

**CHARLES DAVID ALLEN JR**  
is honored on Panel 4W, Row 53 of  
the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

**Full Name:** CHARLES DAVID ALLEN JR  
**Wall Name:** CHARLES D ALLEN JR  
**Date of Birth:** 1/26/1947  
**Date of Casualty:** 3/16/1971  
**Date of Death:** 3/16/1971  
**Home of Record:** KILLEEN  
**County of Record:** BELL COUNTY  
**State:** TX  
**Branch of Service:** ARMY  
**Rank:** CAPT  
**Casualty Country:** SOUTH VIETNAM  
**Casualty Province:** QUANG TRI



CPT Allen was serving with Battery B, 4th Battalion, 77th Artillery (Aerial Rocket Artillery), 101st Airborne Division at the time of his death. He was the pilot of an AH-1G Cobra helicopter, returning from a mission in northern I Corps that went down in marginal weather. The other pilot on board the aircraft was CPT Loyd Van McCarthy, a graduate of Field Artillery OCS Class 23-66. He was the recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross.

### **Hi Chuck.**

Hi Buddy.

Just making the rounds at the Wall and I couldn't pass by without giving you a hug. You big overgrown bear! How did either of us ever fit into a snake? We had our times ... didn't we. We were together in Mineral Wells, Rucker, Hunter and Eustis. I think you, Pelitier and I were the only ones not charged with a Drunk and Disorderly while at Cobra Hall! The three 'Chucks'. Chuck Allen - Chuck Pelitier - and me. Remember, my nickname was 'Chuck', because I hated the name 'Clyde'? Anyway, I just wanted to say hi. I wish I had gotten a picture of you waving goodbye as you lifted off from Quang Tri. I just have that picture in my mind, that big grin of yours ... just happy to get back in the air again. Oh how I wish you had stayed over with us. Well buddy, you've been gone all these years, but you've never been forgotten. And you never will be, not by me.

Posted by: Clyde McComas  
Relationship: We served together  
May 20, 2002

**From www.flyarmy.org**

**ALLEN CHARLES DAVID JR**

Name: CPT Charles David Allen, Jr.

Status: Killed In Action from an incident on 03/16/1971 while performing the duty of Pilot.

Age at death: 24.1

Date of Birth: 01/26/1947

Home City: Killeen, TX

Service: FA branch of the reserve component of the U.S. Army.

Unit: B/4/77 ARA 101 ABN

Major organization: 101st Airborne Division

Flight class: 70-22

Service: FA branch of the U.S. Army.

The Wall location: 04W-053

Short Summary: Stopped at Quang Tri to refuel tried to beat weather, crashed 4 -5 k south of Quang Tri. See McCarthy.

Aircraft: AH-1G tail number 66-15310

Country: South Vietnam

MOS: 1981 = 19 Rotary Wing Aviator (Unit Commander)

Primary cause: A/C Accident WX

Major attributing cause: aircraft connected not at sea

Compliment cause: vehicular accident

Vehicle involved: helicopter

Position in vehicle: pilot

Vehicle ownership: government

Started Tour: 11/11/1970

"Official" listing: helicopter air casualty - pilot

The initial status of this person was: no previous report

Length of service: \*

Location: Quang Tri Province I Corps.

Military grid coordinates of event: XD357472

Reason: aircraft lost or crashed

Casualty type: Non-hostile - died of other causes

married male U.S. citizen

Race: Caucasian

Religion: Baptist - other groups

The following information secondary, but may help in explaining this incident.

Category of casualty as defined by the Army: non-battle dead Category of personnel:

active duty Army Military class: officer

This record was last updated on 07/29/1995

**Additional information about this casualty:**

Chuck was on his way back to his unit from a mission in Northern I Corp. He stopped at Quang Tri to refuel and wx moved in. He should have RON'ed with us, but there was a round-eye show in Hue-Phu Bai that he just HAD to see. Three or four days later I heard that they had to dig the first 6 feet of the nose of his snake out of the ground. Chuck and I were class mates in ORWAC 70-22, roommates in Savannah (Cobra transition) as well as this ACMSMC. Clyde W. McComas 1008 Plumas Ave. Oroville, CA 95965-3231 916-533-025

**Helicopter AH-1G 66-15310**

Information on U.S. Army helicopter AH-1G tail number 66-15310

The Army purchased this helicopter 1167

Total flight hours at this point: 00001698

Date: 03/16/1971

Incident number: 710316341ACD Accident case number: 710316341 Total loss or fatality Accident

Unit: B/4/77 ARA 101 ABN

The station for this helicopter was Camp Eagle in

Number killed in accident = 2 . . Injured = 0 . . Passengers = 0

costing 673318

Source(s) from which the incident was created or updated: Army Aviation Safety Center database.

Crew Members:

P CPT MCCARTHY LOYD VAN JR KIA

P CPT ALLEN CHARLES DAVID JR KIA

Accident Summary:

AIRCRAFT DEPARTED QUANG TRI, RVN, AT APPROX 2130 HOURS IN ROUTE TO CAMP EAGLE, RVN. THE WEATHER WAS MARGINAL. AIRCRAFT STRUCK GROUND, UNDER POWER, IN A SHALLOW DESCENDING RIGHT TURN DESTROYING THE AIRCRAFT. This record was last updated on 05/25/1998



Charles is buried at Killeen City Cemetery, Killeen, Texas

