

## JOHN KAUGARS

Class 3-69

is honored on Panel 10W, Row 91 of  
the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

**Full Name:** JOHN KAUGARS  
**Wall Name:** JOHN KAUGARS  
**Date of Birth:** 6/25/1943  
**Date of Casualty:** 5/24/1970  
**Home of Record:** CHICAGO  
**County of Record:** COOK COUNTY  
**State:** IL  
**Branch of Service:** ARMY  
**Rank:** 1LT  
**Casualty Country:** SOUTH VIETNAM  
**Casualty Province:** QUANG NGAI



1LT Kaugars was serving with Battery D, 1st Battalion, 14th Artillery, Americal Division at the time of his death. He was attached to Company C, 1st Battalion, 52nd Infantry and was killed when the OH-6 Light Observation Helicopter he was riding in received 10 to 20 rounds of small arms fire during take-off, crashed and burned.

### OCS Classmate

Hey John I still remember you from OCS class 3-69. You had the cube directly across from me. So many years have passed I just found out that you Tom Dostal and Richard Gardner did not come home. Randy from the OCS reunion committee sent me the info on you guys. I will never forget you all. Rest In Peace BROTHERS.

Posted by: 1 LT Daniel C Lourenco  
Relationship: OCS Classmates 3-69  
May 29, 2007



**From www.flyarmy.org**

**Helicopter OH-6A 68-17354**

Information on U.S. Army helicopter OH-6A tail number 68-17354

The Army purchased this helicopter 1269

Total flight hours at this point: 00000185

Date: 05/22/1970

Incident number: 70052222.KIA

Unit: 198 BDE

This was a Combat incident. This helicopter was LOSS TO INVENTORY for Command and Control

While on Landing Zone this helicopter was on Take-Off at 0050 feet and 035 knots. South Vietnam

UTM grid coordinates: BS459891

Count of hits was not possible because the helicopter burned or exploded.

Small Arms/Automatic Weapons; Gun launched non-explosive ballistic projectiles less than 20 mm in size. (7.62MM)

Systems damaged were: PERSONNEL

Casualties = 03 DOI. .

The helicopter Crashed. Aircraft Destroyed.

Both mission and flight capability were terminated.

Burned

Original source(s) and document(s) from which the incident was created or updated:

Defense Intelligence Agency Helicopter Loss database. Survivability/Vulnerability Information Analysis Center Helicopter database. Also: OPERA, LNNF, JSIDR, CRAFTX, CASRP, FM385 (Operations Report. Lindenmuth New Format Data Base. Joint Services Incident Damage Report. Crash Facts Message. Casualty Report. )

Summary: Received between 10 and 20 rounds of small arms fire, crashed and burned. FO survived.

Short Summary: Received 10 to 20 rounds of small arms fire, crashed and burned.

Loss to Inventory

Crew Members:

P CW2 BIGELOW RALPH WILLIAM KIA

**OB 1LT KAUGARS JOHN KIA**

Passengers and/or other participants:

2LT HAYES NEIL BURGESS JR, AR, PX, KIA

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