

Remembering Captain James D. Stallings

U.S. Army Cryptologist, KIA Vietnam



Captain James D. Stallings, USA
August 31, 1932 – September 25, 1966

Married and from Carthage Tennessee, Captain Stallings was 34 when he was killed. On 25 September 1966, Capt. James D. Stallings, commanding officer of the 337th Radio Research Company (ASA) was killed in a Viet Cong ambush.

His MOS was 9640 (Electronic Warfare Cryptologic Staff Officer).

Details:

David N. McDonald, formerly of the 409th Radio Research Detachment (ASA) had met Capt. Stallings when he was TDY to the 337th. He was told that Capt. Stallings was killed by a claymore mine while returning from a PRD1 site.

Sgt. 1st Class Morris who was travelling with Stallings dragged him from the M151 (light truck) to cover, not knowing he was already dead. Members of an ARVN unit behind Stallings' vehicle said they received small arms fire from the trees. Capt. Stallings' driver, Thomas Herring, lost his right leg as a result of the attack. Sgt. Morris received a Silver Star for his courageous effort to save his mortally wounded commander.

He is buried at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia and his name is listed on Panel 11E, Row 18 on the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C.

