

**CARL THOMAS CAHILL**  
is honored on Panel 23W, Row 35 of  
the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

**Full Name:** CARL THOMAS CAHILL  
**Wall Name:** CARL T CAHILL  
**Date of Birth:** 9/20/1942  
**Date of Casualty:** 6/1/1969  
**Home of Record:** AKRON  
**County of Record:** SUMMIT COUNTY  
**State:** OH  
**Branch of Service:** ARMY  
**Rank:** 1LT  
**Casualty Country:** SOUTH VIETNAM  
**Casualty Province:** TAY NINH



1LT Cahill was the pilot of an AH-1G Cobra Helicopter serving with Company A, 2nd Battalion, 20th Aerial Rocket Artillery, 1st Cavalry Division. He was killed in action by an enemy .50 caliber machine gun round during a combat mission. His awards include the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Bronze Star Medal.

### **OCS classmate and friend**

In early 1969 Carl and I met in South Vietnam near Pleiku. I was Fire Direction Officer for B Battery, 2/9 Artillery. Carl gave me a ride in his Cobra. Thanks Buddy, You will not be forgotten.

Posted by: Donald Blankin  
February 2, 2007

### **From the wall-usa.com**

Carl and I were stick mates in flight school. Thank you for your sacrifice.  
Terry Carney  
Carl and I were stick mates  
PO Box 371 Tomahawk WI 54487 United States  
Oct 21, 2009

## **CAHILL CARL THOMAS**

Name: 1LT Carl Thomas Cahill

Status: Killed In Action from an incident on 06/01/1969 while performing the duty of Pilot.

Age at death: 26.7

Date of Birth: 09/20/1942

Home City: Akron, OH

Service: FA branch of the reserve component of the U.S. Army.

Unit: A/2/20 ARA 1 CAV

Major organization: 1st Cavalry Division

Flight class: 68-518/68-32

Service: FA branch of the U.S. Army.

The Wall location: 23W-035

Short Summary: 50 cal round in head on combat mission. Other pilot survived.

Aircraft: AH-1G tail number 67-15859

Service number: O5429837

Country: South Vietnam

MOS: 61193

Primary cause: .51 Caliber

Major attributing cause: aircraft connected not at sea

Compliment cause: small arms fire

Vehicle involved: helicopter

Position in vehicle: pilot

Started Tour: 02/25/1969

"Official" listing: helicopter air casualty - pilot

Length of service: 02

Location: Tay Ninh Province III Corps.

Reason: aircraft lost or crashed

Casualty type: Hostile - died of wounds

single male U.S. citizen

Race: Caucasian

Religion: Roman Catholic

The following information secondary, but may help in explaining this incident.

Category of casualty as defined by the Army: battle dead Category of personnel: active duty Army Military class: officer

This record was last updated on 07/05/2004

## **Helicopter AH-1G 67-15859**

Information on U.S. Army helicopter AH-1G tail number 67-15859

The Army purchased this helicopter 1268

Total flight hours at this point: 00000202

Date: 06/01/1969

Incident number: 69060101.KIA

Unit: A/2/20 ARA 1 CAV

This was a Combat incident. This helicopter was REPAIRED IN THEATER for Close Air Support

While in Target Area this helicopter was Attacking at 1500 feet and 110 knots.

South Vietnam

Helicopter took 4 hits from:

Small Arms/Automatic Weapons; Gun launched non-explosive ballistic projectiles less than 20 mm in size. (7.62MM, 12.7MM)

The helicopter was hit in the Bottom

Systems damaged were: ENGINE, FUEL SYS, MAIN ROTOR SYS, TRANSMISSION, FLT CONTROLS, PERSONNEL

Casualties = 01 KIA . .

The helicopter made a Forced Landing. Aircraft was capable of one time flight.

The aircraft was diverted or delayed after completing some mission objectives.

Original source(s) and document(s) from which the incident was created or updated: Survivability/Vulnerability Information Analysis Center Helicopter database. Also: LNOF, 90276, CRAFX, CASRP, JSIDR (Lindenmuth Old Format Data Base. Joint Services Incident Damage Report. Crash Facts Message. Casualty Report. )

Crew Members:

**P 1LT CAHILL CARL THOMAS KIA**

This record was last updated on 07/05/2004



Carl is buried at St Vincent Cemetery in Akron, Ohio