

George Albert Gray

Chief Warrant Officer
HHC, 3RD BDE, 9TH INF DIV, USARV
Army of the United States
[Philadelphia, Pennsylvania](#)

July 09, 1947 to July 09, 1968
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PERSONAL DATA

Home of Record: Philadelphia, PA
Date of birth: 07/09/1947

MILITARY DATA

Service: Army of the United States
Grade at loss: W2
Rank: Chief Warrant Officer
ID No: W3155562
MOS: 062B: Helicopter Pilot, Utility and Light Cargo Single Rotor
Length Service: 02
Unit: HHC, 3RD BDE, 9TH INF DIV, USARV

CASUALTY DATA

Start Tour: 10/10/1967
Incident Date: 07/09/1968
Casualty Date: 07/09/1968
Age at Loss: 21
Location: Dinh Tuong Province, South Vietnam
Remains: Body recovered
Casualty Type: Hostile, died outright
Casualty Reason: Helicopter - Pilot
Casualty Detail: Air loss or crash over land

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From Al Cornell (6-20-2015)

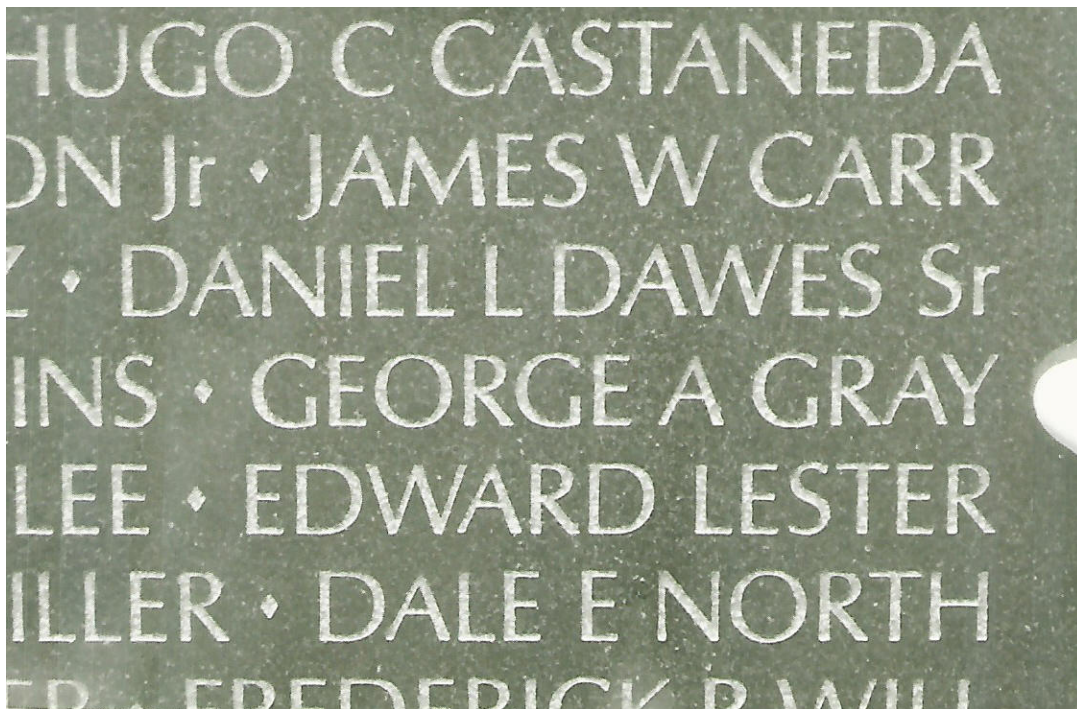
I read a book called "Sock it to'em Baby - Forward Air Controller in Vietnam" by Garry Cooper and Robert Hillier. In describing one mission, he talked about George Gray. I was thinking that it might be appropriate to include the link, in case anyone wants to read a little about George.

http://www.amazon.com/Sock-%C2%92Em-Baby-Forward-Controller/dp/1741148499/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1434803839&sr=1-1&keywords=sock+it+to%27em+baby

(page 165) This book indicates that George had been married to his high school girlfriend, Kathleen Vespico, while he was on R & R in Hawaii, sometime during his 20th year. George was killed on his 21st birthday

From Dave Hackett (6-27-2015)

Photo of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall



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From John Macionis ... (10-3-2025)

George Albert Gray was a member of the Cheltenham class of 1965 who died in Dinh Tuong province, Vietnam, on July 9, 1968, his 21st birthday. He served as a helicopter pilot and chief warrant officer of the 3rd Brigade, 9th Infantry Division of the U.S. Army.

George was a Cheltenham kid, like the rest of us. Raised by a single mom, he had funding for only a single year of college, after which he was drafted.

On that fateful day, half way around the world, Tony De Luca rode in the helicopter piloted by George Gray on George's final mission. DeLuca writes:

"I was the Battalion Commander of those beleaguered soldiers, and George flew me out to their area. It was during his extraordinary efforts to get us as close to their location that we received the heavy fire that took his life. Through the years I have asked "why him and not me?" Thanks to his heroic efforts, most of those soldiers survived the encounter and for them, and me, we are eternally grateful to George. Rest In Peace, soldier."

I ask that we take a moment to recognize a man, wounded by groundfire that would end his life, who heroically flew his fellow Americans out of harm's way, providing them with the chance at a long life even at the cost of his own.