

Classmates – The United States’ involvement in Viet Nam and the USMA Class of 1962 have had a strong association. President John F. Kennedy set the initial spirit for us, embedded in his 1960 Inaugural Address to “... pay any price, bear any burden...”. Together with General Douglas MacArthur’s farewell message to the Corps, *Duty – Honor – Country*, delivered within a month of our graduation, followed by President Kennedy’s prescient comments in his Graduation Address to our class on our last day as cadets, each served as prelude to our extensive class involvement in Viet Nam.

George Kirschenbauer’s 2002 submission to the Superintendent, USMA, “*The Worth of a West Point Class*,” points out that across the class we served 568 tours in Viet Nam, earned 96 Purple Hearts, and suffered 22 classmates who died in that conflict – three Marines and 19 Army. Fifteen of our deceased Army classmates were Ranger-qualified. Two other classmates completed two-thirds of Ranger School but were medically-disqualified from continuing due to severe frostbite incurred near the end of the Mountain Phase - yet they persisted in getting to Viet Nam to serve! Our remaining two classmates lost in Viet Nam were killed in flight operations. The full list of our Vietnam dead is shown below:

- **Class of 1962 Army Rangers killed in Republic of Viet Nam:**

<u>Cdt</u>	<u>Cullum</u>				
<u>Co</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Date KIA</u>
G1	24026	CPT	William A Hoos, Jr	25th Inf Div	02/14/1966
M1	24027	CPT	Robert P Andrews	25th Inf Div	09/3/1966
G1	24279	CPT	Charles C Anderson, Jr	173rd Airborne Bde	03/22/1967
M2	24324	CPT	Robert H Fuellhart, Jr	Adv, ARVN 44th Ranger Bn	08/12/1965
M2	24367	CPT	Edward E Krukowski	Adv Tm #70, Ben Cat	06/10/1965
D1	23834	MAJ	Robert G Hufschmid	11th Light Inf Bde	11/2/1968
B2	24015	CPT	William T Reach	Adv, ARVN 50th Inf Regt	01/9/1965
D2	24162	CPT	Thomas E McMahan	Adv, ARVN 33rd Ranger Bn	09/28/1965
H1	24202	CPT	Michael A Casp	4th Inf Div	11/14/1967
B1	24224	CPT	Kenneth L Dean, Jr	Inf Adv Bong Son RVN	04/20/1965
I2	24265	CPT	"Turk" Griffith	5th Special Forces	01/17/1965
B1	24288	CPT	James McDonough, Jr	25th Inf Div	08/2/1966
B1	24340	CPT	Michael A Crabtree	503 rd AIR, 173rd ABN Bde	11/18/1967
M1	24407	MAJ	Robert C Dickinson	22 nd Inf, 25th Inf Div	07/1/1968
A2	24413	CPT	Thomas D Culp	5th Special Forces	09/11/1967

- **Class of 1962 Ranger School Frostbite Casualties killed in Republic of Viet Nam:**

C-1	24143	1LT	Ronald L. Zinn	503 rd AIR, 173rd ABN Bde	07/07/1965
D-1	23861	CPT	Roy S. Kobayashi	588 th Engr Bn	01/23/1966

- **Class of 1962 US Marines killed in Republic of Viet Nam:**

C-2	24302	1LT	Frank S. Reasoner	3 rd Recon Bn, 3MarDiv	07/12/1965
K-2	23916	Maj	Steven J. Kott*	VMA(AW)-242, 1 st MAW	10/31/1967
D-2	24103	1LT	Douglas J. Wauchope	3 rd Bn, 3 rd Regt, 3MarDiv	06/29/1965

- **Class of 1962 members who died in aircraft accidents in Republic of Viet Nam:**

B-2	24024	CPT	Ellis M. Bailey	187 th Assault Helo Co	10/11/1967
L-2	24102	Maj	Wm C. Whitehead, Jr	6/14 th Artillery	06/30/1968

* Steve Kott was a Captain when shot down on Oct 31, 1967 but was carried as on Marine Corps rolls as MIA. He was promoted to Major Feb 1, 1972, declared dead Nov 13, 1973 and his remains were recovered July 17, 1984 and returned to the United States.

The most dramatic memorial site the Army has, the National Ranger Monument, is located on Ranger Field adjacent to Infantry Hall (Building 4) at Fort Benning, GA. <<https://www.rangermemorial.com/>>

The National Ranger Memorial Foundation (NRMF) initiated a major fund drive last year to recognize and honor Ranger-qualified individuals who had been killed in action (KIA) from the Vietnam era forward with individual “paver stones” placed at the memorial site. WP-ORG, with strong support from the West Point Association of Graduates (WP-AOG), conducted a fund drive to ensure each Ranger-qualified West Point graduate KIA since the beginning of the Viet Nam War is honored with a paver. (Prior Ranger KIAs had been honored elsewhere, but were also eligible here.) Some of the donations were in honor of a specific Ranger, others were non-specific. A total of \$47,250 was raised for 189 paver stones, covering all remaining West Point Ranger KIAs from early Vietnam through losses in Iraq and Afghanistan. Our Class purchased 14 of the 15 stones for classmates, Chuck Anderson’s stone having been purchased previously. Remaining contributions went to support other fallen Rangers, as needed.

Our USMA Class of 1962 was, I’ve been told, the first class to complete funding paver stones for all our own Ranger-qualified KIAs. Additionally, although we were not able to get approval for Ranger paver stones for our Frostbite Class #6 brethren (because they did not graduate Ranger School), the NRMF did agree to designate them as “Friends of the Rangers” with by-name recognition on the Friends plaque. The prompt generosity of our classmates is recognition of our class strength and camaraderie. Thanks to all who contributed:

• Cadet Company G-1 classmates	• Dennis Benchoff	• Jim Malley
• Cadet Company M-1 classmates	• Marsh Carter	• Tom Mennie
• Cadet Company A-2 classmates	• Bob Douglas	• Bob Ord
• Cadet Company B-2 classmates	• Ed Harshfield	• Stan Shutes
• Cadet Company M-2 classmates	• Jim Heldman	• Don Snider
	• Jim Kimsey	• Roger Telford

The Donation Status Chart at www.west-point.org/publications/DonationChart1.xls shows class losses and participation from Class of 1952 through 2008, with each square representing one Ranger KIA. The sand color squares are existing pavers and yellow represent funded pavers but not yet in place. Move your mouse cursor over the squares to read names and details of individuals.

The dedication ceremony for these paver stones has been set for Friday, 15 October 2010, at the Ranger Memorial, Fort Benning, GA. You are all invited to attend. If you are in touch with family and friends of our Ranger classmates who will be honored, please ensure they also get the invitation. We encourage family members of those honored to join us for the dedication at Ranger Field and for a meal afterward at the Infantry Museum. We encourage notification of the families soon to allow them ample time to make travel plans. The notifications and agenda details will be coordinated through a WP-Org ranger-memorial listserver moderated by Lisa Hallett, widow of Ranger John Hallett '01. Subscribe here: <http://www.west-point.org/wp/ranger/join.cgi> to be kept informed. Details of the ceremony, hotel reservations, transportation, and meal at the Infantry Museum should soon be posted on that list. If you know any surviving family members of these men, please ensure they know about this ceremony and the list!

Again, strong thanks to our classmates for their generosity!

Rangers Lead the Way! **No Ranger Left Behind!**
 Ranger Jim “Moose” Malley Cadet Company H-2
 USMA Class of 1962 POC for the Ranger Memorial Fund Drive