

**JAMES ALBERT KUMMINGS****Class 21A-67**

is honored on Panel 23W, Row 65 of  
the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

**Full Name: JAMES ALBERT KUMMINGS**  
**Wall Name: JAMES A KUMMINGS**  
**Date of Birth: 4/9/1945**  
**Date of Casualty: 6/4/1969**  
**Home of Record: WEST LAFAYETTE**  
**County of Record: TIPPECANOE COUNTY**  
**State: IN**  
**Branch of Service: ARMY**  
**Rank: CAPT**  
**Casualty Country: SOUTH VIETNAM**  
**Casualty Province: BA XUGEN**



CPT Kummings served with the 221st Aviation Company, 307th Aviation Battalion. He was the pilot of a single engine O-1 Bird Dog on a visual reconnaissance mission with an ARVN observer, when he was fatally wounded by a sniper. The observer managed to get the aircraft back to Soc Trang Army Airfield but crashed attempting to land. The aircraft was destroyed.

He is the recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross

**James is buried at Tippecanoe Memorial Gardens, West Lafayette, Indiana**

**In OCS with him**

Was in 21-67 with him. A good man, gone way too soon.

Posted by: Wade Genthner-West  
Relationship: We served together  
January 22, 2009

## I Think of You Often

"When you go home  
Tell them for us and say  
For your tomorrow  
We gave our today"

This profound message was found chiseled outside of a U.S. military cemetery on Iwo Jima in 1945.

If Jim had read that message, and perhaps he had in his brief life, he would have understood it and accepted it. Our duty was to go where our country asked us to go, and perform our missions with courage, knowing fully that we may give "our today".

I flew with Jim from February 1969 to that terrible day of June 4, 1969. We were friends and roommates, and we shared our hopes and dreams for the future. Jim, you were the best friend I could hope to have, and your sudden passing left a void in me that remains to this day. I think of you often, I miss you daily, and I thank you for my "tomorrow".

David McGowan  
Shotgun 33

Posted by: David McGowan  
Relationship: We served together  
September 10, 2003

### **From the wall-usa.com**

This was a fine officer!  
Jim and I served together in Delta Battery, 3rd Bn, ATC at Fort Sill, OK. I believe it was his first assignment after being commissioned. He was a solid young man and a fine officer. I lost track of him after we left Sill. I thought a great deal of him.

Bill Barnhill  
Fellow Soldier  
920 Lancelot Drive  
Florence, SC 29505  
November 12, 2004