brief illness at age 89.

General Ryder graduated from West Point in 1942 and had a distinguished 35-year military career with combat service in World War II, Korea and Vietnam. He served with the 90th Division in Europe during WW II and graduated from the Command and General Staff College in 1953.

Ryder was assigned to the Office of the Chief of Staff in 1960-61 and was Commanding Officer of the 1st Brigade, 8th Infantry Division in 1964-66. Promoted to brigadier general, he was Commanding General of the 199th Infantry Brigade in 1966-67 and was PMS&T at The Citadel immediately after. He served in the Aerospace Defense Command, led the 4th Infantry in Vietnam, 1967-68, and was Chief of Staff, Fourth Army in 1970-72. He was Chief of the Joint United States Military Aid Group (JUSMAGG) in Greece, 1972-74, and Director of Logistics and Security (J4/7) EUCOM, 1974-77, his last assignment before he retired in 1977.

General Ryder received the Distinguished Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Silver Star with two oak leaf clusters, the Legion of Merit with three oak leaf clusters,

the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star with three oak leaf clusters and V device, the Air Medal with 16 oak leaf clusters, the Combat Infantry Badge and the Purple Heart

His father, MG Charles Wolcott Ryder, Sr., was a 1915 graduate of West Point, serving in both World Wars One and Two. General Ryder, Sr. was a military instructor at West Point while his son was attending Augusta. The senior Ryder died in 1968. General Ryder is survived by two sons; four grandchildren; and two great granddaughters

At AMA four years: He was a 1st Lieutenant in A Company on the Honor Roll, earned monograms in football and swimming, and was on the boxing team

.(2011 Winter *Bayonet*)