

FRANKLIN VICTORY DELARA
is honored on Panel 66E, Row 8 of
the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Full Name: FRANKLIN VICTORY DELARA
Wall Name: FRANKLIN V DELARA
Date of Birth: 8/14/1945
Date of Casualty: 5/23/1968
Home of Record: HIALEAH
County of Record: MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
State: FL
Branch of Service: ARMY
Rank: 1LT
Casualty Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Casualty Province: QUANG TIN



1LT Delara was assigned to Battery A, 1st Battalion, 14th Artillery. He was killed in action and posthumously awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action while serving as a Forward Observer with Company B, 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, 198th Infantry Brigade, Americal Division.

CITATION FOR POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the Silver Star Medal (Posthumously) to Franklin Victory Delara (0-5424508), Second Lieutenant (Field Artillery), United States Army, for gallantry in action against a hostile force on 23 May 1968 in the Republic of Vietnam. Second Lieutenant Delara distinguished himself by intrepid actions while serving as a Forward Observer with Company B, 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, 198th Infantry Brigade, Americal Division. On that date, his company was on a combat sweep operation west of Tam Ky when they suddenly came under intense fire from an enemy force of undetermined size. Realizing that the enemy positions had to be pin-pointed for the supporting artillery fire, Lieutenant Delara left his covered position, and with complete disregard for his personal safety, sought high ground from which he could adjust the artillery fire. After he reached a good position, he courageously continued to expose himself to the intense hostile fire while expertly directing the artillery until he fell mortally wounded. Through his courageous act, the accurate artillery fire destroyed the hostile mortar positions and his company was able to repel the enemy, forcing them to retreat. Second Lieutenant Delara's unquestionable valor while in close combat with a numerically superior enemy force was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflected great credit upon himself, the Americal Division, and the United States Army.

Franklin is buried at Vista Memorial Gardens in Hialeah, Florida