

[Full Name]

Distinguished Member of the 506th Infantry Regiment Nomination

[Full name] is nominated to be a Distinguished Member of the 506th Infantry Regiment in recognition of his exemplary combat service in the Vietnam War with Charlie Company, 2nd Battalion 506th Infantry as a rifleman, along with his continued leadership with Currahee Vietnam veterans and their families.

[Full name] served in Vietnam as a rifleman in Charlie Company in 1970-1971 during the continuous combat faced by 2nd Bn 506th Infantry during the Ripcord Campaign and in the jungle covered mountains of South Vietnam near the DMZ with North Vietnam. As a rifleman, [name] always set the very best of example as an Infantryman, always at the front, earning his Combat Infantryman's Badge, along with other combat awards.

Of current significance, [name] has been one of the key veteran leaders for the gravesite visits to fallen Charlie company soldiers killed in action in Vietnam. At each gravesite, [name] and other Charlie Company veterans have conducted a memorial service with the remaining family members and friends, bringing closure for these fallen soldiers. [Name]'s leadership has inspired a strong reflection of the eternal bond that exists between living veterans and their fallen brothers.

In addition, [name] has also continued his service to the 506th Regiment by attending multiple reunion visits to Fort Campbell, which have earnestly helped to strengthen the bonds between Vietnam veterans and the young Currahees in the 506th today. [Name] has also been instrumental in locating other Charlie company Vietnam veterans, to include his platoon leader from 1970, inviting them to our reunions to reconnect with other veterans. [Name] has also genuinely assisted fellow Vietnam veterans and their families suffering from PTSD, both 506th soldiers and other veterans in his local VFW post in Omaha, NE, where he serves on the VFW leadership team.