



Biography of Colonel James B. Raney

Colonel James B. Raney began his career in the United States Army on July 1, 1971, when he took the oath of a Cadet at the United States Military Academy, West Point, NY. After completing 4 years on engineering and Applied Sciences, He was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers. After graduation, LT Raney completed Airborne, Ranger and the Engineers Officers basic course at Fort Belvoir, VA. Lt Raney was then assigned as Platoon Leader in the 541st Engineer Company, Heidelberg, FRG in March, 1976. This engineer bridge company converted from the Class 60 Bridge to the new Mobile Assault Bridge (MAB). Many a night was spent bridging the rivers Maine and Rhine during the Cold War Era.

CPT Jim Raney married Mary Ann Raskin in 1976 in Heidelberg, FRG. In 1978, LT Raney was assigned as the Executive Officer, D Company, 547 Engineer Bn. Darmstadt, FRG. Jim learned to build tank turn pads in Graf and refurbish WWII training barracks. Finally, Jim was assigned as the Battalion Adjutant, 547th Engineer Bn., Darmstadt, FRG in 1978. Responsible for all personnel management and administrative action of 800 men. 1LT Raney redeployed to CONUS for the Engineering Advanced course again at Fort Belvoir, VA where Jim passed his Professional Engineering Exam.

His next assignment was in July, 1979 as the Operations Officer, 937th Engineer Group, Fort Riley, KS, where he planned, coordinated, scheduled and monitored operations for engineers, medical and military police. He also managed construction funds for Fort Riley. Jim duty at Fort Riley cumulated with an assignment as the Company Commander, D Company, 34th Engineer. Bn., Fort Riley, KS. He deployed to the last Reforger in the fall of 1980 and managed over \$12 million of engineer construction projects accomplishing over 100 separate projects ranging from \$5,000 to \$250,000.

Then Captain Raney resigned his commission to join Mobil Oil in Morgan City, LA in 1981 as an Offshore Operations Engineer. While joining Mobil, Jim was persuaded by a unit member to join the 377th COSCOM in 1981. The Corps Support Command (COSCOM) at that time was undergoing a transition to a Theater Army Area Command (TAACOM). CPT Raney accepted a reserve commission and was assigned as the Plans Officer, Material Section responsible for development of a comprehensive contingent Logistics Plans in support of OPLAN 1009 (SWA). This included coordinating the

efforts of over 100 logistics units with +200,000 men. His son Michael was born in 1982 while Jim and MaryAnn lived in Morgan City, LA.

In 1985 Jim accepted an overseas assignment with Mobil Oil in Stavanger, Norway. Jim, Mary Ann and Michael enjoyed the foreign resident status until 1988. Jim returned to Dallas with Mobil as a Drilling Engineering Advisor. MAJ Raney drilled for point only conducting Space Utilization Studies for various Reserve Centers in the Dallas, Ft. Worth Area. The Raney Family again deployed to Aberdeen, Scotland, UK in 1989 to work offshore in the North Sea.

Upon returning to CONUS in 1992, MAJ Jim Raney had been in the inactive reserves for +6 years. He again joined the 377th TAACOM again in early 1992 as the Engineer Branch Chief, AC of S Services. Jim traveled from Midland, Dallas and Houston while working in the Engineering Branch, Services Section. Jim's second son, Patrick was born in Midland, TX in 1993.

He was promoted to LTC in 1995 and continued to serve as the senior engineer advisor to the Commander, 377th TAACOM. In 1997 Jim was assigned as the Director of Supply and Maintenance, 377th TAACOM, New Orleans, LA. During this time the 377th TAACOM was transitioned from a TAACOM to Theater Support Command (TSC). As the senior advisor to Commander on supply & maintenance in support of the SWA mission, Jim became very familiar with SWA war planning efforts with all the Major Subordinate Commands (MSC) including 3rd ARMY/ARCENT, TRANSCOM, ENCOM, MEDCOM, FINCOM and other DOD and DOA agencies. Jim participated in many CONUS (Roving Sands, Internal Look) and OCONUS exercises (Bright Star).

LTC Raney was assigned as the Deputy G4, 377th TSC until 9-11-01. LTC Raney was then activated for the Coalition Joint Civil Military Operation Task Force (CJCOMTF), Kabul, Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. LTC Raney was promoted to COL on Nov '01. As the CJCOMTF LNO to CFLCC, COL Raney coordinated the efforts of Coalition Forces from 22 Nations in Afghanistan. He coordinated with CFLCC staff and resourced 360 soldiers co-located with Special Forces and friendly War Lords in Afghanistan. CJCOMTF coordinated all government functions and infrastructure rebuilding in Afghanistan following Operation Enduring Freedom. COL Raney assisted in the planning for the invasion of Iraq before he returned home from Sept '02-Nov '02.

COL James B. Raney was activated again in Dec '02 for what to become Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF). COL Raney began his deployment as the Commander, Detachment 11, 377th Theater Support Command. Upon arrival in Kuwait, he was assigned as the Theater Maintenance and Class IX Manager for CFLCC C4. He improved the theater Operational Readiness Rate (ORR) from below 70% to well above 80% before combat operations began. Jim was assigned as Chief of Current Operations (ChOps) for the Theater Support Command Center during combat operations. He organized the efforts of some 125 representatives from CENTOM agencies, CFLCC staff and down trace as well as 377 TSC staff and down trace in the new multi-level Operational Center. Last of all COL Raney was assigned as the Director of Redeployment. He directed the redeployment

of Coalition Forces from the CENTCOM AOR in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Redeploying the first 180,000 coalition forces through Kuwait following the Operation Iraqi Freedom, Jim also coordinated the first rotation of 130,000 troops deploying into and redeploying out of Kuwait. This was the largest troop and equipment movements since World War II.

Upon returning from his second year of deployment, COL Jim Raney was again assigned as Director of Supply and Maintenance, 377th TSC, New Orleans LA until his retirement in July, 2005. Jim Raney was the Director of Engineering & Technology for Anadarko Petroleum until his retirement in Dec, 2019.

COL Jim Raney retired after 30 years of commissioned service with: Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Army Meritorious Service Medal with silver oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with 2 bronze oak leaf clusters, Army Achievement Medal with 4 bronze oak leaf clusters, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal with 4 bronze oak leaf clusters, National Defense Service Medal with bronze star, Iraq Campaign Medal with bronze star, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with bronze star, Global War on Terror Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terror Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with bronze hour glass, 'M' and '2' devices, Army Service Ribbon, Army Overseas Service Ribbon with bronze numeral 3, Army Reserve Component Over Seas Training Ribbon with a numeral 5, Airborne Badge and Ranger Tab. He is also authorized to wear the Joint Merit Unit Award with gold frame, Army Unit Award with gold frame, British Airborne Badge and the German Armed Forces Badge for Weapons Proficiency (Schützenschnur), bronze.

Veterans Support:

West Point Field Force, Recruit for West Point by assisting local High Schools students that apply to West Point (1995 - 2023)

West Point Society of Greater Houston (Since 1995), Board of Directors (2021-2024)
Advisory Committee for the US Army Recruiting Command, Houston, TX (2017-2022)
Ambassador for Combined Arms (CAX) (North-Montgomery County), a Veterans Assistance Organization (2017-2022)

Tri-County Veterans Taskforce, Regional Veteran's Service for the State of Texas. Assist Veterans to find Federal, State of charity to assist the Veteran with their issue. (2010-2022)

Veteran Treatment Court Mentor, Montgomery County Veterans Treatment Court (VTC), Judge Kathleen Hamilton. Mentoring Veteran's through a 2 years treatment program. (2019-2022)

American Petroleum Institute (API) Committee for Transition of Veterans into the Oil & Gas industry. Combined industry job opening for 34 companies onto the API website for Veterans. (2001-2007)

SPE multiple presentations on Transition of Veterans into the Oil & Gas Industry. (2001-2007). Working to provide employment opportunities for Veterans as they returned from the AOR.

Founder and Chairman, Anadarko Petroleum Veteran's Committee (2001-2019).

Anadarko Foundation donated + \$1 MM to local Veterans Charities through the Anadarko Veteran's Committee over 18 years.

Chairman, Anadarko's contribution to The Way Home Sculpture (+ \$250K of money and work in kind), The Woodlands Town Green Park, (2010-2014).

Note: The statue is modeled after Army Cpl. Cory C. Kusters and Army Cpl. Zach R. Endsley, two residents of The Woodlands who bravely gave their lives for their country in 2007. Cpl. Cory C. Kusters lived on the same street as the Raney's and was a good friend of Patrick Raney (Jim's son).

Representative for West Pont Class of 1975 – Selection Committee for West Point

Distinguished Graduates from the Class of 1975 (2015-2022)

Representative for West Pont Class of 1975 - 50th Reunion Gift for Cyber & Engineering Academic Center (CEAC) at West Point (2020-2025)

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