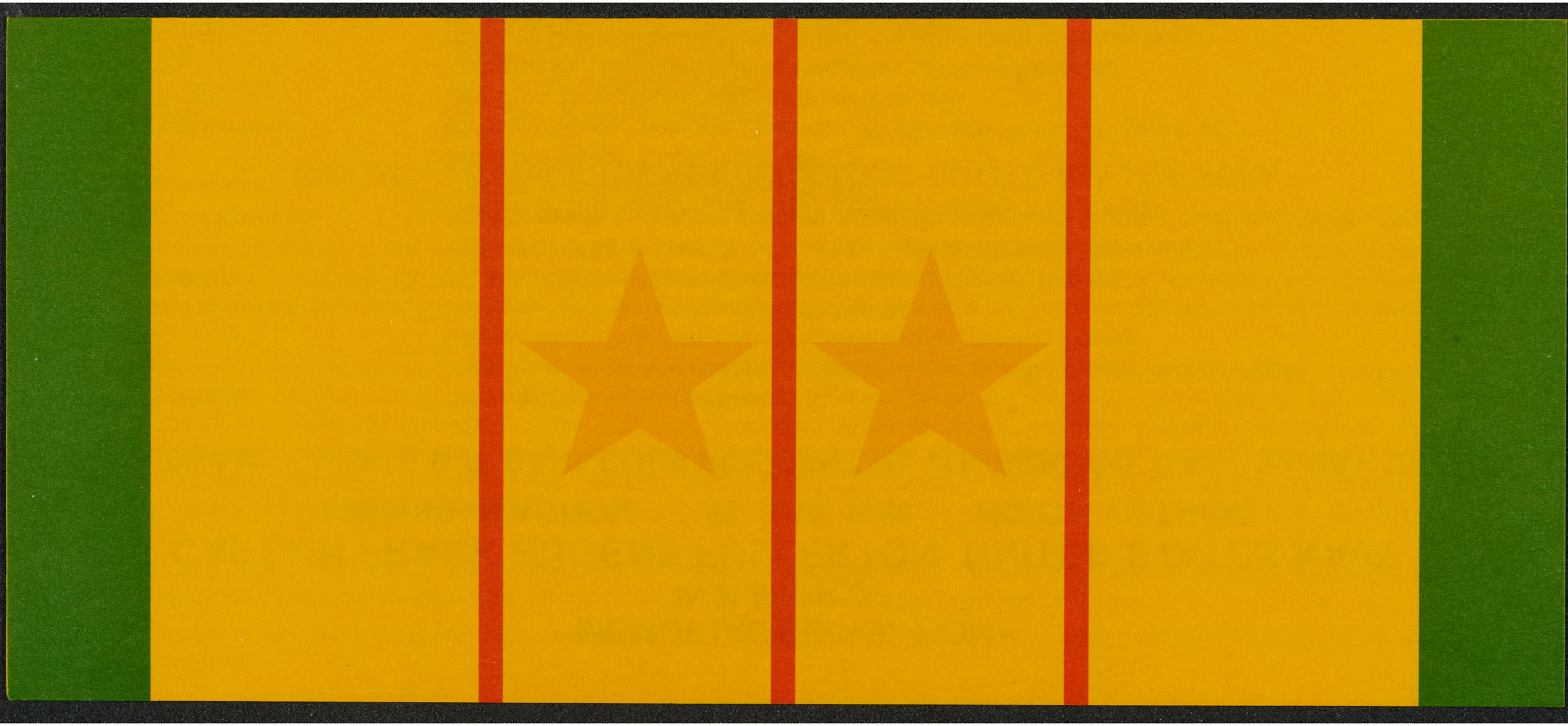


MEMORIAL DEDICATION
IN HONOR OF
CAPTAIN FRANK EUGENE FULLERTON, UNITED STATES NAVY
MISSING IN ACTION 27 JULY 1968 NORTH VIETNAM
11:00 AM HAROLD R. BANKE JUSTICE CENTER, JONESBORO, GA 22 MAY 2003

Patriotic Selection	US Army Ground Forces Band
Welcome	John Sours, President Atlanta Vietnam Veterans Business Association (AVVBA)
	Crandle Bray, Chairman, County Commissioner, Clayton County
Presentation of Colors	US Navy Color Guard, Naval Air Station Atlanta
National Anthem	US Army Ground Forces Band, Soloist James Carney (Moby)
Invocation	Monsignor Chaplain Daniel J. O'Connor, Colonel US Army Reserve (Ret.)
Introduction of Speakers	The Honorable T. Jackson Bedford, Judge, Superior Court, Fulton County and AVVBA Member
Dedication Address	Thomas W. Schaaf Sr., CDR, USN, Ret.
	David N. Rogers, RADM, USN, Ret.
Unveiling of Memorial	Michael Fleming, Memorial Chairman, AVVBA with Frank E. Fullerton Jr.
Amazing Grace	Dan Titus, Piper, Naval Services Piper & Drums
Benediction	Commander, (Chaplain) Donnie Hudgens , US Navy Reserves
Salute and Taps	US Army Ground Forces Honor Guard, US Army Ground Forces Band
Retirement of Colors	US Navy Color Guard, Naval Air Station Atlanta
Honor to Veterans	Soloist James Carney (Moby)
Closing of Ceremony	John Sours, President AVVBA
Service Songs	US Army Ground Forces Band

CAPTAIN FRANK EUGENE FULLERTON, UNITED STATES NAVY
ATTACK SQUADRON 93, USS BONHOMME RICHARD

CAPT Fullerton was born January 2, 1934 in Riverdale, Georgia. He graduated from Jonesboro High School in May, 1950. In 1952 Captain Fullerton enlisted in the US Navy. He was commissioned as an Ensign on 17 April 1956 and awarded the gold wings of a Naval Aviator. Captain Fullerton then served in a variety of assignments in Virginia, Florida, Hawaii and California prior to his posting in April 1968 to Attack Squadron 93 on board the USS Bonhomme Richard, an aircraft carrier on station off the coast of North Vietnam.

On 27 July 1968, then Lieutenant Commander, Fullerton launched his A4F “Skyhawk” attack aircraft as the flight leader of a two-plane section on a night road reconnaissance mission over North Vietnam. As the flight crossed the coastline, LCDR Fullerton had his wingman placed in a one-to-two mile trail position 2000 feet above him. Three to four minutes after crossing the coastline, LCDR Fullerton spotted a series of lights on the ground and, assessing them to be trucks, he initiated his bomb run. The wingman saw two bombs detonate followed by a secondary explosion. After the wingman completed his bomb run he attempted to contact LCDR Fullerton without success. Repetitive searches of the area were unsuccessful in finding LCDR Fullerton or his aircraft and LCDR Fullerton was declared Missing in Action. He continued receiving promotions while classified as Missing in Action. He was not among the POW's released in 1978 and his status was changed to Killed in Action.

Captain Fullerton's patriotism, selflessness, strength of character and heroism reflects positively on his family and truly represents the finest traditions of the United States of America, the US Navy and his home State of Georgia. He was 24 years old, and had been in-country for 165 days.

For his courage and selflessness he was posthumously awarded The Bronze Star for Valor and the Purple Heart, reflecting positively on his family, the U.S. Army and the United States of America.

"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.

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PAST MEMORIAL RECIPIENTS AND LOCATIONS

2002	SSG Allen B. Callaway, US Army	DeKalb County Courthouse
2001	CPT J. Patrick Jaeger, USAF	Two Live Oak Center
2000	Those Atlantans Who Lost Their Lives In SE Asia	Atlanta History Center
1999	WO George T. Condrey, III, US Army	Lenox Towers
1998	LCPL Russell M. Dobyns, JR, USMC	Chastain Park
1997	MAJ Joseph A. Bishop, US Army	Woodward Academy
1996	CPT Merrill D. Reich, JR, US Army	First Union Plaza
1995	MAJ Peter P. Pitman, USAF	Georgia Tech Quadrangle
1994	CPL Charles H. Brittian, JR, USMC	Ga. World Congress Center
1993	1LT William Gay, JR, US Army	Shepherd Spinal Center
1992	CPL Richard F. Sutter, USMC	Underground Atlanta
1991	WO Frances McDowell, JR, US Army	Concourse A, Hartsfield Airport
1990	PFC Joel C. Roper, US Army	Concourse Tower Courtyard
1989	CWO Robert N. Sauls, US Army	Peachtree Center Courtyard
1988	1LT Gary C. Jones, US Army	CNN Center Atrium
1987	2LT John L. Fuller, USMC	Galleria Complex