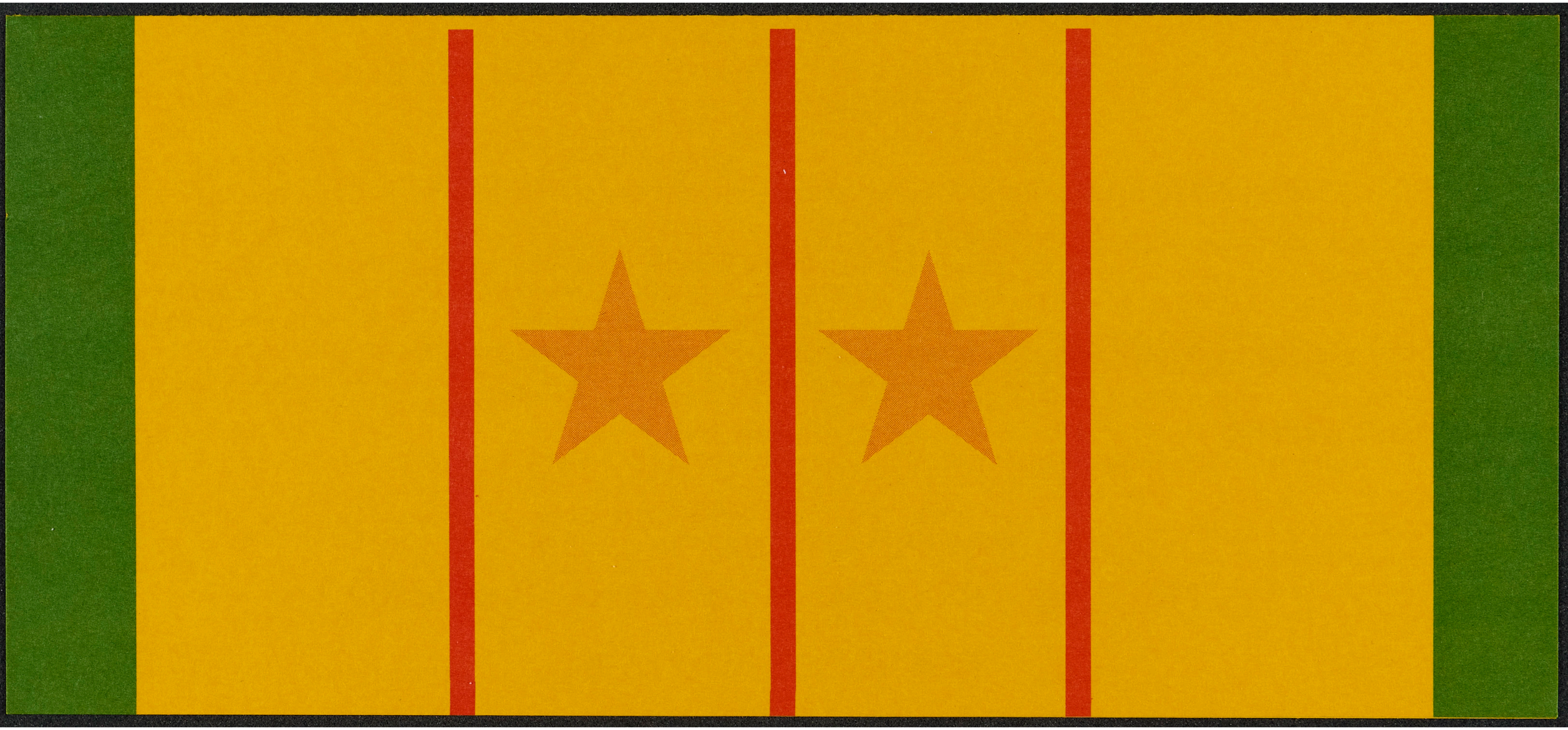


MEMORIAL DEDICATION
IN HONOR OF
CORPORAL CHARLES H. BRITTIAN, JR., USMC
KILLED IN ACTION 5 JUNE 1969
REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM
GEORGIA WORLD CONGRESS CENTER
EAST ENTRANCE

10:00 AM — 30 MAY 1994

Patriotic Selections	Army Ground Forces Band, Ft. McPherson
Welcome	Steven J. Martin, President, Atlanta Vietnam Veterans Business Association
Presentation of Colors	6th Marine Corps District
National Anthem	Army Ground Forces Band
Invocation	Chaplain J.R. McAliley, US Navy
Introduction of Speaker	Major General Larry Taylor, US Marine Corps
Dedication Address	Brigadier General George Walls, US Marine Corps (Retired)
Unveiling of Plaque	Family Members
Presentation	Rick Lester and Max Torrence, AVVBA
Amazing Grace	Naval Service Pipes and Drums
Benediction	Chaplain J.R. McAliley, US Navy
Taps	6th Marine Corps District
Retirement of Colors	6th Marine Corps District

THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL WITH COMBAT "V" AND THE NAVY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL
WERE POSTHUMOUSLY AWARDED TO
CORPORAL CHARLES H. BRITTIAN, JR.
COMPANY H, SECOND BATTALION, NINTH MARINES, THIRD MARINE DIVISION, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

Corporal Charles H. Brittian, Jr. was born in Atlanta on June 29, 1949. He attended E.A. Ware Elementary School and C.J. Price High School in Atlanta.

Following graduation in 1967, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and after training, was assigned to the Third Marine Division in Vietnam.

On 20 February 1969, during Operation Dewey Canyon, Corporal Brittian was with a patrol near Hill 891 in Quang Tri Province when the rear security guard noticed that the Marines were being followed by hostile soldiers. As soon as contact was made with the enemy, Corporal Brittian's team set up their machine gun on the trail and immediately began delivering a heavy volume of fire upon the hostile force. Alertly observing three enemy soldiers attempting to crawl toward the Marines, Corporal Brittian opened fire on them and killed one hostile soldier. Returning fire, the enemy damaged the machine gun and wounded Corporal Brittian and the patrol leader. Undaunted, he steadfastly ignored his painful injury as he obtained a rifle from a companion and then delivered accurate and effective fire upon the advancing hostile soldiers, forcing them to withdraw. His heroic and timely actions inspired all who observed him and were responsible for saving the life of his wounded patrol leader, who was lying in the path of the advancing enemy.

Corporal Brittian was recommended for the Bronze Star and Navy Achievement Medals for these actions.

Subsequently, on 5 June, 1969, while on patrol, Corporal Brittian's squad was ambushed and came under heavy enemy attack. Corporal Brittian was struck by enemy grenade fragmentation, killing him immediately.

Corporal Brittian's courage, aggressive fighting spirit and unwavering devotion to duty in the face of great danger were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and of the United States Naval Service.

"TO THOSE WHO FIGHT FOR IT, LIFE HAS A FLAVOR THE PROTECTED NEVER KNOW."

This Dedication Ceremony is sponsored by The **Atlanta Vietnam Veterans Business Association (AVVBA)**, whose purpose is to honor those who served and those who gave their lives in the Vietnam War, and to promote a positive image of the Vietnam Veteran to the business community and the Public.

The Atlanta Vietnam Veterans Business Association wishes to thank Georgia World Congress Center, Northwest Airlines and Accent Graphics for their special cooperation in this memorial dedication.

PAST MEMORIAL RECIPIENTS AND LOCATIONS

1993	1LT WILLIAM GAY, JR. US ARMY	SHEPHERD SPINAL CENTER
1992	CPL RICHARD F. SUTTER US MARINE CORPS	UNDERGROUND ATLANTA
1991	WO FRANCES McDOWELL, JR. US ARMY	CONCOURSE A - HARTSFIELD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
1990	PFC JOEL C. ROPER US ARMY	CONCOURSE OFFICE COMPLEX TOWER COURTYARD
1989	CWO ROBERT N. SAULS US ARMY	PEACHTREE CENTER COURTYARD
1988	1LT GARY C. JONES US ARMY	CNN CENTER ATRIUM
1987	LT JOHN L. FULLER US MARINE CORPS	GALLERIA COMPLEX