



Honoring Our Vietnam War and Vietnam Era Veterans



February 28, 1961 - May 7, 1975



Town of West Seneca, New York

Name: **WAILAND**
FRANK J.

Hometown: CHEEKTOWAGA

Address:

- Vietnam Era*
- Vietnam War Veteran*

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SP-5

Year Entered: 1968

Year Discharged: 1971

Unit / Squadron:

1ST INFANTRY DIVISION
1ST ENGINEER BATTALION

Medals / Citations:

NATIONAL DEFENSE RIBBON

VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL

VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL WITH '60 DEVICE

ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL

2 OVERSEAS SERVICE BARS

M-16 SHARPSHOOTER

M-14 EXPERT

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

Service Notes:

Base Assignments:

Fort Belvoir, Virginia - The base was founded during World War I as Camp A. A. Humphreys, named for Union Civil War general Andrew A. Humphreys, who was also Chief of Engineers / The post was renamed Fort Belvoir in the 1930s in recognition of the Belvoir plantation that once occupied the site, but the adjacent United States Army Corps of Engineers Humphreys Engineer Center retains part of the original name / Fort Belvoir was initially the home of the Army Engineer School prior to its relocation in the 1980s to Fort Leonard Wood, in Missouri / Fort Belvoir serves as the headquarters for the Defense Logistics Agency, the Defense Acquisition University, the Defense Contract Audit Agency, the Defense Technical Information Center, the United States Army Intelligence and Security Command, the United States Army Military Intelligence Readiness Command, the Missile Defense Agency, the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, and the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, all agencies of the United States Department of Defense

Lai Khe, Vietnam - Also known as Lai Khê Base, Lai Khe was a former Army of the Republic of Vietnam (ARVN) and U.S. Army base, located along Highway 13 to the northwest of Saigon and north of Thủ Dầu Một in southern Vietnam

Nellingen Kaserne, Germany - Nellingen Kaserne was a U.S. Army airfield and barracks near Stuttgart in the town



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of Ostfildern, Germany / The site was selected in the 1930s as the site for a new airport for Stuttgart but was instead developed as a military airfield named Fliegerhorst Nellingen in 1938 / Following World War II the U.S. used Nellingen to host various units until after the Cold War and Gulf War / Nellingen Kaserne was closed as part of the US Forces drawdown after German Reunification and the Gulf War / In 1992 the installation was closed and the property was returned to the German government, which partially razed and redeveloped the site

Miscellaneous:

Frank Wailand was a graduate of Erie Community College (ECC) and the University of Arizona Architectural School located in Tuscon, Arizona

The 1st Infantry Division is a combined arms division of the United States Army, and is the oldest continuously serving in the Regular Army / It has seen continuous service since its organization in 1917 during World War I / It was officially nicknamed "The Big Red One" after its shoulder patch and is also nicknamed "The Fighting First" / The division fought in the Vietnam War from 1965 to 1970 / Arriving in July 1965, the division began combat operations within two weeks / By the end of 1965 the division had participated in three major operations: Hump, Bushmaster 1 and Bushmaster II, under the command of MG Jonathan O. Seaman / In 1966, the division took part in Operation Marauder, Operation Crimp II, and Operation Rolling Stone, all in the early part of the year / In 1967 the division fought in Operation Cedar Falls, Operation Junction City, Operation Manhattan, and Operation Shenandoah II / During the 1968 Tet Offensive, the 1st Infantry Division secured the massive Tan Son Nhut Air Base / In the first half of 1969, The Big Red One conducted reconnaissance-in-force and ambush operations, including a multi-divisional operation, Atlas Wedge / In January 1970, the 1st Infantry was reassigned and returned to Fort Riley, Kansas / 11 members of the division were awarded the Medal of Honor / During its involvement in the Vietnam war, the division lost 6,146 killed in action, with a further 16,019 wounded / Twenty of its number were taken as prisoners-of-war

The 1st Engineer Battalion's history can be traced back to 15 May 1846 when a company of miners, sappers, and pontoniers was formed at West Point, New York / On 2 May 1965 the battalion, under the command of Lt. Colonel Howard L. Sargent, Jr., deployed to South Vietnam as part of the 1st Infantry Division / For five years the battalion cleared obstacles, built roads, airfields, basecamps and bridges in support of numerous combat operations including Junction City I and II and the Tet Offensive of 1968 / The battalion's DieHard Tunnel Rat section cleared the extensive Vietcong tunnel systems with little more than small arms and demolitions / The battalion received four Meritorious Unit Commendations for actions during the Vietnam War



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Name: **WIDOMSKI**

DANIEL A.

Hometown: WEST SENECA

Address: 3720 SENECA STREET

Vietnam Era

Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: 1LT

Year Entered: 1966

Year Discharged: KIA

Unit / Squadron:

HQ & SVC BTRY, 6TH BATTALION, 11TH ARTILLERY, 11TH INFANTRY BRIGADE,
AMERICAL DIV, 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:

First Lieutenant Daniel A. Widomski was Killed in Action on 26 February 1969 in Quang Ngai Province, South Vietnam from wounds suffered in combat

Lt. Widomski attended Officer Candidate School at Ft. Sill and began his tour of duty in South Vietnam in August 1968 where he was a Field Artillery Unit Commander

Base Assignments:

Ft. Sill, Oklahoma - Located north of Lawton, Oklahoma, Fort Sill remains the only active Army installation of all the forts on the Southern Plains built during the Indian Wars / Ft. Sill serves as the home of the United States Army Field Artillery School as well as the Marine Corps' site for Field Artillery MOS school, United States Army Air Defense Artillery School, the 31st Air Defense Artillery Brigade, and the 75th Fires Brigade / Fort Sill is also one of the four locations for Army Basic Combat Training / In 1963 the 1st Aerial Artillery Group (Provisional) was organized to test equipping CH-34 helicopters with rocket pods attached to each side. The rockets converted a transport aircraft, an easy target in most combat situations, into a sophisticated flying weapon capable of direct or indirect fires. It was the ancestor to the Cheyenne and Long Bow attack helicopters of today

Miscellaneous:

Daniel A. Widomski was a graduate of St. Stanislaus Parochial School, Bishop Ryan High School and State University at Buffalo. He enlisted in the Army in August 1966



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First Lieutenant Daniel A. Widomski was 22 years of age at the time of his death

The 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery was originally organized on 1 June 1917 in the Regular Army at Douglas, Arizona as Battery F, 11th Field Artillery, later reassigned to the 6th Division / The 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery arrived in Vietnam on 19 December 1967 as a unit of the 11th Infantry Brigade / From the time of arrival in the Republic of Vietnam the men of the "On Time" 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery took part in six major campaigns / The biggest and most successful operation was Vernon Lake II (2 November 1968 through 28 February 1969). The operation was conducted in an area which preliminary intelligence indicated was a massive VC/NVA resupply and consolidation region / Supporting fire from the guns of the 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery combined with the efforts of the 11th Infantry Brigade made Vernon Lake II the most successful operation ever undertaken in the 11th Brigade area of operation



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Name: **WILCOX**

CHARLES C.

Hometown: WEST SENECA

Address:

Vietnam Era

Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: WO

Year Entered:

Year Discharged: KIA

Unit / Squadron:

190TH ASSAULT HELICOPTER COMPANY (AHC), 145TH AVIATION BN, 12TH AVIATION GROUP,
1ST AVIATION BRIGADE

UNITED STATES ARMY REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (USARV)

Medals / Citations:

PURPLE HEART

AIR MEDAL

VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL

REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL

NATIONAL DEFENSE RIBBON

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

Service Notes:

Warrant Officer Charles C. Wilcox was Killed in Action on 7 December 1967 when he was struck from ground fire during a helicopter landing in Binh Duong Province, South Vietnam

WO Wilcox had served in the Army for 2 years and had served in Vietnam for 10 months. He was a graduate of the Army's Helicopter Pilot Training Program, trained on Utility and Light Cargo Single Rotor helicopters

Base Assignments:

Miscellaneous:

Charles C. Wilcox graduated from West Seneca Senior High School and attended Buffalo State University College prior to entering military service

The 190th Assault Helicopter Company (AHC) was assigned to Vietnam in July-August 1967 / In December 1967, the 190th earned 68 Awards for Valor in support 25th ARVN Rangers Civilian Irregular Defense Group (CIDG) / The Officers and Men of the 190th Assault Helicopter Company set many records for Safety and Heroism earning the distinction of never having a major aircraft accident and received over 300 Awards for Valor and received the Meritorious Unit Commendation / The 190th Assault Helicopter Company was inactivated on 10 December 1970



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Name: WYZYKOWSKI

JOSEPH R.

Hometown: BUFFALO

Address:

Vietnam Era

Vietnam War Veteran

Service Branch: ARMY

Rank: SP4

Year Entered: 1968

Year Discharged: 1970

Unit / Squadron:

4TH INFANTRY DIVISION

Medals / Citations:

VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL W/DEVICE 60

ARMY INFANTRYMAN BADGE

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL W/2 BRONZE SERVICE STARS

ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL

Served in War Zone Theater of Operations / Assignment: VIETNAM

Service Notes:

Sp4 Joseph Wyzkowski served in Vietnam from late 1968 to September 1969

Base Assignments:

Ft. Dix, New Jersey - Fort Dix was established on 16 July 1917 as Camp Dix, named in honor of Major General John Adams Dix, a veteran of the War of 1812 and the American Civil War, and a former United States Senator, Secretary of the Treasury and Governor of New York / Ft. Dix was used for the mobilization, training and demobilization of soldiers from World War I through April 2015 / On 1 October 2009, Fort Dix was consolidated with an adjoining U.S. Air Force and Navy facility to become part of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst (JB MDL)

Ft. Carson, Colorado - Located near Colorado Springs, Camp Carson was established in 1942, following Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor / Camp Carson was named in honor of the legendary Army scout, General Christopher "Kit" Carson, who explored much of the West in the 1800s / Camp Carson was redesignated as Ft. Carson in 1954 / Fort Carson is the home of the 4th Infantry Division, the 10th Special Forces Group, the 440th Civil Affairs Battalion (USAR), the 71st Ordnance Group (EOD), the 4th Engineer Battalion, the 759th Military Police Battalion, the 10th Combat Support Hospital, the 43rd Sustainment Brigade, the Army Field Support Battalion-Fort Carson, the 423rd Transportation Company (USAR) and the 13th Air Support Operations Squadron of the United States Air Force.

Miscellaneous:

Joseph Wyzkowski attended Burgard High School in Buffalo prior to military service / After an Honorable



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Discharge, Wzykowski was employed as a Printer / Due to exposure to Agent Orange during his tour in Vietnam, Joseph Wzykowski is 100% disabled