



Private First Class Frank Jay Lacey



Distinctive Unit Insignia

Frank Jay Lacey, the son of Albert Jay Lacey and Ester Lillian Bohman Lacey, was born on December 8, 1947, in Ogden, Utah. As a young boy, he enjoyed spending time with his Uncle Frank Bohman on his farm. He loved riding on the tractor and doing chores on the farm. The family later moved to Summit County and lived in Spring Hollow. He enjoyed hunting, the outdoors and sports. He attended North Summit High School and graduated in 1966.

After completing his basic training, he was sent to Vietnam in 1968 and became a member of D Company, Second Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment. This was part of the 25th Infantry Division

Private First Class Lacey was killed in action, on August 24, 1968, in Tay Ninh Province, South Vietnam. For his service to his country, he was awarded a Purple Heart, National Defense Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal and the Combat Infantry Badge. His name is on the Vietnam War Memorial at Panel 46W Line 005. His name is also on the Vietnam Memorial that is west of the Capitol in Salt Lake City.

At the time of his death, he was survived by two sisters, Karen and Kathy. He was also survived by two brothers; Bob and Tom Thompson. His parents and a brother, Dick Thompson, preceded him in death. His body was returned home and he was buried in the Petersen, Utah cemetery in September 1968.

The division, nicknamed "Tropic Lightning", was formed August 26, 1941, by moving the 27th and 35th Infantry regiments from the Hawaiian Division. The shoulder patch depicts a bolt of lightning and the shape represents a taro leaf, indicating the division's Hawaiian origin.

The 27th Regiment's Distinctive Unit Insignia is a wolf head with "NEC ASPERA TERRANT" under the head, thus the nickname, the "Wolfhounds". The motto "Nec Aspera Terrent" translates to "Frightened By No Difficulties." Some refer to it as "No Fear On Earth."