



Col. Michael Walke Totten

August 9, 2003

Colonel Michael W. Totten, of Rock Hall, MD lost a courageous battle with cancer on August 9, 2003 at his home. He was 61.

Born in Roxbury, Massachusetts, he was the son of the late Major General James Willoughby Totten and Ruth Ellen Patton Totten, of South Hamilton, MA; the grandson of the late Colonel James Totten and Julia Walke Totten of Washington, DC; and grandson of the late General George S. Patton, Jr. and Beatrice Ayer Patton of South Hamilton, MA

Colonel Totten served his country well in peace and in war for a period of 30 years. His military decorations include two awards of the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, three awards of the Meritorious Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, two awards of the Joint Service Commendation Medal, three awards of the US Army Commendation Medal, the Central Intelligence Agency award of Exceptional Intelligence Collector, and the US Army Parachutist Badge.

Colonel Totten received a Bachelor of Arts degree in History in 1963 from Williams College in Williamstown, MA; a Master of Arts Degree in Middle Eastern Studies in 1974 from The American University of Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon; and a Master of Military Art and Science Degree in 1975 from the US Army Command and General Staff College, Ft Leavenworth, KS. Colonel

Totten was also a graduate of the US Army Artillery Officer Candidate School, the US Army Military Intelligence Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the US Army Command and General Staff College, the US Army War College, and the Defense Language Institute. Additionally, he had completed, and was a leader with, DOCC (The Disciples of Christ in Community) program at The University of the South, Sewanee.

Colonel Totten served at every level of the US Army from Artillery Battery Commander to the Chief of Staff of the Army's Special Staff. He served with the 1st Infantry Division in the Republic of Vietnam; as a member of the US Army Special Staff in Operation Desert Storm; and as an observer in the Arab Republic of Yemen during a civil war. He commanded Battery B, 1st Battalion, 2nd Artillery, 8th Infantry Division; Military Detachment 1, 1st Infantry Division; the 6th Psychological Operations (PSOPS) Battalion (Airborne), 4th PSYOPS Brigade; and the US Army Special Security Group. Colonel Totten served as the Assistant Army Military Attaché in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, and as the Senior Defense Attaché in Damascus, Syria.

Upon retirement, Colonel Totten settled in Rock Hall, MD. He served as a Trustee with the Lab School in Washington, DE, the St Patrick School of Carlisle, PA, and the Radcliffe Creek School of Chestertown, MD. He was the Registrar of St. Paul's Parish, Kent County, Chestertown, MD; a Trustee of the Episcopal Church Foundation, a member of the Chestertown Rotary Club, and a Founding Partner of the Chesapeake Bay Internet Associates, an Internet Provider Service serving the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

Colonel Totten is survived by his wife, Alexandra Train Totten of Rock Hall, Maryland; three daughters, Juliet and Ellen Totten of Rock Hall, MD and Cecily Totten of Somerville, Massachusetts; a son, Charles Totten and his wife, Alison of Bozeman, Montana; a brother, James Totten of Hendersonville, Tennessee and a sister, Beatrice Britton, of South Hamilton, Massachusetts.

He is also survived by his grandchildren William and Elizabeth Totten of Bozeman, Montana.

Michael was a brave soldier, a devoted father, husband, son and brother. A Christian, we shall miss him greatly, but he is forever with us.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, September, 13, 2003 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Chestertown, Maryland 21620.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Episcopal High School, 1200 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria, VA 22302, The Radcliffe Creek School, 201 Talbot Blvd., Chestertown, MD 21620, or the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 711, Chestertown, MD 21620 or to Chester River Hospital Center, 100 Brown Street, Chestertown, MD 21620.

Arrangements by Fellows, Helfenbein and Newnam Funeral Home, P. A., Chestertown, MD.

Tribute Wall



“ *Col. Michael Walke Totten*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Col. Michael Walke Totten*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Col. Michael Walke Totten*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *I only knew Michael for a year while at the Command and General Staff College at fort Leavenworth. He was indeed an asset to the military and a most intelligent well rounded person. We lost tract of him in our many military moves and I did not know of his passing until now. What a loss. It is so sad he died so young. Robert C. Todd, Col USA*

Robert Todd - June 10, 2019 at 01:15 PM

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“ In the 8th grade at Ft. Benning Mike and I played marbles and engaged in other boyish activities before going to Episcopal High School in Alexandria, Virginia. I always assumed he would attend West Point in the class of '63 but he chose Williams instead. Mike was talented across the board: Smart, athletic, and energetic.

My entire immediate family admired his amazing mother, Ruth Ellen. Even as a boy I could see what an exceptional person she was.

Frederick William Coleman IV, of another old Army family.

F(Fred) W Coleman IV - July 16, 2018 at 10:30 PM

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“ I'm very sorry that I am just now learning this very sad news. I served under Col. Totten in the 6th Psyop Bn as his Motor Sergeant. He was the most intense listener I ever worked for and the man could run the shoes off our feet. He was a fantastic commander.

Ron Marcil

Ronald Marcil - April 11, 2018 at 09:59 PM