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VIETNAM SECURITY POLICE ASSOCIATION

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## 2023 SPECIAL HOLIDAY EDITION



## CHRISTMAS IN VIETNAM





*There you were, in a foreign land on Christmas.....*

*Alone, cold, lonely.....and yet it was required that you stay alert, for the enemy was always there, somewhere.*

*Be assured that your loved ones thought of you on that Christmas Eve, just as you no doubt, thought of them.*

*They would have rejoiced in your presence if only you could have come home to them. But you had your duty, and you did your duty, despite the hardships.*

*Years have passed, and you are no longer huddled in a rice paddy or standing guard in a tower. Yet, sometimes in the stillness of the night, memories flood your mind. May God bless you for your loyalty and dedication and your willingness to suffer so we might continue to have our freedoms. To this day, I honor you and respect you for your service.*

*May this Christmas hold peace and joy for you, and the knowledge that you served honorably. You are my true brother and you have touched my life.*



*My best,*

*Erlyce*







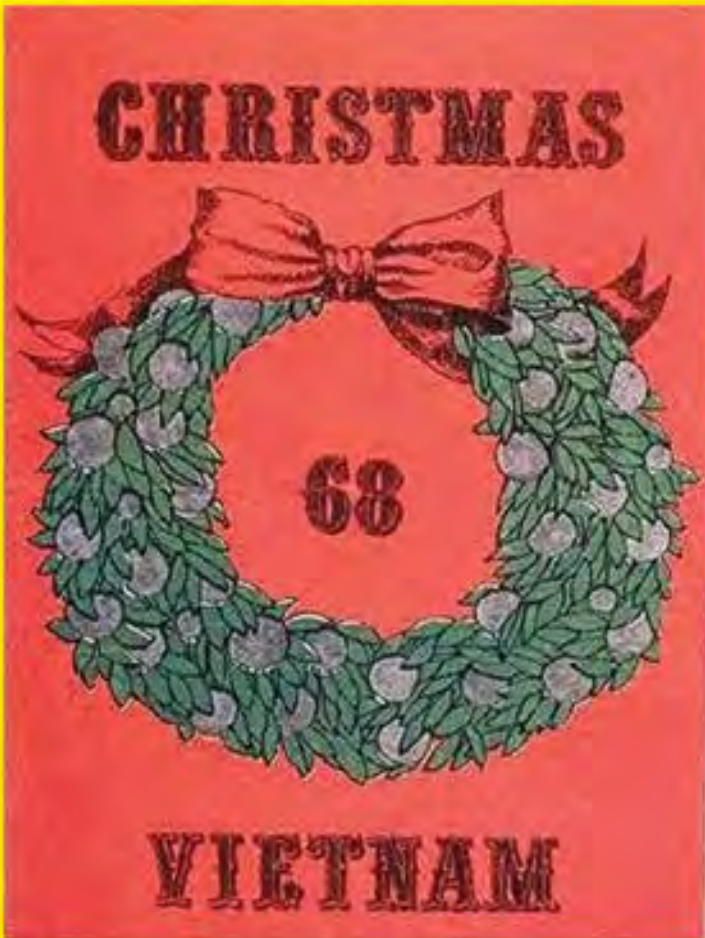


1969 - Bien Hoa - 3rd SPS Sgt Robert "Gary" Whisnant - Charlie Area Twinkle III Mortar Site Christmas Tree



Christmas Eve on the perimeter







**Silent Night**

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Almighty God, We praise Thee that Thou mysteriously wastest to touch with light and to fill with love the hearts of those who wait before Thee. We praise Thee that Thou hast made this day glad and this night bright with the memory of the birth of One who revealed the might and gentleness of Thy Spirit. We praise Thee that, in the fullness of time and in Thine own way, Thou didst cause One to walk the dusty roadways of this world who was, indeed, the Son of Thy Spirit and the shadowing forth in flesh of Thy tender love. Accept our gratitude, offered in joy, for this most wondrous showing forth of Thy love. Grant, on this day when we rejoice in the nativity of Jesus Christ, that, like His, our heart may be made humble; that, like His, our life may be so ordered before Thee that it shall show forth Thy praise. We bless Thee. We glorify Thee. We give Thee thanks that heaven and earth are so full of Thy glory. Amen.

A BLESSED CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

**COMMANDER'S MESSAGE**

has a special meaning for American soldiers m. Amid the tragedy and ugliness of war, the sun reminds us of the joy and beauty of peace. I whose people struggle for a better life, the message brings cheer and hope for the future.

o serve in this distant land may be justly proud. t of Christmas is expressed each day in your ward our gallant allies and in your sacrifices for ry's cause.

most personal wishes to each of you and to your in this Christmas Day.

*W. C. Westmoreland*  
W. C. WESTMORELAND  
General, United States Army  
Commanding

**Christmas Day Dinner**  
VIETNAM 1966

Shrimp Cocktail		
with Cocktail Sauce and Crackers		
Roast Tom Turkey	Giblet Gravy	
Cranberry Dressing		
Snow Flaked Potatoes		
Gleazed Sweet Potatoes	Cranberry Sauce	
Buttered Garden Peas		
Crisp Relish Tray		
Parkerhouse Rolls		
Butter		
Pumpkin Pie with Whipped Cream		
Old Fashion Fruit Cuke		
Fresh Chilled Fruit		
Mixed Nuts		
Assorted Candy		
Tea	Coffee	Milk

**Christmas Day**

**VIETNAM 1965**

**3D MARINE DIVISION**

of your spirit, wishes and a the faith of battle. The Christmas comes here to us

time with the glad tidings of especially meaningful. Today, words express our love for you, and ourselves. They are not words purpose is, what here, who has been disconnected time in which you have unaccomplished activities for here only, and instead under the most solemn of.

spirit, celebration and thanks all, I am sure, will continue to be perfectly expressed in the and God will be done.

is, I hope you will relay my best wishes and the support

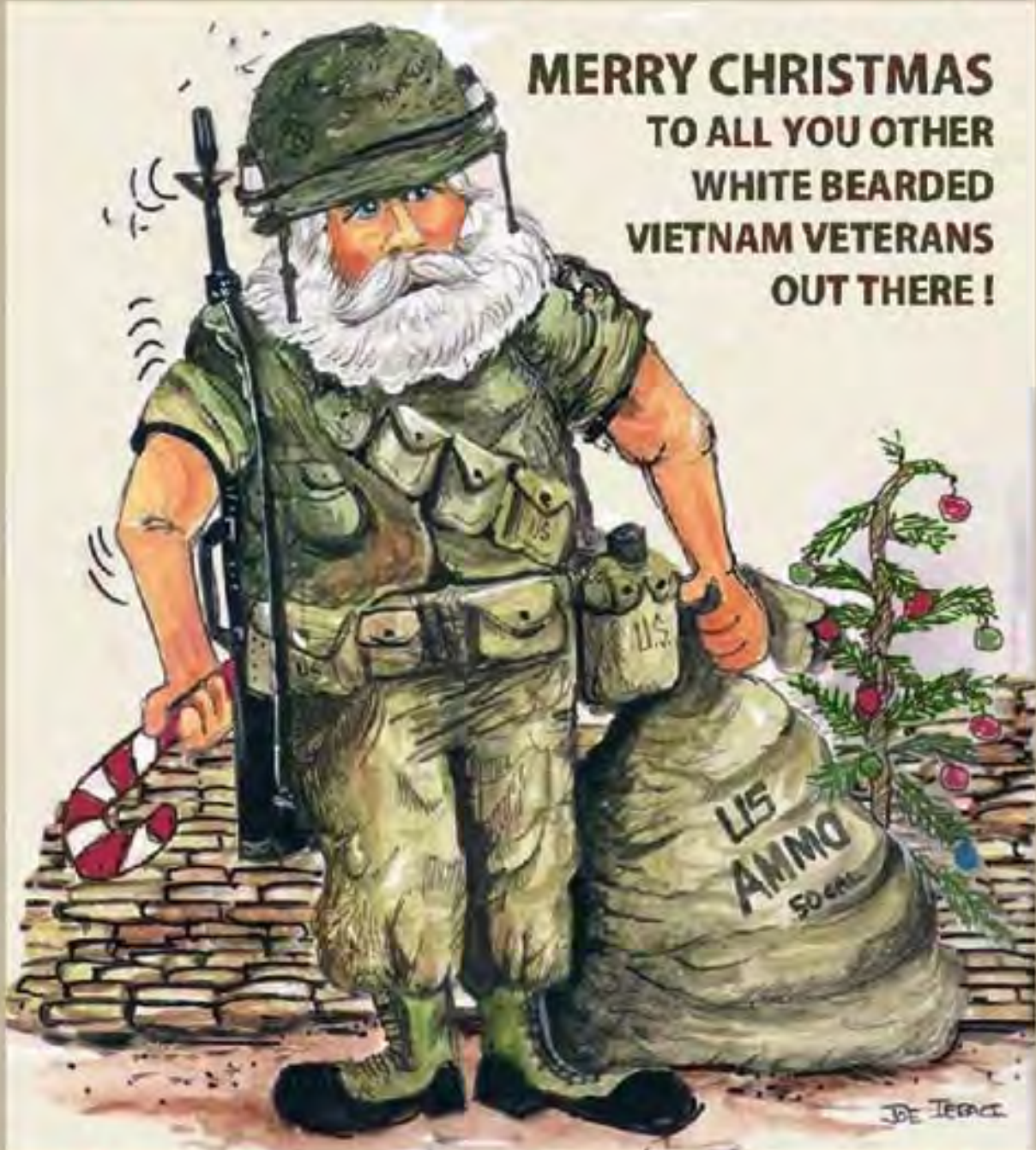
is and with the warm affection of I very best wishes for a Merry Christmas, God bless you and your family.

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**CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER**

SHRIMP COCKTAIL - JULIENNE SOUP	
SALADINGS	
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ROAST TURKEY - VIRGINIA BAKED HAM	
CRANBERRY SAUCE - PUMPKIN SAUCE	
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SNOWFLAKE POTATOES - GLAZED SWEET POTATOES	
BUTTERED WHOLE KERNEL CORN - BUTTERED BROCCOLI (FP)	
CORN BREAD DRESSING - GIBLET GRAVY	
*****	
SPRING GARDEN SALAD - RUSSIAN DRESSING	
CHRISTMAS RELISH TRAY	
*****	
MIXED NUTS - PUMPKIN PIE W/WHIPPED	
FRUIT CAKE - ICE CREAM	
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COFFEE - ICED BUTTER	
BREAD/BUTTER - CANDY & NUTS	













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Ann Margret - Freedom Hill - 1967

# THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES VIETNAM & THAILAND

## MERRY CHRISTMAS VSPA

### IN-COUNTRY



**A VIETNAMESE CHRISTMAS STORY!**

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**THE 24-HOUR CHRISTMAS CEASE-FIRE.**

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