

is honored on Panel 57E, Row 9 of  
the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

**Full Name:** DAVID B RODMAN  
**Wall Name:** DAVID B RODMAN  
**Date of Birth:** 7/28/1940  
**Date of Casualty:** 5/8/1968  
**Home of Record:** HANOVER  
**State:** PA  
**Branch of Service:** ARMY  
**Rank:** CAPT  
**Casualty Country:** SOUTH VIETNAM  
**Casualty Province:** GIA DINH



CPT Rodman was serving with the 2nd Battalion, 40th Artillery, 199 Light Infantry Brigade at the time of his death. He was posthumously awarded the Silver Star for the heroic actions that cost him his life on that day.

### **Oh Captain, My Captain**

My name is David "Larry" Brannon, Major, USAR retired. As a brand new 2LT in 1967 I had the privilege of serving under CPT Dave Rodman as a firing platoon leader in his Pershing missile battery in Germany. Dave's wife Dawn moved my wife and new baby in with her and their two daughters from our cramped BOQ room when our unit deployed to the field for a 6 week tour at our missile site. I will never forget the generosity of these wonderful people. Dawn took my wife under her wing and helped her cope with this first of many long separations and the often difficult ways of military life. Dave was an excellent leader and first rate boss, very patient with, and helpful to, a new know nothing butter bar fresh out of OCS. His death came as a shock that to this day I have not recovered from. He was memorialized by the 56th FA Group (later brigade) and the 4th (later 1st) Bn, 41st FA which held services for him upon his death. The post theater on our little kasern was named for him. Dave was a brigade LNO in VN and was killed while helping load wounded grunts into the Bde Co's chopper. He was awarded the Silver Star and Purple Heart for his heroism. I think often of Dave's widow Dawn and their two daughters and hope that life has been good in spite of this tragedy. May God be with all of you always. Love and Peace, Larry Brannon, Kennesaw, GA.

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**For a number of us, the Brotherhood began at OCS**

Graduating Class 8-64, we were forged brothers in arms then, and always brothers in arms in memory. How did you land in Europe as Vietnam began to simmer and boil in Southeast Asia? I went through Pershing School and spent a year with the 2/79 Pershing Arty Rgt, but the program began to fall apart, ours anyway, and I opted to volunteer for Vietnam, after going through the USAA&MS instructor program. I landed with the 1/21 FA (105s) in Jan 1966, was AO/FO and XO of C Btry before another shift to Div Hqs. I'd welcome hearing from anyone who can tell me more about David and what became of him after OSC. From the above, Dave, you have a great family and good friends who think about you. God Bless.

Alan Berry  
Dave and I attended OCS together  
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Jan 23, 2008

**I remember Captain David B. Rodman**

I was in the 41st on the day we learned he had been killed in action. I was there on the day Lt. Brannon and Lt. Bragg arrived in the unit. I shared an office with these two. I will always remember Captain Rodman. I have visited the Moving Wall to look for his name on two occasions. My son has visited the Wall in D.C. and I have an etching and picture of Captain Rodman's name. I hope to find the time to visit the Wall someday.

David Lewis  
Served with A Btry 41st Artillery  
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May 29, 2006



Rod was born July 28, 1940. His parents are Alice and Raymond and he has one sister. His wife's name was Dawn and he has two daughters. He graduated from Hanover in 1958 where he played football and was All-State quarterback and was on the track team. He graduated from the University of Delaware in 1962 and entered the Army in November 1963. He went to Vietnam in November 1967 where he was stationed at Bien Hoa with HFB, 2nd BN, 40th Arty, 199th LT INF BDE. He was killed while in flight by hostile fire on May 8, 1968. He was awarded the National Defense, Vietnam Campaign, Vietnam Service, Air Medal, Silver Star, Bronze Star, Army Commendation, Vietnamese Military Merit, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry w/ Palm Device, and the Purple Heart. Rod was 27 years old and is remembered on Panel 57E, line 9.

Posted by: Jim McIlhenney

Relationship: Native Pennsylvanian & VietVet

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