

is honored on Panel 26E, Row 86 of
the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Full Name: CONRAD ANTHONY STYBEL
Wall Name: CONRAD A STYBEL
Date of Birth: 6/19/1942
Date of Casualty: 9/17/1967
Home of Record: PLAINFIELD
State: NJ
Branch of Service: ARMY
Rank: 1LT
Casualty Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Casualty Province: PR & MR UNKNOWN



1LT Stybel served with Company B, 227th Aviation Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division. He died of injuries received when the UH-1D Helicopter he was flying suffered a short shaft failure and crashed into trees in the vicinity of LZ Dog near Bong Son on 16 September 1967. He was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

His Bronze Star Citation reads:

By direction of the president the bronze star medal is presented to First Lieutenant Conrad A. Stybel 05419908 artillery United States Army posthumous for distinguishing himself by outstanding meritorious service in connection with ground operations against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 27 February 1967 to 17 September 1967. Through his untiring efforts and professional ability, he consistently obtained outstanding results. He was quick to grasp the implications of new problems with which he was faced as a result of the ever-changing situations inherent in a counterinsurgency operation and to find ways and means to solve those problems. The energetic application of his extensive knowledge has materially contributed to the efforts of the United States mission to the Republic of Vietnam to assist that country in ridding itself of the Communist threat to its freedom. His initiative, zeal, sound judgment and devotion to duty have been in the highest tradition of the United States Army and reflect great credit on him and on the military service.

From thewall-usa.com

Conrad is remembered by his classmates and not forgotten.
RW (Bob) Brown
Classmate - OCS 2-66
11019 87th Avenue, SW
Lakewood, Washington 98408-4301
August 12, 2005

From www.flyarmy.org

STYBEL CONRAD ANTHONY

Name: 1LT Conrad Anthony Stybel

Status: Killed In Action from an incident on 09/16/1967 while performing the duty of Aircraft Commander.

Died 1 day later on 09/17/1967.

Age at death: 25.2

Date of Birth: 06/19/1942

Home City: Plainfield, NJ

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

Unit: B/227 AHB 1 CAV

Major organization: 1st Cavalry Division

Flight class: 66-22

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

The Wall location: 26E-086

Short Summary: Short shaft failure. Aircraft crashed and burned 16 Sep 67. Stybel died next day. CE E4 R.J. Giroux survived.

Aircraft: UH-1D tail number 66-16494

Service number: O5419908

Country: South Vietnam

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

Primary cause: A/C Accident

Major attributing cause: aircraft connected not at sea

Compliment cause: fire or burns

Vehicle involved: helicopter

Position in vehicle: aircraft commander

Started Tour: 02/28/1967

"Official" listing: helicopter air casualty - other aircrew

Length of service: 03

Location: Unknown Province

Additional information about this casualty:

Stybel, LT Colito WO July 67 LZ Dog (next to English) [09/16/67] B/227th, 1st Air Cav Near LZ Dog, short shaft failure, crashed in trees near Bong Son and burned (could see smoke from LZ Dog). One in crew lived and came back. Paul Vernon has photo of aircraft back at LZ Dog. Related during VHPA 1998 by: Paul Vernon P. O. Box340 Clinton, OH B/227 1966-69 229th in Chinooks 2nd tour.

This record was last updated on 07/25/1998

Helicopter UH-1D 66-16494

Information on U.S. Army helicopter UH-1D tail number 66-16494

The Army purchased this helicopter 0667

Total flight hours at this point: 00000141

Date: 09/16/1967

Incident number: 670916031ACD Accident case number: 670916031 Total loss or fatality Accident

Unit: B/227 AVN

South Vietnam

Number killed in accident = 3 . . Injured = 1 . . Passengers = 0

costing 476438

Original source(s) and document(s) from which the incident was created or updated: Defense Intelligence Agency Helicopter Loss database. Army Aviation Safety Center database. Also: OPERA (Operations Report.)

Loss to Inventory

Crew Members:

AC 1LT STYBEL CONRAD ANTHONY KIA

P WO1 COLITO JAMES MARTIN JR KIA

CE E4 RJ GIROUX

G SGT WOOD LAWRENCE JEFFREY KIA

Accident Summary:

The short shaft failed in flight. The aircraft crashed into trees and burned. This record was last updated on 05/25/1998

From the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund website

Conrad Anthony Stybel was born on June 19, 1942, and lived in Plainfield, NJ. A 1960 graduate of Plainfield High School, Conrad enjoyed football, basketball and baseball. He attended Lehigh University for two and a half years and then transferred to Columbia University.

Stybel enlisted in the US Army in September 1964, and completed his basic training at Fort Dix, NJ. He attained the rank of First Lieutenant (1LT). He attended school for Multi Engineer Aircraft Repair and Leadership School. He graduated from the Officer Candidate School at the Artillery and Missile Center in Oklahoma.

On September 17, 1967, Stybel died from injuries received the day before when his helicopter engine failed and then crashed in the Republic of Vietnam. He was 25 years old.

Stybel received the Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Air Medal w/Numeral 9, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces Honor Medal First Class.

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Sources: Dorothy Reynolds (sister) and NJVVMF

From thewall-usa.com

Connie and I served together in the 1st Air Cav. I had already left the Company when I heard that he had been killed. It was a sad day and I've thought of him many, many times over the years. He was a good friend and pilot, and was the kind of guy you knew you could count on. I've missed being able to talk to him. We would have had a great time reminiscing over a beer or two and lying to each other about what war heroes we were. Connie, you have not been forgotten.

John LaDue
friend
Carbondale Pa
Feb 15, 2007