

Paul John Wigowsky – Military Service in Vietnam @ 27th Surgical Hospital (MASH)



27th Surgical Hospital, Chu Lai, Vietnam (aerial view of where I lived and worked)



I worked in the emergency room with doctors and nurses, and fellow medical corpsmen.



I also did minor surgery – taking out fragments, etc.



My buddy in the army was Jim Christensen, a tall redhead from upstate New York.



Me in front of enlisted men's club.
Our hospital was in a sandy location near the South China Sea.



Me wearing the traditional Vietnamese hat.



I drove a jeep at times, whenever duty called. One time a drove a colonel.



Riding down Highway 1 (main road) through Vietnam towns and Villages. Sometimes we did medical service to villagers. One time, I went to Da Nang to see Bob Hope, Neil Armstrong, and other Performers in a USO show. <https://youtu.be/X24bV7Ofu-s>



Neil Armstrong 1969 Christmas USO Tour in Vietnam
<https://youtu.be/ULALQqBvknM> (Neil Armstrong, first man to walk on the moon)



South China Sea



One time I took a trip to the southern part of South Vietnam with my traveling buddy, Jim Christensen, to Dalat City. Other trips included R & R (Rest & Recuperation) trips to Hong Kong, Thailand, And Taiwan.



These were my fellow medics in the barracks where we lived.



Stateside uniform.



With my brothers, Adolf and Stanley



I came home for the Christmas holidays to be with family.



ACCIDENT SCENE — Barbara Spielman, 18, of 1179 Flying Fish Way, Foster City, is surrounded by ambulance workers and police after her auto and another collided at Fourth and Delaware Avenue, San Mateo, yesterday afternoon. Miss Spielman and a passenger, Angela Therese Holland, 21, of Mountain View, were treated at Mills Memorial Hospital and released. Driver of other car, not injured, was Kimiya Ikeda, of 123 North Fremont, authorities said.

(Times Photo)

I worked as an ambulance worker when I came back from Vietnam.



**CALIFORNIA VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL
STATE CAPITOL GROUNDS
SACRAMENTO**

<http://wigowsky.com/GW63/VeteransDay.pdf>

VETERANS PAGE -- "Those Who Served" ("Thank you for your Service!")

Today is Veterans Day! November 11th (of every year)

Following is my tribute to all veterans (including me) -- the pictures are of the Vietnam Memorial that I visited at the State Capitol in Sacramento, California.

- 1. I'm standing on the map of Vietnam that is embedded into the concrete at the entrance to the Vietnam Memorial, which is located at the eastern end of the Capitol Mall.**





Today is national "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day." (March 29, 2022)

Today was chosen because it was on this day in 1973 that the last U.S. combat troops were withdrawn from Vietnam.

There are approximately 850,000 veterans who served in Vietnam still alive today.

It is beyond shameful how they were treated upon their return home.

If you are a Vietnam Veteran reading this, thank you. We appreciate your service and sacrifice. Thank you for the terrible things you had to see and do. Thank you for the youth and innocence you were forced to give up. Thank you for the injuries and scars that you still carry with you.

We all owe you a debt that we will never fully be able to repay.

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