

United States Military Academy

CLASS OF 1970



Remembrance
Vietnam Veterans Memorial
At the Wall in Washington DC

Saturday, 10 October 2015

Welcome – Charlie McGee

National Anthem

Prologue – *The Wall* – Fr. Bill Ryan SJ

Roll Call – Bill Arcuri

“Taps”

Memories and Moments - Bill Knowlton

“The Corps” – West Point Alumni Glee Club

The Times Were a Changing - Bill Roedy

Epilogue – *The Class* – Rev. Toby Quirk

“The Alma Mater” – West Point Alumni Glee Club

Procession to the Memorial

Laying of the Wreath

The Corps, bareheaded, salute it,
With eyes up, thanking our God --

That we of the Corps are treading
Where they of the Corps have trod. --

They are here in ghostly assemblage,
The men of the Corps long dead,

And our hearts are standing attention
While we wait for their passing tread.

We sons of today, we salute you --
You sons of an earlier day;

We follow, close order, behind you,
Where you have pointed the way;

The long gray line of us stretches
Thro' the years of a century told,

And the last man feels to his marrow
The grip of your far-off hold.

Grip hands with us now though we see not,
Grip hands with us strengthen our hearts

As the long line stiffens and straightens
With the thrill that your presence imparts.

Grip hands tho' it be from the shadows --
While we swear, as you did of yore,

Or living, or dying, to honor
The Corps, and the Corps, and the Corps!

-Bishop L.S. Shipman

Serve With Integrity '70



Bob "Pop"
Brown

Marshall
Steinfeld

Dick
Green

Mike
Minor

	Memorial Panel	Line	Died
1 st LT Robert Nugent Brown	2W	44	19 Oct 71
1 st LT Howard Marshall Steinfeld	2W	65	10 Nov 71
1 st LT Richard Albert Green	2W	83	3 Dec 71
1 st LT John Michael Minor	2W	116	17 Mar 72

When the Class of 1970 entered West Point in July of 1966, the Vietnam War claimed 63 graduates at a rate of nearly one per month. By graduation, the fallen had reached 285 graduates, more than one per week. What were at first unfamiliar names whose golden placards were placed on the memorial wall outside South Auditorium soon became our former cadet company commanders, platoon leaders, squad leaders and friends. When the war ended the toll extended to classmates and roommates. The Class of 1970 serves as one bookend to the Vietnam War. Gripping hands through the years to the other bookend Class, the Class of 1941, 333 graduates are named on the Wall. In memory and tribute to our classmates, all fallen graduates, our families and those we served beside, the Class of 1970 dutifully stands at one end of our alma mater's and nation's history.

USMA Graduates Memorialized on the Vietnam Wall													
1941	1	1947	2	1951	4	1955	4	1959	15	1963	20	1967	29
1943	1	1948	2	1952	8	1956	10	1960	12	1964	23	1968	20
1945	5	1949	6	1953	13	1957	12	1961	11	1965	25	1969	18
1946	6	1950	7	1954	12	1958	12	1962	22	1966	29	1970	4

Ref: "In Memory of Our Classmates Who Fell in Vietnam: Ron Meir '66; and USMA - AOG

Well Done – Be Thou At Peace

Alma Mater

Hail Alma Mater dear,
To us be ever near.
Help us thy motto bear
Through all the years.
Let Duty be well performed.
Honor be e'er untarned.
Country be ever armed.
West Point, by thee.

Guide us, thy sons, aright,
Teach us by day, by night,
To keep thine honor bright,
For thee to fight.
When we depart from thee,
Serving on land or sea,
May we still loyal be,
West Point, to thee.

And when our work is done,
Our course on earth is run,
May it be said, "Well done;
Be thou at peace."
E'er may that line of gray
Increase from day to day
Live, serve, and die, we pray,
West Point, for thee.

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