



## Acy O. Delaughter, Jr. 1SG, USA



Then SFC Acy Delaughter was assigned to the Administrative Section of AFVN from early 1970 to early 1971 as Assistant Admin NCO. His tour was cut short after he fell and shattered his right wrist on February 26<sup>th</sup>, 1971. After leaving Vietnam, he was promoted to MSG and then served as a 1SG at Fort Myer, VA .

Acy Oliver DELAUGHTER Jr., 76, of Loveland, CO died May 27, 2006, at McKee Medical Center in Loveland.

He was born July 3, 1929, to Acy Delaughter, Sr. and Eunice Lavine in Ponchatoula, La. He grew up and attended school in Ponchatula. He married Rachel Bath in Loveland on Nov. 6, 1949. She preceded him in death in 2001.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army in June 1944. He served in the military for 30 years, which took his family throughout the country. He retired as a first sergeant in 1973 and returned to live in Loveland.

He was a member of VFW Post 41, Retired Enlisted Association and the Disabled Veterans Association.

He is survived by his son, Terry Delaughter of Spokane, Wash.; a daughter, Connie Keller of Phoenix, Ariz.; two brothers and four sisters, all of Louisiana; grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife and one sister.

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Acy DeLaughter was born 3 July 1929 in Ponchatoula, Louisiana. The stock market crash which ushered in the Great Depression occurred less than four months later. The rural South was hit especially hard by plummeting economic conditions, and probably contributed to Acy's decision to enter the Navy a month before his 15th birthday. Acy's son says his father admitted to enlisting under age, but says he refused to tell anyone how he got away with it.

His Navy enlistment in June 1944 coincided with the start of the Allies' campaign to take the island of Saipan in the Marianas. One of Acy's first ports of call as a Navy seaman recruit was Saipan, afterwards, of course, the island was in Allied hands.

He spent two years in the Navy before joining the Army, where he served until 1973.

In the Army, he was first assigned to Colorado, followed by a tour in Germany, three years at Fort Bliss, and a year in post-war Korea with AFKN. During this time, he received timely promotions, and was a Sergeant First Class when he reported for a three year assignment as advisor to the Montana National Guard. With a personnel MOS, Acy generally had headquarters assignments, and his RVN tour in 1970-71 was as Admin NCO with AFVN. While in Saigon he suffered a shattered wrist, a non-combat injury which eventually resulted in a 60% disability rating.

Following his Vietnam assignment, Acy was promoted to Master Sergeant, and was assigned to Fort Myer as First Sergeant for one of the elite units which performed ceremonial duties in and around the Nation's Capital. In 1973 he retired with nearly 30 years of military service and moved to Loveland, Colorado, just north of Denver.

Loveland was the hometown of Acy's wife, Rachel, whom he had married in 1949. Over the years, his family grew to include daughter Connie and son Terry, three grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Acy joined the VFW, the Retired Enlisted Association, and the DAV. Cancer claimed Rachel in 2001 and Acy died five years later of heart failure at the age of 76.

