

Devine Jr., Richard Daniel
Dates in the 57th – 1967 - 1968
PFC – (68G10) Aircraft Structural Repair
Birth Date: July 25th 1947
Saugus, MA
Killed In Action Date: January 10th 1968
Kontum RVN



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Saugus, Essex County, Massachusetts, USA
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Kon Tum, Vietnam
BURIAL
Riverside Cemetery
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PLOTWWII section, Grave 91
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<http://www.57thahc.com/unit-history.php?year=1968>

From the 57th AHC Web Site

January and the new year, 1968, brought the 57th AML its first disaster and its first bitter taste of the war. A North Vietnamese sapper platoon slipped into the Gladiator compound on the morning of 10 January. Executing a well-planned attack, the sappers blitzed the 615th maintenance area and motor pool, planting charges in helicopters and in most of the unit's Motor vehicles. At the time the

615th Trans Det had its night shift working in that area. In the surprise attack, the sappers killed 6 members of the unit and wounded 17 others.

At 0200 the compound was shocked into stunned consciousness by the sound of gun fire and exploding demolition charges. Quickly rallying, the unit's personnel rushed to the maintenance area where the enemy sappers were quickly routed. Nine NVA were killed inside the perimeter and 10 others were found the next morning outside the fences. Dawn on the morning of the 10th found parts of the maintenance area a smoldering ruin. The NVA had destroyed 7 ships and damaged several others. The unit Armament Shop, Airframe Repair Shop and Electrical Repair Shop were completely burned to the ground. The motor pool was almost completely paralyzed. Vehicle damage was assessed in the vicinity of 3 million dollars, not to mention a much more serious toll, the lives of our 6 friends who were killed in defense of their compatriots.

<https://www.vvmf.org/Wall-of-Faces/13095/RICHARD-D-DEVINE-JR/>

HONORED ON PANEL 34E, LINE 17 OF THE WALL

RICHARD DANIEL DEVINE JR

WALL NAME

RICHARD D DEVINE JR

PANEL / LINE

34E/17

DATE OF BIRTH

07/25/1947

CASUALTY PROVINCE

KONTUM

DATE OF CASUALTY

01/10/1968

HOME OF RECORD

SAUGUS

COUNTY OF RECORD

Essex County

STATE

MA

BRANCH OF SERVICE

ARMY

RANK

PFC

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<https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/91516/riverside-cemetery#view-photo=127097339>



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https://www.waymarking.com/waymarks/WMH53C_Soldier_PFC_Richard_D_Devine_Jr_Memorial_Saugus_Town_Hall_Saugus_MA_USA

This granite memorial is a multi-tiered monument. Included is a granite figure of a soldier holding his rifle on his right side, standing next to a granite inscription plaque. He is in Vietnam period battle gear, including helmet and a munitions belt, with a hand grenade. While he is holding his rifle on the ground, muzzle pointing up, with his right hand, his left hand is held behind his back. He looks straight ahead, with no emotion on his face.

While the memorial is named the PFC Richard D. Devine Jr. Memorial, there are two other names inscribed on the tablet. The main granite block tablet has the following inscription:

IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF THOSE
FROM THE TOWN OF SAUGUS, MASS
WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES
IN THE SERVICE OF THEIR COUNTRY
IN THE VIETNAM CONFLICT

CPL. MICHAEL A. DePROFIO
P.F.C. RICHARD D. DEVINE, JR.
SP/4 STANLEY J. EGAN

The base of the monument is inscribed, in larger lettering with the following:

P.F.C. RICHARD D. DEVINE, JR. MEMORIAL

"Richard Daniel Devine, Jr
Private First Class
615TH TRANS DET, 57TH AHC, 52ND AVN BN, 17TH AVN GROUP,
1ST AVIATION BDE, USARV
Army of the United States
Saugus, Massachusetts
July 25, 1947 to January 10, 1968
RICHARD D DEVINE Jr is on the Wall at Panel 34E, Line 17

"He and five other men were killed during a B-40 and satchel attack on the Kontum Airfield in association with a UH-1D (#66-01066).









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P.F.C. RICHARD D. DEVINE JR. MEMORIAL

MEMORIAL SERVICE
Kontum Army Airfield Compound

1800 Hours 12 January 1968

QUIET MUSIC

INVOCATION Chaplain Van

Biographical Information Of These We Honor

SCRIPTURE READINGS Chaplain Carter

(Psalms 23 and 27, John 14, Romans 8)

MEMORIAL MEDITATION Chaplain Carter

BENEDICTION Chaplain Van

MOMENT OF SILENT TRIBUTE

TAPS

SPECIAL MASS FOR PFC GOMEZ Chaplain Van

(Non-Catholic personnel may leave if they desire)

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WE HONOR AND PAY OUR FINAL TRIBUTE TO THE FOLLOWING MEN OF THE 57th AVIATION COMPANY AND 615th TRANSPORTATION DETACHMENT WHO WERE KILLED IN A GROUND ATTACK BY NVA FORCES USING SACHEL CHARGES, ROCKETS, AND SMALL ARMS FIRE ON THE KONTUM ARMY AIRFIELD COMPOUND ON 10 JANUARY 1968:

We honor Specialist 4th Class LOYDE D. ARMOR who was born on 12 April 1944 in Fisk, Missouri. SP4 Armor entered service on 7 December 1966 and was serving as an Airframe Repairman with the 615th Transportation Detachment at the time of his death.

We honor Specialist 4th Class THOMAS CARPENTER, JR. who was born on 20 December 1946 in Green County, Alabama. SP4 Carpenter entered service on 20 January 1967 and was serving as a Helicopter Mechanic with the 615th Transportation Detachment at the time of his death.

We honor Specialist 4th Class ROBERT W. MUNCY who was born on 15 May 1940 in Hinton, Oklahoma. SP4 Muncy entered service on 26 May 1966 and was serving as a Helicopter Mechanic with the 615th Transportation Detachment at the time of his death.

We honor Private 1st Class RICHARD D. DEVINE, JR. who was born on 25 July 1947 in Lynn, Massachusetts. PFC Devine entered service on 18 October 1966 and was serving as an Airframe Repairman with the 615th Transportation Detachment at the time of his death.

We honor Private 1st Class ANDRES A.R. GOMEZ who was born on 10 September 1947 in Los Angeles, California. PFC Gomez entered service on 20 June 1966 and was serving as a Helicopter Mechanic with the 57th Aviation Company at the time of his death.

We honor Private 1st Class ROBERT PFEISTER who was born on 23 August 1947 in Louisville, Kentucky. PFC Pfeister entered service on 26 September 1966 and was serving as a Helicopter Mechanic with the 57th