



Thomas Patrick Meaney

May 15, 1943 - January 14, 2017

Brigadier General Thomas Meaney began his military career on July 6, 1964 enlisting in the 2nd Battalion, 142nd Armor, New York Army National Guard in Brooklyn, New York. Upon BG Meaney's completion of the Empire State Military Academy, he was commissioned on 19 August 1966 as a 2LT, Armor branch, and was reassigned to the 2nd Battalion, 142nd Armor. In May 1967, BG Meaney was reassigned as S1 of the 1/107th Infantry, where he served until his further assignment to the 106th Maintenance Battalion in February 1969. His assignments at the 106th Maintenance included Property Book Officer, Maintenance Officer, Adjutant Detachment Commander, Executive Officer, and culminated with his assignment as the acting Battalion Commander on 11 August 1981.

In February 1983, BG Meaney was again reassigned to the 244th Medical Group, where he served as Adjutant Executive Officer, and on 28 July 1986 was assigned as Commander, 244th Medical Group. It was in this capacity that BG Meaney served in Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm, where he became the first Army National Guard 06 Commander to be activated, deploy, command and return with his unit since World War II. His service during this period earned him the Legion of Merit.

Upon his return from Desert Storm, BG Meaney was assigned as Chief of Staff, 53rd Troop Command, where he served until October 1993, when he was assigned as the Director of Maintenance, NYARNG. On 1 November 1997, BG Meaney was assigned as the Director of Logistics, NYARNG, the position from which he retired on 30 June 1998.

Thomas was born in Brooklyn, NY on May 15, 1943 and passed on January 14, 2017 in Dallas, TX. He and Jerilyn resided in Lynbrook, Long Island, NY for over twenty years. Thomas' career then took he and his family to Rexford, NY where they lived until recently when they moved to be near family in Argyle, Texas. BG Meaney had an Associate of Science degree in History from Brooklyn College and a Bachelor of Science degree in History and Psychology from Mercer College. He was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign War and the American Legion. Thomas was a parishioner at St Mark Catholic

Church in Argyle TX.

Thomas is survived by his wife Jerilyn of 49 yrs and two daughters; Mary O'Rourke and her husband Patrick and Janet Gorman and her husband Robert and five grandchildren, Tiernan, Shamus, Liam, Hannah and Megan.

In lieu of flowers the family would like donations made to buildinghomesforheroes.org, click donate and specify Hillwood Harvest Community in the comments box.

Cemetery

DFW National Cemetery
2000 Mountain Creek Parkway
Dallas, TX, 75211

Events

JAN **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Flower Mound Family Funeral Home
3550 Firewheel Drive, Flower Mound, TX, US,
75028

JAN **Service** 08:00AM - 09:00AM

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St. Mark Catholic Church
6500 Crawford Rd, Argyle, TX, US, 76226

Comments



“ Jerilyn and family our thoughts and prayers are with you as you mourn the passing of Tom. He was a comrade in arms and true friend. His willingness to support and assist NYARNG units prepare and eventually deploy during Desert Shield /Desert Storm are a tribute to his leadership.He will be sorely missed by all of us.
BG Dave Szczygiel,USA-Ret.

BG Dave Szczygiel - January 20, 2017 at 11:07 PM



“ Goodbye my friend and mentor. You taught me well. I learned military doctrine by your side and, more importantly, valuable life lessons that I will always remember. Your counsel and advice will be remembered for a lifetime. Your many friends and beautiful family attest to your character and loyalty. My only regret is that too many miles separated us in our retirement years.
Godspeed to you, Tom Meaney.

Tom and Christine Sweeney

Tom sweeney - January 19, 2017 at 06:22 PM



“ My first interaction with Tom was when I was a new soldier assigned to the 825th Med Lab and as the Commander of the higher HQ we met during a Command Inspection of my unit. After a few years I was transferred to the Medical Group HQ as his Intelligence Sergeant, then I took on the roles of his Operations Sergeant and then Command Sergeant Major. Over the many years we grow closer as we worked side by side and our families grew up together as well. We traveled together extensively on command inspections, exercises and more across the USA and Europe during peacetime activates but found ourselves truly involved one day in an even closer bonding relationship trying to figure out the best way to excel in our mission, make the New York Guard proud, stay alive, focus upon the needs of our soldiers while attempting to figure out the true strategy involved with a small unknown National Guard Unit from Brooklyn who was now being charged with running all medical operations for the active Army in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. We worked 24/7, built a hospital in the sand delivered by to us by 600 railroad cards, ordered and ran a fleet of busses to move personnel to their medical duties, built a Blackhawk helicopter landing pad, contracted catering for our soldier with the locals delivering mystery meats, delivered weekly hamburgers and fries to our troops passing the decontamination station at the Kuwait border, helped double fence our Eskan Village to reduce troop danger while still having time for our "Breakfast Club" and MRW visits to the Princesses home and run "Love Boat" tours. After I retired from the Guard I routinely remained close friend with Tom while I took a position with a firm in San Diego, California as a manager. Quickly I saw that the staff there needed mature guidance and I asked my CEO to hire Tom and he did. Tom and I

continued there for many years always loving the job and the weather. Tom Meaney was a gentlemen, a leader, a friend and as close to an actual family member as possible and he will be missed by me and "the crew of the breakfast club".



Louis Tabeek - January 18, 2017 at 06:59 AM