

STEVEN RILEY HUFFSTUTLER

Class 33B-67

is honored on Panel 24W, Row 43 of
the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Full Name: STEVEN RILEY HUFFSTUTLER
Wall Name: STEVEN R HUFFSTUTLER
Date of Birth: 4/28/1946
Date of Casualty: 5/18/1969
Home of Record: MENTONE
County of Record: SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
State: CA
Branch of Service: ARMY
Rank: 1LT
Casualty Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Casualty Province: PLEIKU



1LT Huffstutler served as a Forward Observer and Aerial Observer with 4th Infantry Division Artillery. Camp Enari was under a 122mm rocket attack for the second night in a row when 1LT Huffstutler was tasked to serve as an Aerial Observer in an OH-6A Cayuse Helicopter piloted by WO1 James P. Casey. After directing artillery fire to suppress the attack the aircraft was to return to Camp Enari, however night fell and the weather turned bad. The helicopter crashed in an effort to divert to Camp Holloway. WO1 Casey and 1Lt Huffstutler were killed instantly and the crew chief died one week later.

Fellow OCS Classmate and 9th Arty

I Served with B Battery 2/9 Arty 4ID 8-68 to 8-69. FO with C Company 2/35 Infantry in the Duc-Lap area. You won't be forgotten Buddy. We did our duty as we saw it.

Posted by: Donald Blankin
Relationship: We served together
February 2, 2007

To a member of the proud 9th FA

You are not forgotten Steve. Those of us who served with you in the 2d Bn, 9th FA, 4th ID honor you. God Bless. Jerry Orr, LTC, FA, S-3

Posted by: Jerry Orr
Relationship: Was my FO
July 3, 2002

From the wall-usa.com

I served with Lt Huffstutler as his radio operator. I was supposed to be on the helicopter with him the day he died. Needless to say a very lucky day for me and not such a lucky day for Lt Huffstutler. He was a good officer and good man. I still miss him!

Marc Kaplan
Served with Lt Huffstutler
October 3, 2000

Helicopter OH-6A 67-16557

Information on U.S. Army helicopter OH-6A tail number 67-16557
The Army purchased this helicopter 0169
Total flight hours at this point: 00000178
Date: 05/18/1969
Incident number: 69051899.KIA
Unit: DIV ART 4 INF
South Vietnam
UTM grid coordinates: ZH047398
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:
G SP4 DAVENPORT JAMES MICHAEL KIA
P WO1 CASEY JAMES PATRICK KIA
OB 1LT HUFFSTUTLER STEVEN RILEY KIA
This record was last updated on 05/25/1998



Steven is buried at Desert Lawn Memorial Park Calimesa California Plot: VES 079-E

The following which pertains to the pilot WO1 James Patrick sheds more light on the incident that claimed the life of Steven Riley Huffstutler

Name: WO1 James Patrick Casey

Status: Killed In Action from an incident on 05/18/1969 while performing the duty of Pilot.

Age at death: 22.9

Date of Birth: 06/06/1946

Home City: Watertown, MA

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

Unit: DIV ARTY 4 INF

Major organization: 4th Infantry Division

Flight class: 68-519/68-35

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

The Wall location: 24W-037

Short Summary: Camp Enari under 122 rocket attack for 2nd night. WX & night caused diversion to Camp Holloway, crashed with 1LT A/O & Crew Chief.

Aircraft: OH-6A tail number 67-16557

Call sign: Redleg

Service number: W3162410

Country: South Vietnam

MOS: 100B = Utility/Observation Helicopter Pilot

Primary cause: A/C Accident WX

Major attributing cause: aircraft connected not at sea

Compliment cause: weapons

Vehicle involved: helicopter

Position in vehicle: pilot

Started Tour: 01/10/1969

"Official" listing: helicopter air casualty - pilot

Location: Pleiku Province II Corps.

Additional information about this casualty:

Information from 9th VHPA reunion on James Patrick Casey: Camp Enari was under a 122 mm rocket attack for the second night in a row when WO1 James Patrick Casey scrambled with a 1LT aerial observer and a SP5 crew chief to direct artillery fire to suppress the attack. Casey was to return to Camp Enari, however night fell and the weather turned bad, so he tried to divert to Camp Holloway but crashed in route. Casey and the A/O were killed immediately and the Crew Chief died one week later. This is the same mission that CW2 Beck was killed on. I was Divarty Surgeon at the time Mr. Casey was killed. I recall that the commander, Col. Virgil "Bill" Williams, had plans to recommend Mr. Casey be commissioned posthumously to Lieutenant. I don't know if that happened. Casey was a good man. John C. Bailey, M.D.