

GREG FELDMANN

Greg Feldmann was born on May 22, 1948 in Cincinnati, OH to Alberta and Richard Feldmann. He had one brother, Terry. He grew up in the Grosebeck area and attended St. Ann's Grade School and graduated from LaSalle High School in 1966.

Greg entered the United States Marine Corps on September 17, 1966. He reported to Camp Pendleton, CA for his training. Camp Pendleton is the major West Coast training facility for the Marines. It covers 125,000 acres where the Marines undergo intense training to become the Few, the Proud, the Marines. It was built early in World War II, in 1942.

Greg deployed to Vietnam on a troop carrier ship, the USS Upshire, that was loaded with 400 Marines and 800 Army soldiers. It was one miserable experience of 30 days on the Pacific Ocean.

He arrived in Vietnam and was assigned to B Co., 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division at the base camp in the Que Son Valley, up by the DMZ, in South Vietnam.

Greg received three Purple Hearts for being wounded in action against the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong. His last one was the one that sent him home with serious injuries.

On September 4, 1967 while fighting in the Que Son Valley, during Operation Swift, he received a Purple Heart for being wounded. This was a major battle and there were a total of 127 Americans killed, including Marines and Army. There were 250 wounded. Twenty eight of the dead were in Greg's Company. The battle lasted from Sept. 4-15.

During the Tet Offensive of 1968, Greg was sent with his Marines to the Imperial City of HUE where it became Hell on Earth for many weeks as the Marines fought hard. Greg was wounded and sent to the hospital in Cam Ranh Bay and then to Japan. He was returned to Quantico to recover and was discharged there six months later as a Corporal (E-4). He did get to enjoy an R&R in Japan while in Vietnam.

Greg's dad , Roland, was a Marine in World War II and also received a Purple Heart when wounded in the Western Pacific at Peleliu, one of the Palau Islands. Greg also served with Freddy Gonzales at Hue and Freddy was killed in action and posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor.

Greg returned home and started working in the food business for K Mart, Food Mart and Liberal Supermarket. Today, he has worked over five years at the Orscheln Store in Lawrenceburg, IN.

Greg has one son, Chad and daughter-in-law, Lori, and a granddaughter, Chloe. Greg's and his spouse, Jeanie, have been together for 25 years.

He is a Life Member of the Southeastern Indiana Vietnam Veterans of America, Larry D. Fogle Chapter 71, a member of the VFW and Disabled American Veterans (DAV).

Greg is a very patriotic man and is proud of his service as a United States Marine. He is a True American Hero who was willing to serve our great nation.