

FRED ZIMRI WASHBURN

Class 3-67

is honored on Panel 42W, Row 65 of
the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Full Name: FRED ZIMRI WASHBURN
Wall Name: FRED Z WASHBURN
Date of Birth: 10/11/1944
Date of Casualty: 10/2/1968
Home of Record: MIDDLEBORO
County of Record: PLYMOUTH COUNTY
State: MA
Branch of Service: ARMY
Rank: 1LT
Casualty Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Casualty Province: QUANG TIN



1LT Washburn served with the 71st Aviation Company, 145th Aviation Battalion, 1st Aviation Brigade. He was killed when the UH-1D helicopter he was flying was hit by enemy ground fire and crashed.

My Old Roommate and Friend

Fred and I were roommates in Flight School. I remember he loved his sports car, a dark blue Sunbeam Alpine. I still have several pictures of him and his car in Savannah, GA where we were finishing flight school. He went to Vietnam a few months ahead of me. Two months after I arrived, I got a letter from him but by the time I received it, he had already died in a crash. God bless him. He was a wonderful guy. I remember he spoke to me often about his Dad. He really loved and respected him. Fred, I miss you man.

Posted by: Sean Walsh
Relationship: roommates in flight school
August 16, 2009

Friend and Classmate

Fred, We were classmates in OCS and graduated together. I never knew what happened. However, God took you home one month to the day I left the Nam. See you in the arms of God.
Your friend and classmate,
Jim Hanke

Posted by: Jim Hanke
Relationship: OCS Class 3-67
January 20, 2008

Missed and Loved

Fred,
We served together in Helicopter Flight School before our respective tours in Vietnam. We were stick-mates, and I enjoyed flying with you Fred, both day and night during our cross countries and tactical training. Unfortunately, I didn't tell you that at the time. We accomplished so much in such a short time period, and the time sped away in an instant. Neither of us ever talked about whether or not we wanted to go to Vietnam. We both simply responded to the call of our Country when it came. You are a fine human being, a great friend, pilot, and stick-mate. Fred, everyone who knew you, respected you for who you are. You had no judgments for others, just acceptance. I thoroughly enjoyed the time we spent together. I have shed many tears for you Fred, and for your family. I visited you at the Wall and have prayed for you and your family numerous times, and will continue to do so. I don't understand why such a fine man as you was taken so early... only God knows the answer to that question. After 35 years, I still have an aching heart as I write these words to you. Be at peace, and know that you are missed and loved. Your friend, John

Posted by: John H. Webb
Relationship: We served together in 1967-68
June 7, 2006



1LT Fred Zimri Washburn

Status: Killed In Action from an incident on 10/02/1968 while performing the duty of Aircraft Commander.

Age at death: 24.0

Date of Birth: 10/11/1944

Home City: Middleboro, MA

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

Unit: 71 AHC, 14 CAB

Major organization: 1st Aviation Brigade

Flight class: 68-4

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

The Wall location: 42W-065

Aircraft: UH-1D tail number 66-16830

Service number: O5425283

Country: South Vietnam

MOS: 1980 = 19 Fixed Wing Aviator (Unit Commander)

Primary cause: Hostile Fire

Major attributing cause: aircraft connected not at sea

Compliment cause: weapons

Vehicle involved: helicopter

Position in vehicle: aircraft commander

Started Tour: 05/30/1968

"Official" listing: helicopter air casualty - other aircrew

Length of service: 02

Location: Quang Tin Province I Corps.

Reason: aircraft lost or crashed

Casualty type: Hostile - killed

single male U.S. citizen

Race: Caucasian

Religion: Protestant - no denominational preference

The following information secondary, but may help in explaining this incident.

Category of casualty as defined by the Army: battle dead Category of personnel: active duty Army Military class: officer

This record was last updated on 04/30/1901

Helicopter UH-1D 66-16830

Information on U.S. Army helicopter UH-1D tail number 66-16830

The Army purchased this helicopter 0967

Total flight hours at this point: 00000634

Date: 10/02/1968

Incident number: 68100202.KIA

Unit: 71 AHC

South Vietnam

UTM grid coordinates: BT479112

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

Defense Intelligence Agency Helicopter Loss database. Also: OPERA (Operations Report.)

Loss to Inventory

Crew Members:

AC 1LT WASHBURN FRED ZIMRI KIA

P WO1 SHERIN JOHN C III KIA

CE SP4 WESTER DONALD LEE KIA

G SP4 WALSH ALLAN RAY KIA

Passengers and/or other participants:

SP4 SMIDSTRA CHARLES RICHARD, AR, PX, KIA

This record was last updated on 05/23/2004