

**List of Wharton County (Texas) Vietnam War KIA & MIA
Soldiers Honored at the "Rose Ceremony"
Hosted by VVA Chapter 1069, El Campo, Texas
When the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall Visited El Campo in July of 2015**

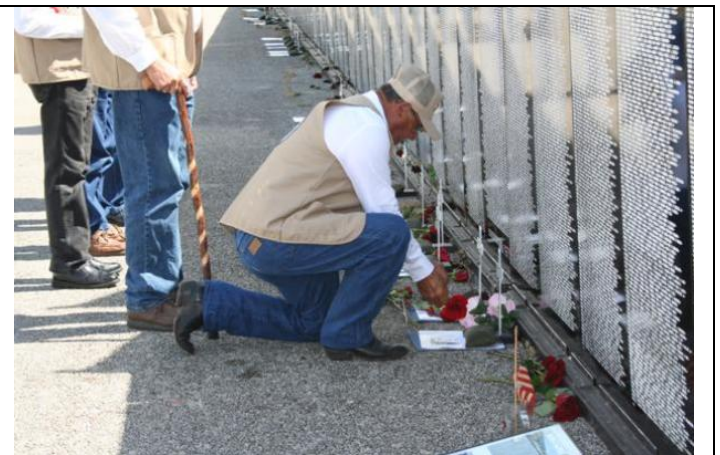
#	Name	Branch	Rank	KIA-MIA	Date	Wall-Location
1	Tommie A. Rolf	US Army	WO1	KIA	5/20/1968	64E-8
2	James H. Calfee	US Air Force	MSG	MIA	3/11/1968	44E-14
3	Jeffrey McClatchy	US Army	SP5	KIA	3/1/1968	42E-22
4	Danny D. Gard	US Marine Corps	Cpl	KIA	2/28/1968	41E-65
5	Leonard E. Dornak	US Marine Corps	LT	KIA	1/8/1968	33E-83
6	Frank G. Miculka	US Army	SP4	KIA	12/20/1967	32E-32
7	Julian Mendez	US Army	SP4	KIA	8/28/1967	25E-58
8	Edward F. Fee Jr.	US Navy	HN	KIA	7/4/1967	23E-1
9	Frank H. Beran	US Marine Corps	LCpl	KIA	5/20/1967	20E-54
10	Allen S. Mican	US Army	SP4	KIA	4/1/1967	17E-86
11	Percy W. McClatchy	US Army	SSG	KIA	8/13/1966	9E-133
12	Foster F. Triggs	US Army	PFC	KIA	5/28/1965	1E-127
13	Marurice W. Flournoy	US Air Force	SSG	KIA	2/21/1960	1E-1
14	Joe L. Love Jr.	US Army	SP5	KIA	11/20/1971	2W-70
15	James A. Maresh *	US Army	SGT	KIA	9/3/1971	2W-9
16	Bennie L. North	US Army	SSG	KIA	5/21/1971	3W-49
17	Glenn L. Knoblock *	US Army	Cpl	KIA	4/30/1970	11W-74
18	Edward J. Edmund	US Marine Corps	Cpl	KIA	6/17/1969	22W-64
19	Harrel E. Stearns	US Army	Cpl	KIA	6/16/1969	22W-60
20	Charles J. Manske	US Air Force	CPT	MIA	5/24/1969	24W-96
21	Howe K. Clark Jr.	US Army	SSG	KIA	5/23/1969	24W-82
22	Seth E. Randolph	US Army	SP4	KIA	4/26/1969	26W-56
23	Kevin E. Tweedle	US Army	PFC	KIA	2/22/1969	32W-85
24	Raymond N. Rivera	US Marine Corps	PFC	KIA	2/2/1969	33W-42
25	Raymond J. Kozik	US Army	SGT	KIA	1/20/1969	34W-42
26	James T. Stovall	US Marine Corps	LT	KIA	11/7/1968	39W-35
27	Refugio Canales	US Army	SP4	KIA	11/2/1968	39W-7
28	James A. Long	US Army	SFC	KIA	2/18/1971	5W-117

*From Jackson County

The "Salute to Vietnam Veterans" Memorial Service was presented Saturday morning, July 18th at 10:00 AM. The guest speaker was Robert Floyd of Austin. During the ceremony, a special "Memorial Crosses" service (aka Rose Ceremony) was presented by the entire membership of local VVA (Vietnam Veterans of America) Chapter #1069. The Memorial Service (aka Rose Ceremony) honored 26 soldiers from Wharton County who were "Killed in Action" (KIA) during the Vietnam War and also included 2 soldiers who are still listed as "Missing in Action" (MIA).

Twenty-eight small white & black crosses (see photos below), each with a hanging dog tag, was placed in front of the Wall for viewing, at each Wharton County Vietnam War KIA & MIA honored. The service itself included the calling out of the names of those soldiers (listed above) who did not survive the Vietnam War. As each name was called out, a chapter member came forward and laid a red rose at the base of each cross. At the end of the Service, 26 white crosses were presented to the family members of those KIAs honored in the Service. Also, two black crosses representing two MIA soldiers were presented to family members. A special booklet was also printed for each KIA and MIA soldier and then presented to the attending family members after the ceremony.

All crosses and bases were hand-crafted and painted by members of VVA Chapter 1069 along with the 28 special booklets. The dog tags were made (stamped) by Don Dorsey of Austin. Several companies in El Campo also donated material and labor to help make the crosses, and also donated other items for the Memorial Service (Rose ceremony). See photos below of the "Rose Ceremony"...



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