

ARTHUR LEWIS “BUD” YEAW

45th AOC Vermont State Police

December 6, 1929 – May 13, 1983



Sgt. Arthur L. Yeaw

Flag at half-staff May 13th, 1983

Sergeant Arthur "Bud" Yeaw Lieutenant Yeaw was shot and killed when his weapon accidentally discharged while cleaning it at the office. Sergeant Yeaw served as the Derby Station Commander at the time of his death. A reorganization of the VSP's rank structure later designated station commanders as lieutenants, a rank which was posthumously conferred upon Lieutenant Yeaw.

Arthur L. "Bud" Yeaw, courtesy of his widow, Betty

Arthur Lewis Yeaw was born in Brattleboro, VT on December 6th, 1929. He was the second of 10 children, although 3 of the children died at a very early age. He grew up on a 300-acre dairy farm in Guilford, VT (a farming community south of Brattleboro, VT). The hired man nicknamed him "Bud" and it stuck with him. His father, Warren, was a farmer, his mother, Eva, a school teacher. He was large at a young age, and able to handle the work horses. He and his brother, Warren Jr., did a great deal of the farm work. Bud was 6 feet tall in his early teens. He often took care of his younger sisters and brothers, and developed a special love and understanding for children.

He attended a one-room school in Guildford. Between his junior and senior year in high school, he went to the Vermont State Agricultural School in Randolph, graduating from Brattleboro High School in 1950. He was a member of the Vermont National Guard, 142nd Division, which was called up in 1951 to go to Korea; however, they went to Munich, Germany. When he returned, he joined the Brattleboro Police Department. After a year, he applied to the Vermont State Police, graduating from the State Police Training School in February 1954. He graduated Southern Police Institute in the 45th Administrative Officers Course.

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