

# Fallen Heroes Remembered

By Brenda Roberts

Vietnam Vets of Company A 70th Engineers (Combat) (Army) 1965-1969 held a reunion on August 01 - August 03, 2008 in Springfield, Illinois and honored the seven men killed from their Company. Those were Kenneth Glenn Edwards 21 November 1967, Ronald LeRoy Reil 21 September 1968, Eddie Ray Casey 26 March 1969, George C. Davenport Jr. 04 October 1969, Wayne Robert Elkins Sr. 04 October 1969, William F. McLaughlin October 04 1969, and Clifton Anthony Davis 21 September 1968.

Davis of Farmerville was killed in Pleiku, South Vietnam. Davis was buried at Millard Hill Cemetery. He was the son of the late Amos Davis and stepmother Donia Davis and Nola Fay Green and stepfather Floyd Green, Sr. Brothers and sisters to Davis were Theon D. Bulter,

Lorenzo Page, Wanda D. Randall, Donna D. Griffin, Danny Davis, Nola Mae Green, Robert Green, Hubert Green, Martha Jane Charles, Floyd Green Jr., Lloyd Green, Jacqueline Brown and Elizabeth Ann Williams.

Mrs. Bulter said she remembers well the day word

came that her brother Clifton had been killed. She said it was a Sunday morning and they were all in church when a soldier came to the door and called her father out. She said all the kids were smiling as they thought Clifton had come home. She said when they went out side to see him they found her father crying and he told them that Anthony had been killed.

Bob Wear of Saint

Charles, Missouri served with Company A 70th Combat Engineers from August 1967 until August 1968. "When I received word after Clifton was killed in September of 1968 I felt like I had lost a brother, and I did. I am proud to have known him and proud to have served with him."

John Craven who served with Company A is active with the Development of Vietnam Endeavors or D.O.V. E. Fund. He is a member of the Board of Trustees serves on the Executive Committee and is Chairman of the Donor Appreciation Committee. During his return trip to Vietnam in 2007, John was able to locate the village and former camp site where his unit served. As a way of gaining some personal healing and

as a tribute to his three friends who died there, John placed a memorial plaque for them on the former camp, Reil-Davis grounds. Still feeling incomplete, John and Gail decided more was needed to ensure his friends did not die in vain. They concluded that building a school in their honor would be a "legacy" for the men and bring "hope" for the countless children who would receive an education where before none was possible.

Tax-deductible donations will be derived from speaking engagements, musical presentations, and donations for John's book. Through the auspices of the D.O.V.E. Fund 501(c)(3) non-profit organization the charitable funds will be used to build the group's first Junior High School in Vietnam. As the book "A Legacy of Hope" promotes, John is turning what was his disadvantage to an advantage for those downtrodden children in M'Drak

District Vietnam. His dream is that as students progress from junior high through college they will someday make a positive difference in the lives of others. "Our hope is that we raise enough interest to possibly build another school near Pleiku or An Khe in honor of the other three men (EdwardsDavis & Reil) who died before I got there."

John is quick to point out that not only is this school to honor the three men, but equally important, it will honor their families.

For more information on the book "A Legacy of Hope" contact John Craven at [johncraven@wowway.com](mailto:johncraven@wowway.com)

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