Lieutenant Travis B. Lee

Georgia Military Veterans Hall of Fame

A 1963 Sprayberry High School and Southern Tech graduate, Travis Bertrand Lee, Jr., has posthumously been inducted into the 2022 Georgia Military Veterans Hall of Fame.

Announcement of the induction, together with those of 14 other deserving veterans into the Class of 2022, was made by 2013 GMVHOF Founder Col. Paul Longgrear (USA-Ret) of Pine Mountain.

Travis was an avid baseball fan who played for and coached baseball in the East Marietta Little League throughout his youth. His favorite pastime days were halted, however, when he was drafted while working at Lockheed at the conclusion of his engineering studies at Southern Tech.

After completing Basic Training in 1967, he was accepted to Engineer Officer Candidate School at Fort Belvoir, VA. where he excelled in initiative and sound leadership abilities. Applying these skills, 1st Lt. Travis reported to Vietnam in March 1969 as a Combat Engineer but was soon thereafter assigned to an Infantry battalion due to a shortage of Infantry Lieutenants.

During a night mission in Dinh Toung Province when his platoon come under enemy attack, Lt. Lee set his men in a secure defense perimeter, directing air and artillery fire until the enemy was driven back. Later in the night under renewed attack and while disregarding his own safety, Lt. Lee moved among his men, guiding them to secure positions until he was mortally wounded by enemy fire. For his extraordinary heroism in close combat with an armed hostile force, Lt. Lee was posthumously awarded the Silver Star, the Bronze Star with 1st Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Purple Heart.

As a legacy to his memory, a baseball field at Sewell Park, home of the East Marietta Little League, has been named in his honor.

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Memorial Dedication

Honoring
Lieutenant Travis B. Lee
October 13, 1945 – April 17, 1969



Recipient of the Silver Star



11:00 am, September 20, 2024
Sewell Park, Marietta, GA

Program

Patriotic Music

Welcome
Skip Bell, AVVBA Board Chairman

Presentation of Colors
Johns Creek Veterans Association Honor Guard

National Anthem

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation
Milton Jones, AVVBA Director

Recognition of Special Guests
Skip Bell, AVVBA Board Chairman

Travis Lee Family Remarks
Amy Cates Lyle, Niece

Travis Lee Remembrances
Ed Woods
Paul Teague

Keynote Speaker
Ron Helmly, Lt. General, U.S. Army (Ret)
AVVBA Member

Unveiling of Memorial

Taps

Closing Remarks
Skip Bell, AVVBA Board Chairman

Benediction
Milton Jones, AVVBA Director

Patriotic Music

Inscription on the Bronze Plaque

IN MEMORY OF

FIRST LIEUTENANT TRAVIS BERTRAND LEE, JR.
UNITED STATES ARMY

Killed in Action 17 APR 1969 Republic of Vietnam

While assigned as a Platoon Leader, Company C, 4th Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment, 9th Infantry Division, Lieutenant Lee was leading a night mission in Dinh Tuong Province in the Mekong Delta when it came under attack. He set up his men in a secure defense perimeter and directed air and artillery fire until the enemy was driven back. Later in the night the enemy renewed the attack. Disregarding his own safety, LT Lee moved among his men giving instructions and encouragement until he was mortally wounded by enemy fire. LT Lee's extraordinary heroism in close combat with hostile forces was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military forces and reflected great credit upon himself, the 9th Infantry Division and the United States Army.

As a result of his outstanding heroism and selfless devotion to duty, many friendly lives were saved. Combat Engineer, LT Lee was posthumously awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge, The Silver Star, The Bronze Star Medal with First Oak Leaf Cluster, and Purple Heart.

First Lieutenant Travis Bertrand Lee, United States Army, was born 13 0CT 1945 in Lynchburg, Virginia. He graduated from Sprayberry High School in 1963 and then Southern Polytechnic Institute with a degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology in 1965. Travis played for and coached baseball in the East Marietta Little League where a ball field is named in his honor at Sewell Park. He was accepted for Combat Engineering OCS at Ft. Belvoir, VA, and upon graduation, selected to become a TAC officer in the same program. He was killed on 17 APR 1969 five weeks after arriving in Vietnam. He is buried in Marietta National Cemetery.

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