

Chafey, Merritt Neville, IV (Chip), 1st Platoon

25 June 1946 - 26 June 2005

Arlington Nat'l Cemetery, VA

Merritt Chafey passed away on 26 June 2005, at the age of 59, of heart disease in Carlsbad, CA.

Merritt Neville Chafey IV (Chip) was born 25 June 1946 in Prescott, AZ to Merritt Neville Chafey III and Ora Lee Bray. Chip was an only child. Chip's father was the Prescott, AZ Chief of Police and his mother was a High School English teacher – Phd USC Trojan no less. In the 1960 timeframe, the family relocated to Scottsdale, AZ where Chip's father took the position of Chief of Police of Scottsdale, AZ. In Scottsdale, Chip attended Coronado High School.

Chip attended both the Virginia Military Institute (VMI) in Lexington, VA and Arizona State University (ASU), Tempe, AZ - VMI for freshman year and ASU for three years. He was in the Sigma NU fraternity at ASU. He was also in the ASU NROTC program with a Marine Corps option and attended the 6-week Platoon Leaders Class (PLC) Bulldog Program between his Junior and Senior years, at MCB Quantico, VA. Chip had a double major and received a BA in English and History.

Upon graduation from ASU, Chip accepted a regular commission in the USMC and reported to USMC Officers Basic School Class 1-68 Alpha Company 1st Platoon, in June 1967.

Member of the Force Recon Association

USMC Resume:

PEBD 14 Dec 1965

The Basic School Class 1-68 Alpha Company, 1st Platoon, Jun-Nov 1967

Vietnam: Force Recon

Medical Retirement 1982, Captain

Personal Reflections about Merritt Chafey: