

LEONARD OLGUIN CAAMANO

Class 42A-67

LEONARD OLGUIN CAAMANO
is honored on Panel 17W, Row 14 of
the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Full Name: LEONARD OLGUIN CAAMANO
Wall Name: LEONARD O CAAMANO
Date of Birth: 2/10/1947
Date of Casualty: 9/28/1969
Home of Record: TUCSON
County of Record: PIMA COUNTY
State: AZ
Branch of Service: ARMY
Rank: 1LT
Casualty Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Casualty Province: BIEN HOA



1Lt Caamano was killed in action while serving with Advisory Team #98, Military Assistance Command Vietnam (MACV).



Second Lieutenant Leonard Olguin Caamano, United States Army, was awarded the Silver Star (Posthumously) for gallantry in action on September 28, 1969 while serving with Advisory Team 98, Military Assistance Command, Vietnam in Southeast Asia.

General Orders: Headquarters, Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, General Orders No. 5834 (1969)

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Father, son vets receiving medals posthumously

Family accepting medals in Memorial Day ceremony at Purple Heart Park

TUCSON, Ariz. - Memorial Day will mark a special occasion for one Tucson family when it is presented with medals, including a Purple Heart, honoring veterans Sgt. Frank Santa Cruz and Lt. Leonard Caamano, father and son, who died before receiving their due recognition.

Mrs. Bertha Santa Cruz and her daughters Mrs. Josephine O. Santa Cruz and Mrs. Diane C. Brown will accept more the medals honoring the service of Frank Santa Cruz, a World War II veteran, who was their husband and father, respectively. They also will accept medals for Caamano, who was killed in action in Vietnam in 1969. He was 22 years old and was son and brother to the women, respectively.

A representative from Congressman Pastor's Office will present the medals, including a Purple Heart for Lt. Caamano, at a Memorial Day Observance Ceremony Monday at 10 a.m. at Purple Heart Park, 10055 E. Rita Road, Tucson.

Congressman Pastor's Staff Assistant Landis Davis was instrumental in obtaining the long overdue medals to recognize the Tucson veterans.

"It is especially significant during this time of year to honor our service men and women who fought for our country and to give them their due respect," Pastor said. "I am honored to have been able to assist this family in obtaining the recognition their father and son deserved."

In addition to the Purple Heart, Lt. Caamano will posthumously receive a Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge and a Sharpshooters Badge with a Rifle Bar. The family had already received a Silver Star and Bronze Star for Lt. Caamano.

In honor of Sgt. Santa Cruz, who was 74 years old when he died in 1994, the family will receive a Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Medal with one Bronze Star, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with two Bronze Stars, WWII Victory Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge and an Honorable Service Lapel Button WWII.

FALLEN CLASSMATE

Thanks for making my life better...you are remembered...40 years later.

Posted by: Anonymous

Relationship: OCS Classmate

June 10, 2009



Leonard is buried at Evergreen Memorial Park Cemetery in Tucson, Arizona