

## JAMES EDWARD TAYLOR

Class 29A-67

is honored on Panel 33W, Row 35 of  
the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

**Full Name:** JAMES EDWARD TAYLOR  
**Wall Name:** JAMES E TAYLOR  
**Date of Birth:** 5/6/1942  
**Date of Casualty:** 2/1/1969  
**Home of Record:** PUNTA GORDA  
**County of Record:** CHARLOTTE COUNTY  
**State:** FL  
**Branch of Service:** ARMY  
**Rank:** 1LT  
**Casualty Country:** SOUTH VIETNAM  
**Casualty Province:** BINH LONG



1LT Taylor was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism while serving with Battery B, 2d Battalion, 1st Infantry Division Artillery, 1st Infantry Division.

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#### **A vet who served with him**

I was on leave and returned into country on the day you and SGT Schmitt died. I found out when I stopped in the 1SGT's office prior to going to my new unit. It was hard to believe as I recalled talking to you before I left. Had I not extended my stay for another 6 months I would have been in the same firefight, talk about the "luck of the non-Irish". This may be the only note on your page, but be assured that as a vet it was an honor to serve with you and the others of the "BIG RED 1". For people reading this site, this hero was killed during a ground attack of his base camp. He was sighting in a 105 howitzer when he was struck by a rocket or mortar. Let us not forget his sacrifice in a war America tried to make the vet ashamed of. Not I, I was proud and still am that I and people like LT Taylor met their call of duty and served proudly. like I

T. Nascimento  
Served with him  
Fresno, CA  
August 21, 2003

Jim was a great person and a great leader. I remember him like it was yesterday. We were in an NDP called Remagen. We could get no support and were almost overrun. Jim was one of the first casualties but there were many more.

Jack McGovern  
I was with him  
5 Broad St Ossining NY 10562  
Sep 26, 2010



**James is buried at Remington Cemetery Remington, Jasper County Indiana**



### **Distinguished Service Cross Citation**

The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress, July 9, 1918 (amended by act of July 25, 1963), takes pride in presenting the Distinguished Service Cross (Posthumously) to First Lieutenant (Field Artillery) James Edward Taylor (ASN: 0-5429070), United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations involving conflict with an armed hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam, while serving with Battery B, 2d Battalion, 1st Infantry Division Artillery, 1st Infantry Division. First Lieutenant Taylor distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 1 February 1969 as acting commander of an artillery battery twelve miles northwest of Lai Khe. Shortly after midnight Lieutenant Taylor's fire support base came under intense mortar and rocket-propelled grenade fire, followed by a ground assault. As he was checking his six howitzer positions to insure that they were properly manned, he spotted a break in the perimeter wire made by an enemy bangalore torpedo. Braving the hostile shrapnel and automatic weapons fire, he ran to one of the howitzer positions and fired the gun directly into the charging communists. Although he became the target of a rocket-propelled grenade team, he continued his suppressive fire and succeeded in preventing the enemy from entering through the break in the wire. A rocket-propelled grenade struck his position, wounding him and throwing him against a sandbag wall of the howitzer parapet. Ignoring his painful injuries, he returned to the howitzer and fired the weapon until fatally wounded by a second direct hit on his position. First Lieutenant Taylor's extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty, at the cost of his life, were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army. **General Orders:** Headquarters, U.S. Army, Vietnam, General Orders No. 1138 (April 2, 1969)