

## **NICK ULLRICH**

**Nick Ullrich was born in Cincinnati, OH on December 23, 1947, the son of Mr. & Mrs. John F. Ullrich of Aurora, IN. He has four brothers: Bill, John, Roger and Kevin.**

**Nick attended St. Mary's Grade School in Aurora and then graduated from Aurora High School in 1965. Nick entered the United States Army on February 1, 1967 and was honorably discharged on January 31, 1969.**

**He entered basic training at Ft. Knox, KY and went to Advanced Infantry Training (AIT) at Ft. Polk, LA. Nick then received his orders for Vietnam where he honorably served with distinction and gallantry in action against the Viet Cong. He was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and was a Squad Leader with the 196<sup>th</sup> Light Infantry Brigade (Americal Division) at Chu Lai and with the 199<sup>th</sup> Light Infantry in the Mekong Delta. Their specialty was combat air assaults into landing zones with the Huey Helicopters, many which were under hostile fire.**

**Nick is the recipient of the Bronze Star with "V" for Valor for heroism in ground combat and a Purple Heart for wounds received against enemy forces, the Viet Cong. Nick also earned the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Palm, Presidential Unit Citation and four Unit Citations. He also was awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge (CIB) and the Expert Badge for the M-14 and M-16 rifles.**

**During the Tet Offensive that started on January 31, 1968, his company was brought to the Saigon area to drive out the Viet Cong forces that had heavily infiltrated the area.**

**Nick's brother, John, was a member of the United States Navy and they were in Vietnam at the same time for four months but didn't get to see each other. They did enjoy one telephone call and that wasn't very easy to accomplish in Vietnam.**

**Nick and his wife, Judy (Carroll) were married on July 4, 1970, and just celebrated their 52<sup>nd</sup> anniversary. Judy is a retired school teacher from the South Dearborn School System.**

**Nick was an Eagle Scout in 1963 under the legendary Buck Crontz and later became the Scoutmaster of Troop No. 637 and has been in that position going on 50 years and has helped close to 50 scouts attain the rank of Eagle Scout.**

**Nick is a Life Member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Life Member of the Southeastern Indiana Vietnam Veterans of America, Larry D. Fogle Chapter 71, Aurora American Legion Post 231, member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart and is the President/Commander of the Vietnam Veterans Chapter 71.**

**Nick and Judy are members of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Aurora. Both are heavily involved with the Hillforest Mansion in Aurora too.**

**Nick had the honor of being a wreath presenter at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery in 2011 while on a trip with 50 local veterans. Nick was also presented with a beautiful Purple Heart plaque at the Lawrenceburg Fall**

**Fest as well as being the recipient of a beautiful plaque at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festival in Aurora, with Walt Bryant, another Vietnam Hero. He was also presented a Quilt of Valor by the Rivertown Quilters. Nick, along with his wife, Judy, were recipients of the Heart of Gold Award in Lawrenceburg.**

**Nick was quite the musician and was the lead singer with the group Cops & Robbers for several years and touring the USA. He was also inducted into the Southeastern Indiana Musicians Hall of Fame.**

**Nick was employed at the I&M, AEP Tanners Creek Power Plant starting on Aug. 4, 1983 and retiring in 2008. He worked as a member of the coal yard staff.**

**Nick is very community minded and you will see him often in Aurora doing something to make our community better. He is always there to give a helping hand.**

**Nick and PG Gentrup worked together for a few years to acquire the Huey Helicopter that is at Lesko Park on the Ohio River. They had the support and help of the VVA Chapter 71 too. It stands as a symbol for the sacrifices made in Vietnam.**

**Nick and Judy like to travel and have taken many trips together around the USA. They live out on Route 148 in Aurora.**

**Nick Ullrich is a True American Hero and is proud of his service to our great nation. Nick lives by the words Duty-Honor-Country and God.**