

MEMORIAL DEDICATION
IN HONOR OF
COMMANDER CLARENCE WILLIAM STODDARD JR., UNITED STATES NAVY
KILLED IN ACTION ON 14 SEPTEMBER 1966 OVER THE GULF OF TONKIN, NORTH VIETNAM
THURSDAY 26 MAY 2005 11:00 AM COLONY SQUARE MALL, 1197 PEACHTREE ST. NE ATLANTA, GA

Patriotic Selections	Albany Marine Band, Marine Corps Logistics Base, Albany, Georgia
Welcome	Bryan C. W. Tate, President, Atlanta Vietnam Veterans Business Association
Presentation of Colors	Naval Air Station Atlanta, Color Guard
National Anthem	Albany Marine Band
Invocation	Father Larry Schmuhl, S.M
Introduction of Speakers	John Sours, Chairman, Atlanta Vietnam Veterans Business Association
Dedication Address	Admiral James Ellis Jr., USN, (Retired), Former Commander, United States Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Nebraska Clinton Johnson, Capt, USNR, (ret), a member of AVVBA and a squadron mate of CDR Stoddard
America The Beautiful	Bagpiper, Mr. Wayne Coleman
Unveiling of Memorial	Bryan C.W. Tate, President AVVBA and Bruce Holroyd, Memorial Chairman AVVBA, with Mrs. Clarence William Stoddard Jr.
Folding of Flag	Naval Air Station-Atlanta Honor Guard with Mr. Wayne Witter, AVVBA
Navy Hymn	Atlanta Sacred Chorale
Benediction	Father Larry Schmuhl, S.M
Salute and Taps	Naval Air Station-Atlanta, Honor Guard and Bugler Mr. Joseph H. Peek
Retirement of Colors	Naval Air Station-Atlanta, Command Color Guard
Closing of Ceremony	Bryan C. W. Tate, President, Atlanta Vietnam Veterans Business Association
Service Songs	Albany Marine Band

COMMANDER CLARENCE WILLIAM STODDARD JR., UNITED STATES NAVY
COMMANDING OFFICER, ATTACK SQUADRON 25
USS CORAL SEA

Commander Stoddard was born in Atlanta, Georgia, 30 January 1927, the son of William and Helen Stoddard (both deceased), who resided in Northeast Atlanta, more commonly known today as the Virginia Highlands area. Bill was an active member of his high school, participating in baseball, basketball and golf while also captaining the Marist School band. He graduated from Marist School in 1944 and immediately enlisted in the United States Navy. After one year of service he accepted an appointment to the United States Naval Academy where he graduated and was commissioned an Ensign, USN, 3 June, 1949. He married his high school sweetheart, the former Janey Miller, in November 1949. Janey was Miss Georgia and runner-up to Miss America in 1946.

On 14 September, 1966, while Commanding Officer of Attack Squadron 25 (VA25), embarked in the USS Coral Sea (CVA-43), CDR Stoddard was leading a two-plane bombing mission over North Vietnam searching for enemy truck convoys. Near the village of Nghi Thiet, his radar detection system warned him of enemy missile activity. Taking evasive action, he withdrew over the Gulf of Tonkin before his aircraft, a single engine propeller A-1 Skyraider, was struck by enemy surface-to-air missiles. CDR Stoddard was initially listed as Missing In Action. His status was changed in 1973 to Killed In Action.

CDR Stoddard joined the U.S. Navy in 1944 during World War II. During his 22 years of service, he served two combat tours in the Korean Conflict and two in Vietnam. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, two Purple Hearts, eight Air Medals and two Navy Commendation Medals with Combat V in addition to numerous service medals and foreign decorations.

Commander Stoddard's patriotism, selflessness, strength of character and heroism reflect the finest traditions of the United States of America, the United States Navy and his home State of Georgia..

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

The Atlanta Vietnam Veterans Business Association thanks you for attending this ceremony.

We wish to extend our sincere appreciation to Trizec Properties, Inc., for allowing this memorial to be erected on the grounds of the property of Colony Square and their generous contribution to this ceremony.

Our appreciation also goes to the Sheraton Midtown and Georgian Terrace Hotels for the accommodations of our special quests.

The aircraft participating in this ceremony were provided by:

C-130 Hercules - 94th Air Lift Wing, U. S. Air Force Reserve, Dobbins Air Reserve Base. Coordinator - Major Steve Drosos

UH1- (Medical Evacuation Helicopter), 1st Aviation Group, Georgia Army National Guard. Coordinator - CWO John Ely.

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PAST MEMORIAL RECIPIENTS AND LOCATIONS

2004	SP4 Michael R. Glenn, US Army	Smyrna Village Green
2003	CAPT. Frank E. Fullerton, US Navy	Harold R. Banke Justice Center
2002	SSG Allen B. Callaway, US Army	DeKalb County Courthouse
2001	CPT Julius Patrick Jaeger, US Air Force	Two Live Oak Building
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, USMarine Corps	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 F. Pitman, US Air Force	Georgia Tech Quadrangle
1994	CPL Charles H. Brittian, US Marine Corps	Ga. World Congress Center
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 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, US Marine Corps	Galleria Complex