

## CHARLES BERNARD DRAUT

Class 40B-67

**CHARLES BERNARD DRAUT JR**  
is honored on Panel 15W, Row 71 of  
the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

**Full Name:** CHARLES BERNARD DRAUT JR  
**Wall Name:** CHARLES B DRAUT JR  
**Date of Birth:** 1/3/1947  
**Date of Casualty:** 12/19/1969  
**Date of Death:** 12/19/1969  
**Home of Record:** ST JOSEPH  
**County of Record:** BUCHANAN COUNTY  
**State:** MO  
**Branch of Service:** ARMY  
**Rank:** CAPT  
**Casualty Country:** SOUTH VIETNAM  
**Casualty Province:** BINH LONG



CPT Draut was the pilot of an AH-1G Cobra helicopter that crashed during a combat operation. He was serving with Battery C, 2nd Battalion, 20th Aerial Rocket Artillery, 1st Cavalry Division.

### Another Blue Max

Served with Capt. Draut in C Btry, 2/20th ARA (Blue Max) in Quan Loi, RSVN. Was RTO on duty that night.

Posted by: Bill Kaminski (Sgt.)  
Relationship: We served together  
January 4, 2011

### Blue Max

Chuck and I flew together in Viet Nam; my fire team was the first to arrive on site after he and WO Rick Frank went down. All these years are past, my friend, but your courage, valor and eternal smile have not diminished.

Posted by: LTC (R) Paul N. Yacovitch  
Relationship: We served together  
March 24, 2007

Charles is buried at Mt Olivet Cemetery in St Joseph, Missouri.

## Bu Dop

I did not personally know you but I was there when you were shot down. We could do nothing. Your pal Bill Beatty filled me in on your short life. Hard to watch a helicopter come down. Hope all is well with you and the others.

Posted by: Gary Villereal  
Relationship: Other:  
October 15, 2001

### *From flyarmy.org*

#### **DRAUT CHARLES BERNARD JR**

Name: CPT Charles Bernard Draut, Jr.  
Status: Killed In Action from an incident on 12/19/1969 while performing the duty of Aircraft Commander.  
Age at death: 23.0  
Date of Birth: 01/03/1947  
Home City: St Joseph, MO  
Service: FA branch of the reserve component of the U.S. Army.  
Unit: C/2/20 ARA 1 CAV  
Major organization: 1st Cavalry Division  
Flight class: 68-24/68-40  
Service: FA branch of the U.S. Army.  
The Wall location: 15W-071  
Short Summary: Aircraft accident.  
Aircraft: AH-1G tail number 67-15739  
SSN: 492521234 Service number: O5431180  
Country: South Vietnam  
MOS: 61193  
Primary cause: A/C Accident  
Major attributing cause: aircraft connected not at sea  
Compliment cause: fire or burns  
Vehicle involved: helicopter  
Position in vehicle: aircraft commander  
Started Tour: 03/21/1969  
"Official" listing: helicopter air casualty - other aircrew  
Length of service: 03  
Location: Binh Long Province III Corps.  
Reason: aircraft lost or crashed  
Casualty type: Non-hostile - died of other causes  
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: non-battle dead Category of personnel: active  
duty Army Military class: officer  
This record was last updated on 02/21/1994

## Helicopter AH-1G 67-15739

Information on U.S. Army helicopter AH-1G tail number 67-15739

The Army purchased this helicopter 0968

Total flight hours at this point: 00000853

Date: 12/19/1969

Incident number: 69121919.KIA

Unit: C/2/20 ARA

South Vietnam

UTM grid coordinates: XT562863

Original source(s) and document(s) from which the incident was created or updated:

Defense Intelligence Agency Helicopter Loss database. Also: OPERA (Operations Report.)

Loss to Inventory

Crew Members:

**AC CPT DRAUT CHARLES BERNARD JR KIA**

**P WO1 FRANK RICHARD WAGNER II KIA**

This record was last updated on 05/25/1998

