



# Honoring Our Vietnam War and Vietnam Era Veterans



February 28, 1961 - May 7, 1975



Town of West Seneca, New York

**Name:** **HAGLER**

**KARL**

**J.**

**Hometown:** BUFFALO

**Address:**

**Vietnam Era**

**Vietnam War Veteran**

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** 1ST LT.

**Year Entered:** 1962

**Year Discharged:** 1965

**Unit / Squadron:**

**Medals / Citations:**

**Served in War Zone**      **Theater of Operations / Assignment:**

**Service Notes:**

1st Lieutenant Karl J. Hagler served as an Administrative Officer at the U.S. Army Security Training Center and School

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Karl Hagler was commissioned through ROTC at Canisius College in 1962

The Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) are a group of college-based officer training programs for training commissioned officers of the United States Armed Forces / ROTC students attend college like other students, but also receive basic military training and officer training for their chosen branch of service through the ROTC unit at or nearby the college / The students participate in regular drills during the school year, and extended training activities during the summer / The student applicant must agree to accept a commission and serve in the Army on Active Duty or in a Reserve Component (U.S. Army Reserve or Army National Guard)



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**Name:** HENSON

THOMAS G.

**Hometown:** WEST SENECA

**Address:** 145 WARREN AVENUE

*Vietnam Era*

*Vietnam War Veteran*

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** SP4

**Year Entered:** 1962

**Year Discharged:** KIA

**Unit / Squadron:**

A CO, 2ND BATTALION, 2ND INFANTRY, 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION, UNITED STATES ARMY  
REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (USARV)

**Medals / Citations:**

PURPLE HEART

VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL

REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL

NATIONAL DEFENSE RIBBON

*Served in War Zone*     **Theater of Operations / Assignment:** VIETNAM

**Service Notes:**

Specialist Fourth Class Thomas G. Henson was Killed in Action on 12 November 1965 during a battle with Viet Cong forces while securing a highway 40 miles north of Saigon, in the Binh Duong Province, South Vietnam

SP4 Henson was an Armor Crewman

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Thomas Henson attended West Seneca Junior High School and enlisted in the Army in 1962

Specialist Fourth Class Thomas G. Henson was 21 years of age at the time of his death



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**Name:** **HOLODY**

**JAMES E.**

**Hometown:** WEST SENECA

**Address:** OAKBROOK DRIVE

**Vietnam Era**

**Vietnam War Veteran**

**Service Branch:** ARMY

**Rank:** SGT

**Year Entered:** 1969

**Year Discharged:** 1970

**Unit / Squadron:**

1ST AIR CAVALRY DIVISION

**Medals / Citations:**

BRONZE STAR W/OAK LEAF CLUSTER

**Served in War Zone** **Theater of Operations / Assignment:** VIETNAM

**Service Notes:**

Sergeant James J. Holody served as a Radio Operator in Tay Ninh Province, Vietnam

**Base Assignments:**

**Miscellaneous:**

Tây Ninh is a province in the Southeast region of Vietnam on the border with Cambodia. Its capital is the town of Tây Ninh

Formed in 1921, the 1st Cavalry is based at Fort Hood, Texas / The 1st Cavalry Division ("First Team") is a combined arms division and is one of the most decorated combat divisions of the United States Army, as well as the other four branches of the U.S. military / The 1st Cavalry served during World War II, Korea, Vietnam, the Persian Gulf War, with the Stabilization Force in Bosnia-Herzegovina, in the Iraq War, in the War in Afghanistan (2001–2014) and in Operation Freedom's Sentinel / While fighting in Vietnam, the 1st Cavalry Division was no longer a conventional infantry unit, the division had become an air assault division as the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), commonly referred to as the 1st Air Cavalry Division / The use of helicopters on such large scale as troop carriers, cargo lift ships, medevacs, and as aerial rocket artillery, was never before implemented, but by doing so it freed the infantry from the tyranny of terrain to attack the enemy at the time and place of its choosing / In 1965, colors and subordinate unit designations of the 1st Cavalry Division were transferred from Korea to Fort Benning, Georgia / During the Vietnam War, the First Cavalry Division suffered more casualties than any other army division: 5,444 men killed in action and 26,592 wounded in action