

BERNARD JOSEPH CAULEY



Lieutenant Colonel Bernard J. Cauley, USMC (Ret.), died on 30 September 2006, at the age of 70.

He was born and raised in Los Angeles, CA. He attended Loyola High School and then received an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy (Class of 1960). At the U.S. Naval Academy he was a member of the Navy Fencing Team and was a First Team All American (Epee, 1960). Upon graduation from the Naval Academy, he received his commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps.

Following the Basic School, his assignments as an infantry officer included a tour with 2nd Battalion 9th Marines and the Amphibious Warfare School in Quantico, VA. Following a tour as the Aid de Camp to the Commanding General Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, he was assigned to 7th Marines and Commanded Charlie Company ("Suicide Charlie") 1st Battalion 7th Marines, in Vietnam, from 1968 until 1969. His actions in Operations MAMELUKE THRUST and WORTH as company commander resulted in him receiving the Bronze Star with "V" device. After completion of an Engineer Officer's Course in Camp Lejeune and a subsequent Engineer Fleet tour, Lt Col Bernard Cauley graduated from the USMC Command and Staff College in 1974. Following a Headquarters Marine Corps tour and a tour as an aid on the staff to the Commandant of the Marine Corps (for the 25th Commandant), Lt Col Bernard Cauley was assigned as the commanding officer of 7th Engineer Support Battalion, at Camp Pendleton, CA. Lt Col Bernard Cauley retired from the Marine Corps in 1980. He returned to Scottsville, VA, and designed and built his own house. He then worked for the University of Virginia, Facilities Management Division, as a project manager until 1997.

His passions were his family and sailing. His wife, Lind, died in July 2006. He is survived by his son Lt Col Glen B.C. Cauley, USMC, of Pensacola, FL, and his daughter, Audrey Cauley Menard of Lafayette, LA.

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