In Memory of

Corporal Harry Kenneth Vaughan

The Ninth Infantry Division



Milton High School
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Program

Patriotic Selections	116th Army Band
AVVBA Welcome	Tom Yearian, AVVBA Chairman
Presentation of Colors	2d BN 47th Regt Color Guard
National Anthem	McKenzie Kurtz, Milton High School
Invocation	Ch, COL, Robert Certain (USAF Ret.)
AVVBA Opening Remarks	R. Kurt Mueller, AVVBA President
City of Milton Remarks	Joe Lockwood, Mayor
Introduce Speaker	COL Rondem
A Co 2d BN 47th Regt Speaker	Jerry Jaworski
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	COL Rondem
Keynote Speaker	J. Ron Helmly, LTG USA (ret)
Unveiling of Monument	Tom Yearian, AVVBA Chairman, President Mueller and the Vaughan Family
Amazing Grace	Tom Crawford, Bagpiper
Service Songs	116th Army Band
Closing Remarks	COL Rondem
Benediction	COL Certain
Taps and Honors	2D BN 47th Regt and 116th Army Band
Retirement of the Colors	2D BN 47th Regt Color Guard

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UNITED STATES ARMY

Killed in Action – 7 March 1968 – Bien Hoa Province, Republic of Vietnam

Harry Kenneth Vaughan was born on 14 March 1947 in the Hopewell Community in unincorporated Fulton County, now a part of the City of Milton. He attended Milton High School and graduated in May 1967. He was drafted shortly after graduation. After completing Basic Training and Infantry Advanced Individual Training, CPL Vaughan arrived in the Republic of Vietnam on 18 January 1968.

On 7 March 1968, while assigned to Company A, 2d Battalion (Mechanized), 47th Infantry Regiment, 9th Infantry Division, as a Track Operator on an Armored Personnel Carrier (APC), CPL Vaughan's unit was in the lead position in a column during an operation from Fire Support Base Gray in Bien Hoa Province. As the APC moved off road into the Binh Son rubber plantation, the APC detonated a large buried "booby trap". The blast killed Corporal Vaughan instantly as well as five others in his APC.

Corporal Vaughan died in the service of his country and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and Purple Heart. Additionally Corporal Vaughan was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Sharpshooter Badge with Rifle Bar, and the Marksmanship Badge with Automatic Rifle Bar. He is buried at the Hopewell Baptist Church Cemetery in the City of Milton.

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47th Infantry Regiment, United States Army

The United States Army has historically been composed of a number of Regiments. A Regiment usually consists of two or more battalions of approximately 600 soldiers each. In the last century the Army ceased to use regiments as fighting units but has kept the concept for historical and identity purposes. The lineage of some regiments can be traced to the earliest days of the Republic and their participation in actions in the service of our nation is a source of pride to soldiers serving in units that claim a part of that history.

The 47th Regiment was first organized on 1 June 1917 as Company C, 47th Infantry, at Syracuse, New York. The Regiment's most important engagements of World War I took place at Sergy on the Ourco in July of 1918 and at St. Mihiel and the immortal Meuse-Argonne Offensive in September-November of 1918. At the war's end the Regiment served as an occupation force at Colblenz, Austria, returning to the United States in the fall of 1919. Deactivated in 1921 and reactivated in 1940 as part of the 9th Infantry Division, the 47th underwent amphibious training.

In November 1942, the Regiment landed at Safi, French Morocco, where it helped mop up stubborn Vichy resistance. They then moved west and took part in one of the fiercest battles of the war, El Guettar. On 11 June 1944, the 47th landed at Utah Beach as part of the Normandy invasion. After bearing the brunt of the German offensive at the "Battle of the Bulge" in December 1944, the Regiment then pushed to the Rhine where they secured the bridgehead at Remagen. PFC Carl Sheridan was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions at Frezenberg Castle. The war ended for the 47th with the historic meeting with the Russians at the Mulde River. The Regiment then took over Dachau Concentration Camp and served as an occupation force until deactivation in 1946.

Activated again in 1947, the 47th Regiment returned to Germany to serve with NATO forces, returning stateside in 1956.

In January 1967 the Regiment was deployed to the Republic of Vietnam. In Vietnam the Regiment developed the tactics of riverrine warfare and was instrumental in three of the 9th Division's biggest achievements: finding the war's largest arms cache; stamping out the enemy attacks at Long Binh during the Tet offensive and stopping the second wave invasion attempt in southern Saigon. It was for action in Vietnam that SP4 George C. Lang was awarded the Medal of Honor.

You will notice that the unit Colors have a number of streamers or ribbons attached at the top of the staff. These are all different and are a record of the unit's actions and citations. The colors and patterns of these streamers are reflected in the decorations worn by soldiers who were attached to the unit at the time they were earned.

With a total of 24 Regimental Streamers, 8 Presidential Unit Citations, 3 Valorous Unit Citations, 1 Meritorious Unit Commendation and 8 Foreign Citations of Honor for Gallantry, the 47th Infantry Regiment is one of the most decorated units in the United States Army.

The 47th Infantry Regiment is currently assigned to the 194th Armored Brigade at Ft Benning, Georgia and carries on into its 97th year, still committed to Excellence and to producing the world's greatest soldiers with tough, arduous training.