

## THE BATTLE WITH PROSTATE CANCER edited

This paper certainly causes the reader to ponder over what should be, could be, appropriate verbiage relating to one's diagnosis with any form of cancer: **"I Have Cancer. Please Don't Call Me a 'Survivor'"**

<https://tinyurl.com/y4f5y5d6> or

<https://www.medpagetoday.com/special-reports/apatientsjourney/79229>

I wrote a brief opinion piece that was published in a Journal the I titled "The Battle with Prostate Cancer, My Opinion." Perhaps it was my military career and the battles that ensued with our military during that career that prompted me to see, at least my life with my prostate cancer, a battle. Having read the above piece, I can understand why this writer finds fault with the word "survivor." However, the word "survivor" can have any number of uses, but among them, according to Webster and other dictionaries, it can mean "to remain alive: to continue to live," thus, it can apply to those diagnosed with a disease yet "continuing to remain alive, continuing to live." My opinion piece now edited:

The Battle with Prostate Cancer My opinion: Charles (Chuck) Maack (ECaP), Prostate Cancer continuing patient since 1992, Advocate, Activist, Mentor.

Dealing with Prostate Cancer or any cancer is like going to war; patient and physician must determine the best strategy to repel the attack of the cancer enemy and counter-attack with all the armament available. Prostate Cancer can be a fierce enemy and can likely cause some damage if in an advanced stage of development. If the patient perseveres, loads his system with the appropriate counter-measures (knowledge, understanding, appropriate treatment), he can cause cancer cell eradication or at least an armistice wherein those cancer cells are held back from continuing growth and proliferation. Having achieved an "armistice," though not totally eradicating his cancer, he may experience

years of continued “life.” If he loses in his battle, it was not in vain. At least he gave it his best shot in the wish to live!