

Vietnam War Poetry

Outside the Wire

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Outside of the Wire

*We have all been outside the wire sometime in our lives
and we all know the inherent dangers; bouncing betties,
claymores, mortars enemy small fire, friendly fire and
sometimes the worst threat of all; ourselves.*

*In order to get back to safety we must trust in our
Comrades in Arms, our training, our skills, our
family ties, our faith and our determination to
make it back to the safety and protection of our
Comrades, friends and family!*

*There are time when we all feel like quitting, when the burden
seem to much to bear and we find ourselves outside of the wire
with our back to the wire, that's when it's time to trust our
brotherhood, our friends and our faith to guide us back to
reason and safety.*

*Sometime one of the biggest obstacles to reason is our attitude,
which dictates our actions in all matters. We can not be right all
the time and realizing this fact we must be big enough to admit
and submit to compromise which can open the gates to the wire
and return us to the safety of our compound, our buddies, our
family and friends.*

There is no honor in quitting!

To quit is to parish!

Remember theVSPA Motto;

"We take care of our own!"

The timeless combat code;

"One for all and all for one!"

A wise man once said;

"No man is an Island to himself." (How True!)

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