

FRANK MARIO PASCARELLA**CLASS 4-65**

is honored on Panel 8W, Row 62 of
the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Full Name: FRANK MARIO PASCARELLA
Wall Name: FRANK M PASCARELLA
Date of Birth: 5/12/1938
Date of Casualty: 7/28/1970
Home of Record: CHICAGO
State: IL
Branch of Service: ARMY
Rank: CAPT
Casualty Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Casualty Province: BINH LONG



CPT Pascarella was the Battery Commander of C Battery, 1st Battalion, 30th Field Artillery, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile). He was killed at Fire Support Base Andy when he accidentally walked into the spinning main rotor of an OH- 6A helicopter. On 14 September 1970, the compound used for the Battalion Headquarters at Camp Gorvad was named "PASCARELLA COMPOUND" in his honor. The brass plaque naming the compound in his honor was brought back from Vietnam in 1971. This plaque and his picture are prominently displayed on a wall of the 30th Field Artillery Regimental Room, in Snow Hall, at Fort Sill Oklahoma.

We served as Paratroopers together in Bien Hoa

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He had been a Forward Observer before me and served honorably and with distinction on many jungle missions supporting the 2nd of the 503rd Infantry Bn (Abn). He was a good man and a great friend and I was deeply saddened when I heard of his death. Frank, may you rest in peace with the Great Jumpmaster in the Sky. STRENGTH AND HONOR.

Posted by: Harold L. Brent, LTC, FA, U.S Army (Retired)
March 1, 2009

Hard Chargers of the 1st Bn, 30th FA, 1st Cav Div (AIRMOBILE)

CPT Pascarella was a fellow Hard Charger in the 1st Bn, 30th FA (155mm Airmobile), 1st Cav Division (AIRMOBILE). He was one of 40 "Brothers in Arms" from our unit that we lost. We mourn his loss as deeply as we mourn all of the others. Our task as survivors is to ensure they are remembered and honored for their sacrifices. No one is Forgotten---And no one is left Behind! Hard Charger-Sir!

MSG Dan Gillotti, Historian, 30th FA Regimental Association (www.hardchargers.com)

Posted by: MSG Dan Gillotti

February 10, 2003

A Hard Charger Remembers a Fallen Brother



I only met Frank one time. I had been sent to Quan Loi to assist in the planning for the Sanctuary Offensive into Cambodia. I was told to check in with C battery and find a place to sleep. I was greeted by Frank and he was the consummate professional I was told to expect. I was on duty at what was to become known as "Pascarella Compound" when the word came in of the incident. At reunion in 1998 I was reading the old staff duty logs and came across my entry for that day. Rest in peace Frank, you are remembered by all.

Posted by: Don Shacklette

February 1, 2002

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Relationship: We served together

March 1, 2009

Remembering Frank

We served together and he was a close friend and it was a sad day when I heard of his passing.

Posted by: Bill Noard 1st Bn 30th FA

Relationship: We served together

December 24, 2007

From www.flyarmy.org

Helicopter OH-6A 67-16121

Information on U.S. Army helicopter OH-6A tail number 67-16121

The Army purchased this helicopter 0668

Total flight hours at this point: 00002176

Date: 07/28/1970

Incident number: 700728161ACD Accident case number: 700728161 Total loss or fatality Accident

Unit: E/82 ARTY 1 CAV

The station for this helicopter was Phuoc Binh in

Number killed in accident = 1 . . Injured = 0 . . Passengers = 1

costing 50152

Source(s) from which the incident was created or updated: Army Aviation Safety Center database.

Crew Members:

P W1 RC DURHAM

Passengers and/or other participants:

CPT PASCARELLA FRANK MARIO, AR , PAX, KIA

Accident Summary:

Aircraft had repositioned to pick up CPT Pascarella. His back was to the aircraft as he picked up his bags. Pilot heard a thump and then saw CPT Pascarella's body. He had been struck by the main rotor blades.

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