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finally get their thanks



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Vietnam veterans Raymundo Rivera III, left, and Bruce Fonnest, meet at the building site of the new Vietnam War Memorial at Veterans Memorial Park on March 12.

Monument: Ceremony for New Mexico’s Vietnam veterans will be March 28

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LAS CRUCES » As the 40th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War approaches, the time has finally come for Las Cruces to formally thank some of its heroes — the approximately 62,296 New Mexicans who served there.

Since that day, April 30, 1975, many Vietnam veterans have lived quietly, shying away from attention because of mostly negative sentiments among Americans about the war. Unlike their older counterparts, and more recently their children and grandchildren who served in Iraq and Afghanistan, there were no welcome home parades or other shows of support for their service in Vietnam.

“For a long time, a lot of Vietnam veterans had to hide their service from the public,” said Bruce Fonnest, president of the Las Cruces chapter of Vietnam Veterans of America, who volunteered for two tours of duty in Vietnam, from 1969 until 1971. “Some of them came home and were spat on, treated like second-class citizens. A lot didn’t want to talk much about what they did, what they saw, and there are some who still don’t.”

But that has changed in the past 10 years or so. As the harsh public feelings about Vietnam has eased, so have the perspectives of some Vietnam veterans.

With that, a Vietnam War Memorial to honor the 398 New Mexicans killed in action in Vietnam will be unveiled during a ceremony at 9 a.m. March 28 at the southwest corner of Veterans Memorial Park, 2651 Roadrunner Parkway.

The monument, with the theme “Heroes Never Thanked,” will cost as much as \$150,000 when it’s fully finished. It is a partnership between the state of New Mexico, the private sector and residents. State funds will pay for about half of the monument’s construction, with the rest paid through private donations.

“Monuments of this type have to have a community buy-in,” said J. Joe Martinez, who came up with the initial concept of the Vietnam memorial for the park.

State Rep. Terry McMillan, R-Las Cruces, worked with Martinez to appropriate \$80,000 in state funds to build the monument. The remaining \$70,000 will be raised through donations and other public support. About \$12,000 has been raised so far through the sale of monument souvenirs, with an additional \$15,000 in private donations. Organizers said more than \$40,000 might be needed to be raised to finish construction of the monument.

The first phase of the monument to be unveiled this month will feature flagpoles flying the colors of the

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Vietnam veterans Bruce Fonnest, at left, Walter Baker, and Frances Williams on the building site of the new Vietnam War Memorial.

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Memories: 4 Las Cruces Vietnam veterans share personal war experiences

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LAS CRUCES » As the Vietnam War Memorial has slowly begun to rise at Veterans Memorial Park, some Las Cruces Vietnam veterans have returned again and again to check on the progress of construction. They have a vested interest in the monument. While they don’t dwell on the past, there is still a realization that an important part of their lives was spent in Vietnam almost 50 years ago.

Several Las Cruces took time to share some of their memories and experiences they had while serving in Vietnam.

Frances Williams

In a small plastic bag, Frances Williams still has the khaki green uniform she wore as a Department of Army civilian in Vietnam.

Williams was “loaned” to the Army there while working at White Sands Missile Range. While in Vietnam from November 1967 until June 1968, she volunteered at the 24th medical evacuation hospital in Long Binh, a little more than 20 miles from Saigon.

“My job was as a go-fer and letter writer,” said Williams, 86. “When they brought all of the wounded to the hospital, the first thing they always wanted was their wallets — and we would get their wallets back to them.”

One night at the hospital, in 1968, Williams was summoned by a doctor who asked if she was indeed from New Mexico. A badly injured soldier, a Tewa Indian from New Mexico had been brought in.

“He had been shot in the eyes and was blinded,” Williams said. “It turned out to be Michael Naranjo, who has since become a world renowned artist and sculptor.

“At first, he wouldn’t talk to anyone, including me. But after learning I was from New Mexico, too, he finally had a discussion with me about New Mexico.”

Two years ago, Naranjo came to Las Cruces to participate in an event sponsored by the Doña Ana Arts Council.

“He didn’t remember me from those days in Vietnam, but it was the first time I had seen him since 1968,” Williams said.

Williams also remembered well the start of the Tet Offensive, one of the largest military campaigns during the Vietnam War. It began on Jan. 30, 1968.

“Three weeks before Tet, I got shot at,” Williams said. “I saw the whole thing, including the fight for the American Embassy.”

The U.S. embassy in Saigon was a six-story building on a four-acre compound. It was one of six tar-

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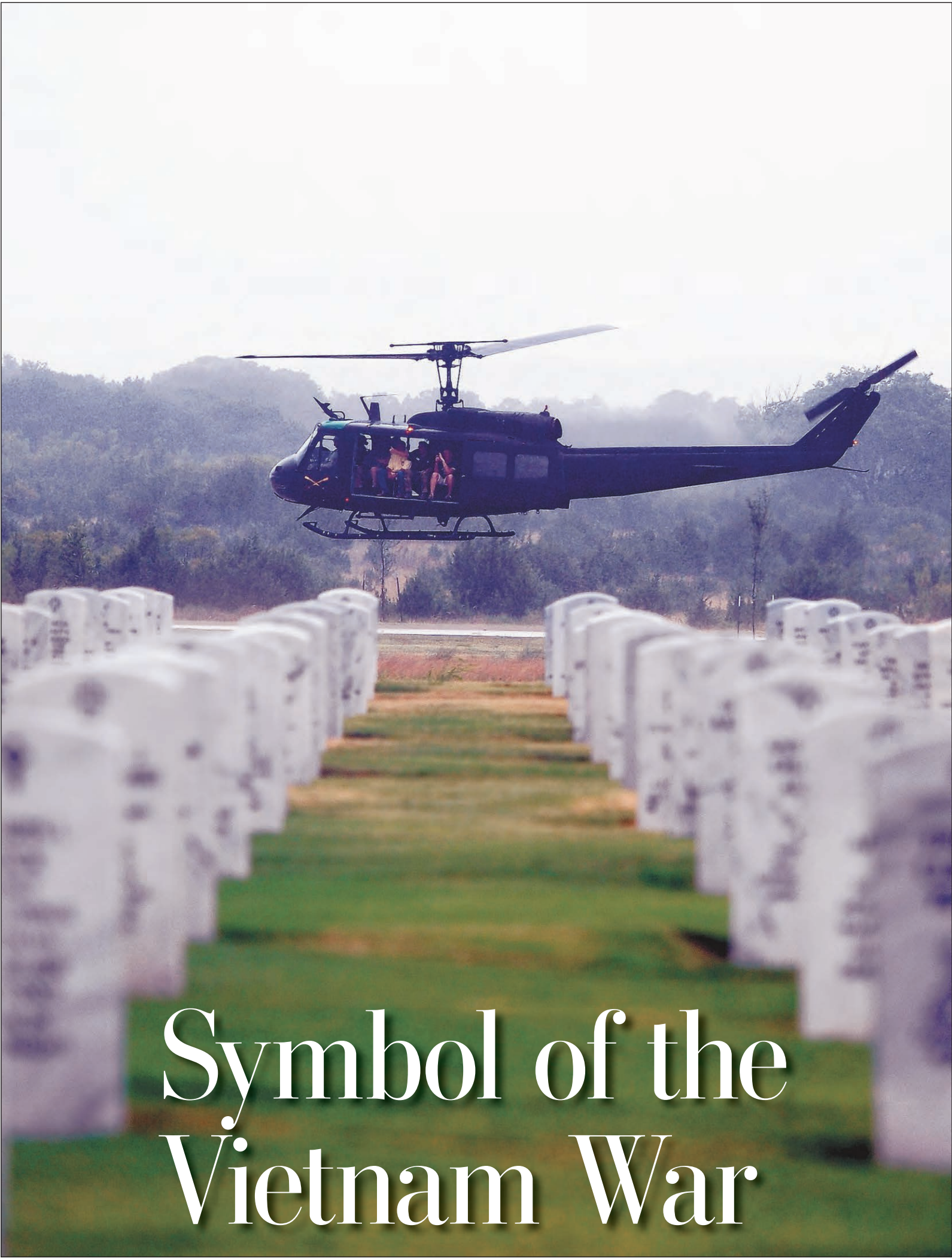


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VIETNAM WAR MEMORIAL



A UH-1 helicopter, operated by 21st Cavalry Brigade (Air Combat), carries Vietnam veterans on an airlift, which passed over the Central Texas Veterans Cemetery in Killeen Saturday, Aug. 18, 2012, as part of the farewell and retirement ceremony of the Fort Hood's three UH-1 "Huey" helicopters. Las Cruces veterans plan to acquire one of the warships for the Vietnam War Memorial.

Symbol of the Vietnam War

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Huey helicopter will ‘fly’ over monument; it could be erected in about a year, vets say

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LAS CRUCES » It will likely be another year before a major focal point of the Vietnam War Memorial monument at Veterans Memorial Park — a Vietnam era, full-scale UH-1 “Huey” helicopter — will be publicly displayed.

Unless someone has about half a million dollars they'd like to donate. That is what one of those helicopters would cost today to buy used but still functional.

A Huey helicopter like those used during the Vietnam War are 57 feet long, almost nine feet wide, and are 14.5 feet high from the base to top of their rotor blades.

Like many military personnel who waited for a Huey to arrive during combat in Vietnam, there are many Las Cruces anxious for the monument's helicopter to arrive.

“A real helicopter at that monument, that's just going to be so cool,” said Emily Fairchild, a homemaker. “My father served in Vietnam and he told us stories about troops always being airlifted or medevaced, or supplies or equipment being brought to

them. It's going to be pretty neat to get one of those there (at the monument). Too bad it isn't going to happen now.”

Many Vietnam veterans agree the Bell UH-1 Iroquois helicopter, more commonly know as the Huey, was the symbol of America's military involvement during the Vietnam War.

“It's the number one thing that veterans who served in Vietnam remember most,” said Bruce Fonnest, president of the Las Cruces chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America. “It did everything, fly military personnel in and out of combat, served as medical transport, and if it was equipped properly it could even served as a gunship. Anytime you saw one of those you knew it meant something good. I'm excited about this monument getting one of those.”

J. Joe Martinez, who came up

with the concept of the monument while visiting with cousins who served in Vietnam, said the process of obtaining the Huey won't be easy and will take some time.

“The bureaucracy to get it takes a lot longer than anyone realized,” Martinez said. “The initial request for one was submitted several years ago. There's a lot of paperwork to fill out, but we're at the point where we've got four possibilities being explored.”

But Martinez is optimistic a Huey will be donated.

“It will be the second phase of (development of) the monument,” Martinez said. “All along, we've said the monument would be done in stages. Right now, we're focused on getting the main portion of the monument built. But in this next phase, all of the attention will



In this 2011 file photo, the last three UH-1V Huey helicopters in the Louisiana National Guard prepare to take off for their final mission from Esler Airfield in Pineville, La. Las Cruces veterans are working to acquire a helicopter like these ones for the local monument.

be on getting the Huey. Also, it will give us another reason to honor those (Vietnam) veterans at another time. So, I'm hoping that in about another year, we're back at the monument to unveil the Huey.”

The helicopter was initially developed by Bell Helicopter to meet the U.S. Army's need of a medical evacuation and utility helicopter in 1952, and it first flew Oct. 20, 1956, according to Wikipedia.

Ordered into production in March 1960, the UH-1 was the first turbine-powered helicopter to be produced for the U.S. military.

Huey's first Vietnam combat mission was in 1963, for the U.S. Army. Including other military branches, about 7,000 Huey helicopters were used during the Vietnam War.

“The helicopter at the monument will have a Red Cross emblem on it, no guns will be visible,” Martinez said. “After talking with veterans who served there, we want it that way because Hueys with the Red Cross emblem were almost always the ones the troops were the most eager to see.

“For this monument, it's going to be a pretty incredible sight.”

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George Alvarez of Infante Rockwalls works on the new Vietnam War Memorial rapidly taking shape at Veterans Memorial Park in Las Cruces. The monument will be dedicated March 28.

Monument

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eight U.S. military branches that served in Vietnam. A semicircular structure in marble will have historical information about Vietnam and the military units deployed there.

Two highlights of the monument will be the names and photos of New Mexicans killed in action in Vietnam. New Mexico was the first state to gather photographs of all its residents who died in Vietnam at the

request of the Veterans Affairs Department.

A second phase of the monument will be the placement of a full-scale UH-1 Huey helicopter that will appear to be flying above the monument.

Huey helicopters were used extensively in Vietnam to transport troops and supplies, and to evacuate military personnel and civilians wounded or killed.

Martinez said it could be another year before a helicopter is obtained and erected above the monument.

Another ceremony will

likely be conducted when the helicopter has been mounted.

“Once the helicopter is there, it is going to be a landmark, not only for Las Cruces but for Veterans Park,” Martinez said.

The base of the monument will also include bricks inscribed with the names of Vietnam veterans, benches, and eventually landscaping reminiscent of the jungles of Vietnam.

Local veterans and veteran advocates hope the monument will become a fitting place for memo-

rial or funeral services to be conducted for Vietnam veterans who have passed away.

In all, more than nine million U.S. military personnel served in Vietnam from 1964 through the war’s end April 30, 1975.

Vietnam veterans in New Mexico account for almost 37 percent of the estimated 171,528 veterans that were living in the state through September 2014, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

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‘HEROES NEVER THANKED’

Dedication ceremony:

The Vietnam War Memorial dedication ceremony will begin at 8 a.m. March 28 at Veterans Memorial Park, 2651 Roadrunner Parkway, with the raising of the city’s garrison flag and placement of a memorial wreath. From 8:30 to 9 a.m., Fort Bliss’ 1st Armored Division Instrumental Ensemble Band will perform. The monument will be covered with a cargo parachute until it is unveiled at 9 a.m., when the dedication begins at 9 a.m. The ceremony will last about 2 ½ hours.

Presentations: Jim Harbison, a decorated Vietnam veteran from Las Cruces, will present a history of Vietnam. There will be three invocations, from Monsignor John Anderson, of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Las Cruces, from Lawrence Orvis, chair of the Las Cruces Veterans Advisory Board, and a Native American blessing. Speakers will include U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce, R-Hobbs, state Rep. Terry McMillan, R-Las Cruces, and representatives of White Sands Missile Range, Holloman Air Force Base, and Fort Bliss; and comments from Jack Swickard and Tom Baca, New Mexico veterans who were helicopter pilots in Vietnam. Sam Rollason, a Distinguished Service Medal recipient in Vietnam, will be the keynote speaker. Flags of the eight U.S. military branches that served in Vietnam will be raised by Las Cruces veter-

ans who served in those branches. The ceremony will conclude with the playing of “Taps.”

Monument details: It will include eight flagpoles, representing the eight U.S. military branches that served in Vietnam, and laser-etched names and photographs of the 398 New Mexicans killed in action in Vietnam, as well as eight plaques with the insignias and information on the eight military branches. In about a year, a full-scale Huey helicopter, with a Red Cross emblem on it, plants, shrubs and trees similar to those in Vietnam, and other landscaping will be added.

Fundraising: The Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 431 have raised about \$27,000 for the monument, but are working to raise up to \$40,000 more to complete the project. They have been taking donations, as well as selling memorial bricks that will be placed at the base of the monument. For more information on how to donate, go to newmexicovietnamveteranswarmemorialproject.org. Donations can also be made to VVA 431, 1745 Baldwin Drive, Las Cruces NM 88001 or Vietnam Veterans War Memorial, c/o Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico, 301 South Church Street, Suite H, Las Cruces NM 88001. For information on memorial bricks, contact J. Joe Martinez at 575-956-3752 or 575-621-7722, or via email at jjjoemartinez@yahoo.com.



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Frances Williams served as a civilian nurse during the Vietnam War.



COURTESY OF BRUCE FONNEST

Vietnam veteran Bruce Fonnest during his second tour of duty.

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gets attacked by communist North Vietnamese forces. However, the embassy was regained by the U.S. military about 6 ½ hours after the attack.

Walt Baker

As a U.S. Navy officer, Baker worked as a psychological operations officer during two tours of duty in Vietnam, from late 1970 until 1973. As a psychological officer, Baker said he was responsible for helping Vietnamese residents cope with the devastation of war, and to convince them that U.S. military forces were there to help them.

“I could speak and write the (Vietnamese) language,” said Baker, 83. “Because of that, I would work aboard ships and put together leaflets, telling the villagers who we were and that we were not there to interfere with them.”

One of his more memorable recollections was helping Vietnamese children

who were disfigured with cleft lips or cleft palates, or who had lost sight in an eye.

“I worked extensively with a Navy hospital in Saigon,” Baker said. “I met a doctor there who said to me, ‘if you can get those people in here by Wednesday, we can probably get them out of the hospital by Friday.’ And, we were able to do that, in most cases.

“We worked with crippled children, too, and children who needed a glass eye. Without that help, a lot of those children probably wouldn’t have gotten the help they so desperately needed.”

Baker’s extensive interactions with the Vietnamese also led to an interesting discovery he shared with fellow officers. He told them of one way to gain the trust of the Vietnamese who lived in small villages.

“I came to realize that I was much more effective in interfacing with the Vietnamese people when I wasn’t carrying a weapon while I was in those villages,” Baker said. “I recommended to other officers that they could have that

same success if they didn’t carry weapons either.”

Ray Rivera

By his own admission, Las Cruces Raymundo Rivera III doesn’t remember much about the approximately six months he served in Vietnam, from January until June 1968.

“We were in the field from just about the moment we got there, right after New Year’s 1968,” said Rivera, 68. “I don’t remember much because I got hit.”

Rivera got hit — hard. Much of the left side of his body was damaged by mortar fire while on a mission. He lost sight in his left eye. Wounds to his left hand and legs are still visible, and he has a metal plate on the left side of his head.

“Even now, when I get hit there, I see stars, it hurts like the dickens,” Rivera said.

A radio operator while in Vietnam, Rivera said he often carried a lot of ammunition, but rarely used it. With the other equipment he had to carry, and the responsibilities he had — infantry units usually didn’t have many radio operators

“One time on patrol, we were attacked. Mortars started exploding all around where we were. I tried to call in for reinforcement, but the battery to the radio was dead. Somehow, some way, we got through that.”

— Raymundo Rivera III, Las Cruces Vietnam Veteran

— Rivera didn’t have the opportunity to defend himself and his comrades as much as he would have liked.

“One time on patrol, we were attacked. Mortars started exploding all around where we were,” Rivera said. “I tried to call in for reinforcement, but the battery to the radio was dead. Somehow, some way, we got through that. When I got back from that patrol I went straight to supply and requested two batteries. I never went back on patrol without at least two batteries.”

Rivera’s extensive injuries forced him to spend the later half of 1968 and much of 1969 recovering and learning how to talk and

walk again at hospitals in Da Nang, Okinawa, Guam, Hawaii, San Francisco, and Albuquerque.

“It was in the VA hospital in Albuquerque that I was retired in November 1969,” Rivera said. “I remember being in San Francisco and they told me I could call home, it wouldn’t cost me anything. But, I couldn’t call because I couldn’t remember the names of my parents or their number. I couldn’t talk, either.”

But there was no hesitation, no regrets from Rivera about serving his country.

“I’d do it again,” he said.

Bruce Fonnest

Las Cruces Bruce Fonnest quickly admitted he is

lucky — and he is religious.

Fonnest, 66, served two tours of duty in Vietnam, as a combat engineer from 1969 until 1971. His job was to clear roads, build bridges, ammunition bunkers and landing zones.

Undoubtedly, those were dangerous tasks. But Fonnest downplayed the dangers that could have come his way.

“What I did there was nothing special,” said Fonnest, who wasn’t trying to be cavalier about his Vietnam experiences. “Every day, I remember all of those rocket and mortar attacks. The year before I went there on my first tour of duty I heard one platoon that had the same duties, as combat engineers, got wiped out. We swept mines from the roads, but right behind us the Viet Cong would be there to plant new ones.

“But I can honestly say I was never in any serious kind of combat. I saw more action in Korea than I ever did in Vietnam. I was lucky and I knew it.”

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The last full MEASURE

Next Sunday, the city of Las Cruces dedicates the Vietnam War Memorial at Veterans Park. The monument will honor New Mexico's 398 war dead, as well as the soldiers and Marines who served in the conflict. Ahead of the ceremony, the Vietnam Veterans of America, New Mexico Chapter, and the Sun-News are honored to publish the photographs of those warriors who gave, as President Lincoln said in his Gettysburg Address, "the last full measure of devotion."



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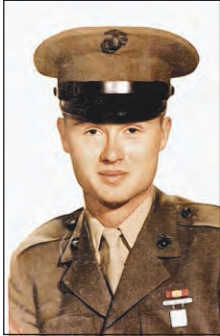
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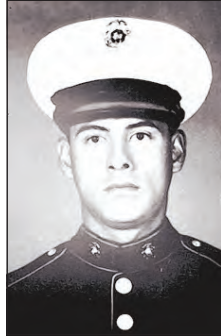
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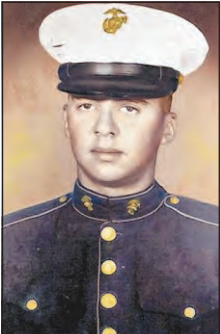
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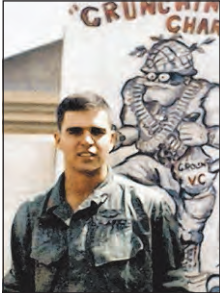
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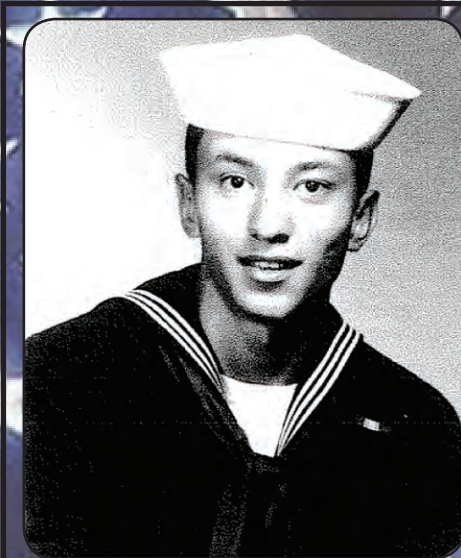
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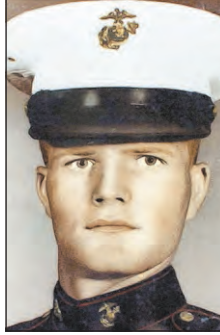
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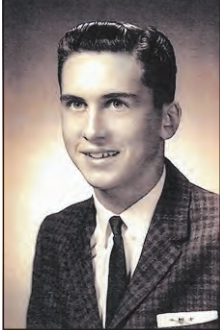
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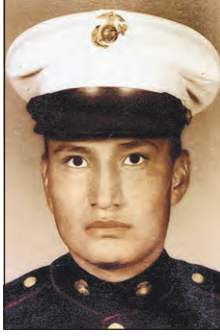
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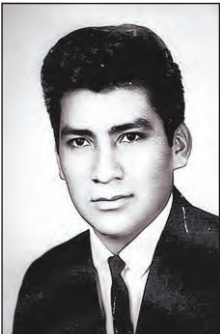
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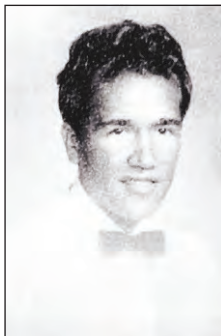
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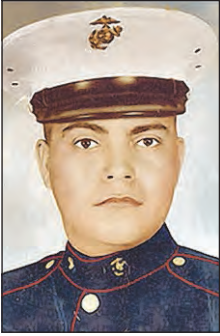
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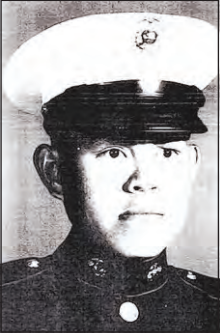
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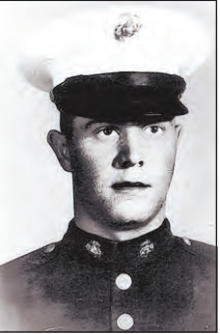
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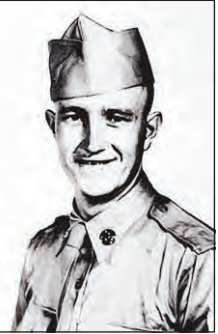
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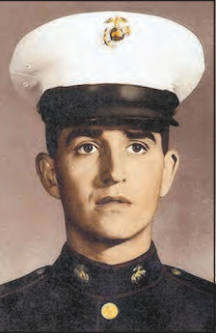
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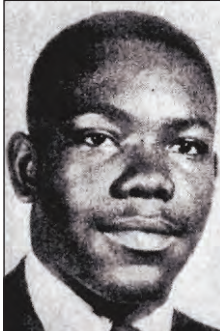
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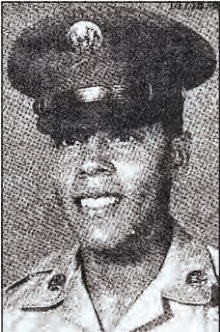
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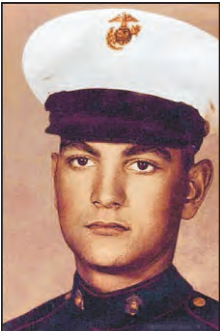
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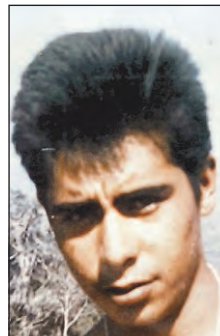
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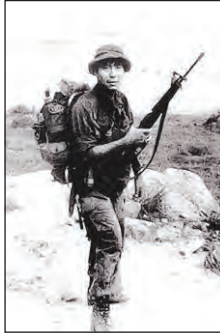
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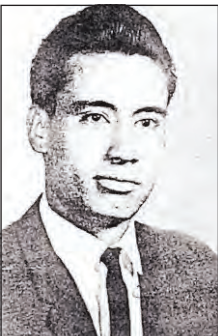


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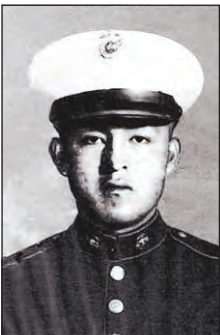
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