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## ***CHELU,*** **We Remember You**



**This supplement lists the 70 Fallen Heroes, Home-State-of Record: Guam  
who died in the Vietnam War**

**The names, listed alphabetically, were recited  
at the Chamorro Veterans Commemoration Ceremony on 24 March 2012  
at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C.**

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gift to the families.*

## **NOCVA's "Chelu, We Remember You" Project Seeks To Honor All Fallen Chamorros**

NOCVA recognizes that the official list of 70 casualties from Guam does not accurately portray the full sacrifice made by Chamorros during the Vietnam War.

The list is based on military records\* that are categorized by a casualty's Home-State-of-Record. This designation may or may not be that person's birthplace or home town. It is usually the place where the person entered military service, typically the largest nearby city.

At the time of the Vietnam War, men from Guam and from Saipan and the outer Mariana Islands entered military service at the recruiting offices located on Guam. Because of the way the records were categorized, all were listed with Guam as their home-state-of-record.

Chamorros who entered military service outside of Guam (in the mainland) were listed by their individual state.

We cannot change the home-of-state-of-record that was officially recorded during the war. However, we can create a list that is more accurate and complete, one that includes information that is important to those wishing to fully honor all the Chamorro soldiers who died in the Vietnam War.

As part of the "Chelu, We Remember You" Project, NOCVA is committed to establishing a complete record of Chamorro casualties, regardless of where they entered military service, so that they may also be honored along with 70 officially listed with Guam as their home-state-of-record.

To help us ensure that our list is complete and accurate, we rely on those with personal knowledge of Chamorros not included in the official record; if you have information that can help correct the record, please contact us.

*\*U.S. Military Fatal Casualties of the Vietnam War for Home-State-of-Record: Guam*  
<http://www.archives.gov/research/military/vietnam-war/casualty-lists/gu-alpha.pdf>

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