



CSM Edward D. Waddell, USA

CSM Edward D, Waddell was assigned to AFVN Saigon but information as to dates, rank at that time and duties are unknown.

The following is from <http://www.maco.net/biographies.html>

Ed Waddell, a native of Brookline, Massachusetts, was born 17 June 1928. His Army career was stellar. Assigned to public affairs with a specialty in broadcasting, Sergeant Waddell served for 30 years during Korea, the Cold War, and Vietnam. His Vietnam assignment was at AFVN in Saigon, and he is remembered as a warm and caring senior NCO. After AFVN he was named Sergeant Major of DINFOS, and when orders came in 1971 sending him to the Southern Command Network in the Canal Zone as Command Sergeant Major, he arranged for the top three graduates of the current DINFOS cycle to accompany him. This not only reduced the possibility of personnel problems in the new assignment, but was considered a reward for the students chosen.

At SCN he became famous for his unique form of transportation. He drove an early '60's Triumph Spitfire, which he nicknamed "Lizzy." Rumors are rampant that he raced the car quite often from Gamboa to Fort Clayton, and never lost a race. On the job, however, he remained staid and dignified.

On retirement the CSM took up residence in Kailua, Hawaii, but later returned to the mainland, settling at Lake Oswego, Oregon. It was there that he died 20 December 2000 at the age of 72. His survivors include three sons, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Burial was at the State Veterans Cemetery, Kaneohe, Hawaii.

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(The following is from a newspaper obituary.)

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EDWARD DREW WADDELL, 72, of Lake Oswego, Ore., died Dec. 20, 2000. A longtime Kailua HI resident. A retired U.S. Army Command Sergeant Major and was involved with the Armed Forces Vietnam Network. Survived by sons, Robert, Alan, Michael and Drew; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. No local service to be held. Memorial donations to the American Civil Liberties Union, Hawai'i or the Oregon Chapter. Mainland arrangements.

