

Larry G. Booth '73

Larry Booth graduated from Conroe High School in 1969. He lettered 2 years in football and was in FFA.

While at Sam Houston State, he was a 3 ½ year member of the SHSU Counterguerrilla Company (Spring 1971 was at New Mexico State University and in NMSU Counterguerrilla Company). He received the Superior Cadet Award for MSI and MSIII years, was elected Outstanding Counterguerrilla Basic Course in 1970, was elected Outstanding Counterguerrilla Advanced Course in 1972, was first SHSU cadet to earn a Parachutist Badge as a cadet, was one of the first two SHSU cadets to earn a Ranger Tab while a cadet (1972), was designated DMS/DMG, was named as SHSU Distinguished Student in 1972, was named to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, Corps Commander Fall 1972, XO-Counterguerrilla Company, and XO of Scabbard and Blade. He participated in various intramural sports for the ROTC teams. The best and most rewarding thing he did in college was to have the honor of commanding the Junior Company in the Spring of 1973 to prepare them for Advanced Camp, Ranger and Airborne Schools.

In 1973, he graduated with a BS in Agriculture and a Regular Army Commission in Armor. Graduated AOBC on Commandant's List and served with 1/8th Cav, 1st Cav Div as a Tank Platoon Leader and Asst S-4. Medically discharged while still a 2LT.

After discharge, he went back to SHSU and obtained a Teaching Certificate in Vocational Agriculture and a Master of Arts degree in Agriculture. He taught agriculture for a short time and then got into the heavy equipment business. Spent approximately 35 years managing service operations for Caterpillar dealers in Texas and Arkansas and developed proficiency in forensic engineering. Retired from full-time work in 2014 and continues to accept assignments as a Consultant, investigating major failures, accidents, and other issues involving heavy equipment when not working on his timber lands.

He currently resides in Conway, AR with his wife. They have 3 children and 9 grand kids.

Advice to Cadets: The success of your mission, or career, depends more on a good Plan B and C, than a perfect Plan A. Always put as much time and thought into your contingency plans as you do your initial plan.



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