

JOSEPH “WAYNE” PEACE

Wayne Peace was born in Danville, Kentucky on January 28, 1948 to Mabel and Joseph Peace. He had one brother, Walter, and three sisters, Judy, Carol and Vickie.

Wayne attended the Crab Orchard, Kentucky Elementary School until the fourth grade and then moved to Osgood, Indiana. He attended grade school in Osgood and then graduated from Jac-Cen-Del High School in 1966.

Wayne entered the United States Army on February 2, 1968 and took basic training at Ft. Benning, Georgia. His AIT was at Ft. Gordon, Georgia and he also took his airborne training there. He deployed to Vietnam and served at Cu Chi, South Vietnam from August of 1968 to August of 1969 with the 25th Infantry Division and “A” Company of the 2/27th Infantry, known as the Wolfhounds.

Upon his return from Vietnam, he was assigned to Ft. Dix, New Jersey. He was discharged there on February 2, 1970 as a Staff Sergeant (E-6). That’s an unbelievable rank but it was earned hard in Vietnam. They had no Lieutenant so he was the Platoon Sergeant and ran the show.

Wayne was highly decorated and received the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Army Commendation Medal with “V” for valor, three Bronze Stars with “V” for Valor, two Purple Hearts, Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm, Presidential Unit Citation, Meritorious Unit Citation, Combat Infantryman’s Badge (CIB), Airborne Wings and Expert Badge for the M-16.

Wayne married his wife, Barbara (Mulford), on January 15, 1972 and they had two daughters: Becky (Jason Horn), and Holley (Patrick Rose) and Holly and Patrick are deceased. There are ten grandsons: Stephan, Cory, Gage, Branson, Riley, Jace, Phoenix, Keith, Dustin (Faith) and

William. There are two great-grandsons: Landon and Korbin. Barbara passed away on May 13, 2019.

Wayne worked and managed the Osgood Co-Op for over 25 years.

Wayne is a member of the Osgood American Legion Post 267, Disabled American Veterans (DAV), Military Order of the Purple Heart and Life Member of the Southeastern Indiana Vietnam Veterans of America, Lary D. Fogle Chapter 71.

Wayne received two Purple Hearts for being wounded in combat against the Viet Cong. His first was shrapnel wounds suffered from a grenade during a battle in the Hobo Woods area near Cu Chi. The second one was shrapnel wounds suffered when a fellow soldier stepped on a booby trap.

Wayne is a True American Hero and his blood is still in that Vietnamese soil. He has proven himself as a Combat Wounded Warrior and because of men like him, we all have the opportunity to “Live the American Dream”. His duty and patriotism make him a HERO and he lives by the words of Duty-Honor-Country. God Bless this American Patriot.