

DENTON COUNTY VETERAN

DEDICATED TO INFORMING THE VETERANS OF DENTON COUNTY
OF ISSUES WHICH CONCERN THEM

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Reconnecting With Military Buddies

This FREE site is designed to keep military personnel, past and present, and their families in touch with one another. Join thousands of other new members each month at the Reunion Center, where you can plan your unit get-togethers, build a contact list of attendees and share messages.



Military Connections is the place to find your veteran buddies, active duty friends, news from the Department of Defense and Veterans Administration, Montgomery GI Bill information, Tricare benefits, and other U.S. military information. You can visit the site at www.MilitaryConnections.com.

Department of Veterans Affairs

Children of Women Vietnam Veterans Monthly Monetary Allowance

Who is eligible for the Children of Women Vietnam Veterans monthly allowance?

Under Public Law 106-419, children born to women Vietnam veterans may be eligible for a monthly monetary allowance if they suffer from certain covered birth defects. Children must have been conceived after the date on which the veteran first entered the Republic of Vietnam during the period beginning on February 28, 1961, and ending on May 7, 1975. (Spina Bifida however, is covered under the VA's Spina Bifida Program.) VA identifies the birth defects as those that are associated with the service of the mother in Vietnam and resulted in permanent physical or mental disability. However, covered birth defects do not include conditions due to:

1. Familial disorders;
2. Birth-related injuries; or
3. Fetal or neonatal infirmities with well-established causes.

NOTE: The law defines the term "child" as the natural child of a woman Vietnam veteran, regardless of age or marital status.

What are the monthly allowable amounts?

The monthly allowance will range from \$100 to \$1,354. Level of disability will determine the amount of the

monthly monetary amount, with the highest levels of permanent impairment receiving payment at Level IV.

Disability Level	Level I	Level II	Level III	Level IV
Monthly Amount	\$100	\$228	\$792	\$1,354

How do I apply?

VA Form 21-0304, Application for Benefits For Certain Children of Vietnam Veterans with Disabilities. Download the VA Form 21-0304:

<http://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/21-0304.pdf>

The completed form and competent medical evidence should be returned to:

Department of Veterans Affairs
VA Regional Office
PO Box 25126
Denver, CO 80225

What is the effective date of this benefit?

The effective date is December 1, 2001. Approved claims filed within one year of the effective date will be paid from December 1, 2001.

<http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/Milsv/Docs/CWVVMoney.doc>



<http://www.militaryfuneralhonors.osd.mil/eligpage.html>

Who is eligible for Military Funeral Honors?

- Military members on active duty or in the Selected Reserve.
- Former military members who served on active duty and departed under conditions other than dishonorable.
- Former military members who completed at least one term of enlistment or period of initial obligated service in the Selected Reserve and departed under conditions other than dishonorable.
- Former military members discharged from the Selected Reserve due to a disability incurred or aggravated in the line of duty.

Who is not eligible for Military Funeral Honors?

- Any person separated from the Armed Forces under dishonorable conditions or whose character of service results in a bar to veteran's benefits.
- Any person who was ordered to report to an induction station, but was not actually inducted into military service.
- Any person discharged from the Selected Reserve prior to completing one term of enlistment or period of initial obligated service for reasons other than a disability incurred or aggravated in the line of duty.
- Any person convicted of a Federal or State capital crime sentenced to death or life imprisonment.

How do I establish veteran eligibility?

The preferred method is the DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty. If the DD Form 214 is not available, any discharge document showing other than dishonorable service can be used. The DD Form 214 may be obtained by filling out a Standard Form 180 and sending it to:

National Personnel Records Center(NPRC)
 9700 Page Blvd.
 St. Louis, MO 63132

The Standard Form 180 may be obtained from the National Records Center or via the Internet at:

www.nara.gov/publications/forms/sf180a.pdf

Is anyone else eligible to receive funeral honors?

Yes. Members of the Commissioned Officer Corps of the Public Health Service (PHS) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), as members of a Uniformed Service, are also eligible to receive funeral honors.

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November 25, 2002, was a historic date for the Vietnam Veterans who met at American Legion Post 71, 2501 Spencer Road, with the express purpose of forming a Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) chapter in Denton. Thirty-one Vietnam veterans attended the inaugural meeting. They will all become charter members of the chapter. The meeting was hosted by James P. Wheeler, Denton County Assistant Veterans Service Officer and a two year Vietnam veteran. Jim was elected President. A Vice-president, Treasurer and Secretary were also elected at this time. Some present shared their vast knowledge and expertise in starting up other chapters.

WHO ARE THE VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA?

Founded in 1978, Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. is the only national Vietnam veterans organization congressionally chartered and exclusively dedicated to Vietnam-era veterans and their families. VVA is organized as a not-for-profit corporation and is tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Service Code.

VVA'S FOUNDING PRINCIPLE

"Never again shall one generation of veterans abandon another."

GOALS

VVA's goals are to promote and support the full range of issues important to Vietnam veterans, to create a new identity for this generation of veterans, and to change public perception of Vietnam veterans.

OUR FIRST PRINCIPLE

VVA holds as its first principle that the organization is measured by deeds and openness as evidence of the core values of justice, integrity, and meaningful achievement.

ORGANIZATION

Over 50,000 individual members, 43 state councils, 525 local chapters, and National board of directors

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Government Relations Advocacy on the range of veterans issues.

National Task Force for Homeless Veterans. Health care for veterans, including disabled veterans.

Issues pertaining to women and minority veterans. National scholarship fund. Program providing assistance to veterans seeking benefits/services from the government.

FUNDING

Vietnam Veterans of America relies totally on private contributions for its revenue. VVA does not receive any funding from federal, state, or local governments.

Membership is open to all who served in the military during the Vietnam era (both in-county and at duty stations overseas, stateside and at sea). Vietnam and Vietnam-era veterans who served on active duty in the US military (for other than training purposes) between February 28, 1961 and May 7, 1975 (in-county Vietnam) or between August 5, 1964 and May 7, 1975, for Vietnam-era veterans are eligible for membership.

<http://www.vva.org/Membership/application.htm>

For those Vietnam veterans who were not able to attend the first meeting can still become charter members between now and the next scheduled meeting of Tuesday, January 28, 2003, at 7:00 P.M. at American Legion Post 71.

Please call, e-mail or write Jim Wheeler: 940-349-2950; james.wheeler@dentoncounty.com, Denton County Veterans Service Office, 306 N. Loop 288, #146, Denton, TX 76209.

KOREAN WAR MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT

<http://www.korea50.mil/history/moh.shtml>

*Mitchell, Frank N.

Rank: First Lieutenant

Organization: U.S. Marine Corps, Company A, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division (Reinforced).

Place and date: Near Hansan-ni, Korea, Nov. 26, 1950.

Entered service at: Roaring Springs, Texas.

Birth: 1921, Indian Gap, Texas.

Citation: For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty as Leader of a Rifle Platoon of Company A, First Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division (Reinforced), in action against enemy aggressor forces in Korea on 26 November 1950. Leading his platoon in point position during a patrol by his company through a thickly wooded and snow-covered area in the vicinity of Hasan-ni, First Lieutenant Mitchell acted immediately when the enemy suddenly opened fire at point-blank range, pinning down his forward elements and inflicting numerous casualties in his ranks. Boldly dashing to the front under blistering fire from automatic weapons and small arms, he seized and automatic rifle from one of the wounded men and effectively trained it against the attackers and. when his ammunition was expended, picked up and hurled grenades with deadly accuracy. At the same time directing and encouraging his men in driving the outnumbering enemy from his position. Maneuvering to set up a defense when the enemy furiously counterattacked to the front and left flank, First Lieutenant Mitchell, despite his wounds sustained early in the action, reorganized his platoon under devastating fire and spearheaded a fierce hand-to-hand struggle to repulse the onslaught. Asking for volunteers to assist in searching for and evacuating the wounded, he personally led a party of litter bearers through the hostile lines in growing darkness and, although suffering intense pain from multiple wounds stormed ahead and waged a single-handed battle against the enemy, successfully covering the withdrawal of his men before he was fatally struck down by a burst of small-arms fire. Stouthearted and indomitable in the face of tremendous odds. First Lieutenant Mitchell by his fortitude, great personal valor and extraordinary heroism,, saved the lives of several Marines and inflicted heavy casualties among the aggressors. His unyielding courage throughout reflects the highest credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.



Korean War Tidbits

(G) The Geneva Conference – The Geneva Conference consisted of fifteen general meetings, and one restricted meeting. Discussion began after 3 pm and continued for several hours. One June 15th the final session of the Geneva Conference commenced. The final Declaration of the sixteen was signed by all Allied delegations. It noted that the Communists would not accept the two basic principals sought and continued exhibiting negative behavior that had existed since the UN tried to unify Korea in 1947. The allies concluded that it was better to face the fact of our disagreement than to raise false hopes and mislead the peoples of the world into believing that there is agreement where there is none. (page 122) (KW)

(H) Heartbreak Ridge – Heartbreak Ridge was the site of the last major UN offensive of the Korean War. The North Koreans knew Heartbreak Ridge as Height 1211 and considered it the most difficult batter of the war. By winning Heartbreak Ridge, UN troops secured a portion of the 38th parallel that defined the final demarcation line when the armistice was signed in 1953. (page 128) (KW)

Korean War KIAs

Casualties from Texas for January

Information provided by: Washington Headquarters Services
Directorate for Information Operations and Reports

NAME	BIRTH DATE	CASUALTY DATE	NAME	BIRTH DATE	CASUALTY DATE
CPL Homer Ray Abney	1926	Jan. 22, 1951	PFC Richard Aguilar	1932	Jan. 30, 1951
MSG John Anderson	1913	Jan. 26, 1951	PO3 Oscar Rutger Anderson	Jan. 31, 1927	Jan. 14, 1952
CPL Murray W. Barnett	1924	Jan. 29, 1951	PFC Fred Beddingfield	1916	Jan. 05, 1951
CPL Harold G. Brown	1928	Jan. 30, 1951	SFC Billie Burch	1928	Jan. 30, 1951
PFC Billy Joe Butler	1931	Jan. 27, 1951	TSGT Daniel Cadena, JR.	Feb. 05, 1925	Jan. 03, 1951
SFC Arturo Cantu	1922	Jan. 08, 1951	SFC Jesus R. Cantu	1927	Jan. 31, 1951
CAPT Francis Carmody	May 04, 1923	Jan. 25, 1954	2ndLT Harry Frederick Carter	June 15, 1929	Jan. 07, 1953
PFC Robert L. Childs	1930	Jan. 30, 1951	SGT Basil Lee Clark	1921	Jan. 23, 1951
PFC Johnny H. Cuellar	1929	Jan. 09, 1951	SGT Glynn Edward Davenport	Dec. 01, 1930	Jan. 19, 1953
1LT Frank T. Davidson	1929	Jan. 25, 1953	PFC Paul Delmar Dean	1934	Jan. 15, 1953
CAPT Raymundo Delgado	March 15, 1919	Jan. 31, 1954	PFC Ray G. Dillard	1922	Jan. 07, 1951
PFC Roscoe W. Easterling	1930	Jan. 21, 1953	PFC R. J. Elliott	Jan. 16, 1929	Jan. 26, 1951
PFC Robert Shirley Ferrell	June 13, 1933	Jan. 07, 1954	PFC Warnell Alfred Fogle	1932	Jan. 14, 1954
PFC Bennie Garcia	1931	Jan. 06, 1951	SGT Alberto Barrera Garza	1932	Jan. 06, 1951
PVT Ricardo Garza	1929	Jan. 18, 1954	2LT Elbert E. Gilder, JR.	1928	Jan. 22, 1951
PFC Pete Gomez, JR.	1931	Jan. 26, 1951	1stLT Edgar B. Gray	Aug. 05, 1926	Jan. 05, 1952
MAJ Nolan Aldaine Green	Dec. 19, 1921	Jan. 11, 1954	CAPT Allen Lynwood Hallum	Dec. 02, 1921	Jan. 31, 1954
CPL Fred A. Hankamer	1930	Jan. 30, 1951	CAPT Hershel Frederick Herbert, JR.	Oct. 08, 1924	Jan. 21, 1954
PFC Jesse E. Herpeche	1930	Jan. 31, 1951	PVT Darwin E. Herrin	1929	Jan. 07, 1951
SGT Ralph S. Holder	1925	Jan. 14, 1951	PVT Bill Horton	1929	Jan. 29, 1951
PVT Thomas M. Johnson	1932	Jan. 29, 1951	PVT Pinkney R. Ketchum	1932	Jan. 20, 1951
PVT Sammy George Koenig	1925	Jan. 07, 1951	CAPT Joseph Lawrence Korstjens	March 12, 1920	Jan. 31, 1954
1stLT John Logoyda	Sept. 16, 1924	Jan. 10, 1952	PVT Clinton Long	1927	Jan. 09, 1951
PFC Tom Edward Lusk	Dec. 25, 1927	Jan. 31, 1951	SGT Albert Manning, JR.	1928	Jan. 31, 1952
PFC Beverly S. Manton	1930	Jan. 18, 1953	PVT Jasper V. Marquez	1929	Jan. 20, 1951
SFC Ambrosio Martinez	1919	Jan. 03, 1951	SSGT Claude Douglas McFee	April 21, 1928	Jan. 31, 1954
PFC Henry Martinez Michell	Aug. 07, 1932	Jan. 14, 1952	SGT Charles V. Moody	1931	Jan. 01, 1951
PVT Robert A. Morse	1932	Jan. 10, 1951	PVT Thomas J. Murchison	1931	Jan. 13, 1951
SFC Frank Arthur Neal	1927	Jan. 11, 1951	PFC Billy James Odom	1929	Jan. 27, 1952
PFC Conroy T. Pina	1928	Jan. 03, 1951	SGT Earl G. Porter	1924	Jan. 05, 1951
CPL Billy Przyborski	1923	Jan. 26, 1951	SFC Fred Randle	1915	Jan. 31, 1951
SGT John T. Reyes	1922	Jan. 06, 1954	PFC J.L. Rivers	Jan. 30, 1928	Jan. 01, 1954
CPT Adolphus W. Roffe	1922	Jan. 07, 1951	MSG John V. Romanek	1912	Jan. 20, 1951
AN Robert Allen Rose	Oct. 14, 1930	Jan. 14, 1952	1LT Alain Leroy Settle	1928	Jan. 28, 1951
CPL Earnest D. Taylor	1926	Jan. 05, 1951	MSG Ira N. Taylor	1910	Jan. 10, 1951
CAPT Donald Dean Tegt	Feb. 23, 1921	Jan. 31, 1954	PFC Kenneth Adrian Thornton	June 29, 1930	Jan. 08, 1952

January Casualties continued . . .

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PFC Angel M. Valdiviez	1930	Jan. 14, 1951	MSG Harvey Thomas Vann	1917	Jan. 31, 1951
PVT Pedro G. Villereal	1930	Jan. 19, 1954	CPT Joseph C. Whitehead	1909	Jan. 10, 1951
PFC Otis C. Williams	1933	Jan. 01, 1953	PFC Eugene Augustine Wokaty	April 26, 1933	Jan. 17, 1953