



James Edgar Adams LTC, USA

LTC James E. Adams was the AFVN OIC in 1969-1970.

JAMES EDGAR ADAMS of Indian River Colony Club in Viera, FL died at home - he was the son of A.B. and Johnnie Adams. Preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Madelyn K Adams; son, Stephen Kent Adams and a great-grandchild, surviving are his wife of 7 years Raye; son, James L Adams of Lexington, VA; 3 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. He was a WWII, U.S. Navy veteran who served as a bow gunner in a torpedo seaplane, had a noteworthy career in broadcasting beginning as a 15-year-old radio DJ and rising to be the news anchor for WTAR-TV in Norfolk, VA before he was 30, but it was his call to serve his country which distinguished him. He was commissioned in the Army National Guard, served as an artillery forward and aerial observer in Korea and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for Valor. He ultimately committed to a regular Army career and served for 20 years as a commander of Armed Forces Network Germany, a senior officer in the White House Communications Agency for 5 years which, from his West Wing office, put him in daily support of both Presidents Lyndon Johnson and Richard Nixon and for which he was awarded the Legion of Merit, commander of the Armed Forces Vietnam Network ending with his retirement in 1974 as Director of Command Information for the US Army. A memorial service will be held August 4, 2016 at Prince of Peace Church in Viera, FL. Beckman-Williamson Funeral Home is serving the family. Published in FLORIDA TODAY, August 2, 2016.

Burial: Arlington National Cemetery Arlington County Virginia, USA

Following are some comments by those who knew him—





From: Rick Fredericksen
Dated: December 30, 2016

Thanks Joe. This might have been the OIC during my time at AFVN Saigon, but the obit does not specifically mention Vietnam. If anyone can enlighten us, I'd appreciate it.

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From: Jim White
Dated: December 30, 2016

Rick,

Try looking at <https://www.afvnvets.net/roster-a.html> and/or <https://www.afvnvets.net/roster-oic-ncoic-lists.html>

Jim W

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From: Joe Green
Dated: December 30, 2016

A note for Rick F: AFVN is listed in the 2nd sentence from the end, although the obit refers to "Armed" Forces Vietnam Network. Although obituaries are only occasionally factual, I'm afraid this one has a ring of authenticity.

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From: Jim Allingham
Dated: December 30, 2016

Rick,

He was our OIC. Was reassigned shortly after the censorship problem came to a head.

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From: Rick Fredericksen
Dated: December 30, 2016

Thanks Joe. It seems pretty certain he was my OIC. Glad you shared the obit. Happy "News" Year.

