

Hempstead County

Honors



Brigadier General Herbert Jack Lloyd

United States Army

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"Primarily I'd Say, It's my mother's prayers that have kept me alive all these years"

Brigadier General Herbert Jack "Herb" Lloyd



From Sharecroppers Son to Brigadier General, United States Army

Graduation Blevins High School

1955

Operation Red Hat 6

Mission to Honor the Real Man from Hope

Brigadier General Herbert Jack "Herb" Lloyd

Gary Chambless and I have had the honor of attending Both the Arkansas Military Veterans Hall of Fame induction and the Ranger Hall of fame induction of General Lloyd. We consider General Lloyd to be one of if not the best friend and comrade a person could have.

It was on the trip to Fort Benning in July of 2014 that Gary and I began to think out loud why is it that we have to travel 900 miles to see a man who lives in the same county honored for his service to our country. The answer is that we would have driven even further if need be to see our friend honored for his service to our country.

That's when we started thinking of a way to honor General Lloyd, at the induction dinner Gary and I pulled Mr. Milton Bearden into the kitchen where the dinner was held and told him we were trying to find a way to honor General Lloyd to which he replied he thought it would be a great idea.

On the way back to Hope, Gary and I talked about a way to honor General Lloyd in Hempstead County. I think at that time we had no idea of what an undertaking it was going to be.

We thought if we could put a monument on the Grounds of the Hempstead County Courthouse to let everyone in the county know what General Lloyd has given to this country would be a great idea. The only thing was that if we included his life's history the monument would be as big as the courthouse.

We finally settled on a monument that would tell generations to come of how a share cropper's son from Hope Arkansas rose through the ranks of the United States Army from a Private to a Brigadier General and pay respect to all who served and paid the ultimate price to defend this country especially those who fought and died in the Vietnam War.

Gary and I would like to thank some very generous people all of whom do not want their kindness and generosity to this project revealed. Those of you who have given to this project are very much appreciated and without your kind and generous support this would still be a dream.

May God Bless each one of you and May God continue to bless the Men and Women of the United States Military, and Most of All May God Bless America.

Sheriff James A. Singleton

Brigadier General Herbert Jack "Herb" Lloyd

Brigadier General Herbert Jack Lloyd, a native son of Hope, Arkansas, Entered Military service in the U.S. Army in 1955. Following Infantry and Airborne training, he served with the 11 Airborne Division in Germany until 1958. He returned to Ft. Bragg to serve as squad leader and Platoon Sergeant in Co. C 501 Airborne, until March 1962, when as a staff sergeant, Lloyd volunteered to serve with the military assistance advisory group (Vietnam) (MAAG-V) as a trainer advisor at the Ranger training center, TRUNG LAP, TVN.

During the same tour, Lloyd extended to serve in the Vietnamese Airborne Division. He was assigned as an enlisted Advisor, to the Vietnamese 6th Airborne Battalion and served with that unit in key combat operations. Returning to the United States, as a sergeant first class, he attended Infantry OCS and was commissioned as 2LT. of Infantry on August 25, 1964 after which he was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division. He deployed with the 82nd Airborne Division to the Dominican Republic in 1965. During that intervention, while a 2LT. Lloyd served as company commander in combat. He continued as company commander for a year until he returned to Vietnam in 1966-1968 to serve again with the Vietnamese Airborne.

BG. Lloyd returned again to Vietnam in 1972 as one of three officers individually selected by General Creighton Abrams, then Chief of Staff of the Army, to assemble "lessons Learned" and personally brief General Abrams.

After Vietnam Lloyd served in numerous key command and staff assignments including: G-3 training officer in the 82nd Airborne Division, Ft. Bragg North Carolina, : Chief of Tower committee and Chief of Operations in the Airborne Department, USAIS, Fort Benning, Georgia.

BG. Lloyd served on the staff and faculty of the United States Military Academy as a tactical officer: Brigade executive officer 8th Infantry Division, Germany: Commander, 3rd Battalion, 11th Infantry, 5th Infantry Division, and Commander, 2nd Brigade, 5th infantry Ft. Polk, Louisiana: Chief of Staff 10th Mountain Division, Ft. Drum New York; and prior to retirement, as Assistant Division Commander, 2nd Infantry Division, Republic of Korea.

Lloyd is a graduate of Ranger School class 07-60 (May 10, 1960), airborne course, Jumpmaster course, Pathfinder school, and Northern Warfare Mountain Climbing School and Jungle Warfare School. He is also a graduate of the Infantry Officer Advanced Course, The command and General Staff College, The US Army War College, And the British Royal College of Defense Studies, He also holds a B.A. and M.A., both in Political Science, from Auburn University.

Brigadier General Lloyd's significant awards and decorations include: Silver Star W/OLC, Soldiers Medal, Bronze Star Medal W/3OLC, Bronze Star Medal W/2 "V" Device, Purple Heart W/OLC, Meritorious Service Medal W/2OLC, Air Medal W/3OLC, Joint Services Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal W/ "V" Device and Army Commendation Medal W/4OLC. Additional Awards and Decorations Include: Combat Infantryman's Badge, Expert Infantryman's Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Pathfinders Badge and Ranger Tab. Lloyd was also awarded numerous foreign awards and decorations to include The Vietnamese Gallantry Cross Unit Citation with Palm and Vietnamese Parachutist Badge including three combat jumps.

Later in his career still on active as a colonel, Lloyd was nominated for and inducted into the Infantry OCS Hall of Fame. BG. Lloyd was inducted November 9, 2012 into the Arkansas Military Veterans Hall of Fame in Little Rock, Arkansas. On July 16, 2014 BG. Lloyd was inducted into the U.S. Army Ranger Hall of Fame at Fort Benning, Georgia.

After Retirement from the U.S. Army after 35 years of service Lloyd continued his service to his country in High Intensity Conflict Areas in the middle east, Asia, and Africa by taking on additional key roles, including, Program Manager , Saudi Arabia, TRW Technologies Division- Trained the Royal Saudi Land Forces on the tactical use of the Bradley Fighting Vehicle-Program Manager Fort Carson, Co. TRW Technologies Division- Digitized the Army Battlefield with Bradley Fighting Vehicle for use in Afghanistan and Iraq, - Deputy Program Manager /Director of training Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina MPRI Military Stabilization Program. Lloyd also served as the Director of training in Sarajevo and also at the MOSTAR/Livno, Bosnia National Training Center, Program Manager, Nigeria Training program for the Nigerian Military. Program Manager, Sudan, a 22 man program to stop the warring sides and prevent Atrocities against Civilians, Vice President, DynCorp , Kabul, Afghanistan, Afghan Police Training Program and protective service for the President of Afghanistan. In this role Lloyd was again wounded this time as a civilian, in a suicide car bomb attack, Vice President DynCorp, Islamabad Pakistan, (Activities Classified), Chief of Staff, Global Linguist Program Iraq. BG. Lloyd is a member of the Board of Directors Asia Africa Projects Group (AAPG) and a Military Liaison for AAPG's Operations in Kabul, Afghanistan.

Lloyd and a Vietnamese airborne officer, Nguyen Minh were cast together when there were just 300 American advisors in Vietnam, In the Summer of 1962, linking him with a man who was to become a lifelong friend. Lloyd would serve in the role of advisor to Minh in the 6th Vietnamese Parachute Battalion and Brigade over the course of the most intense years of the war in Vietnam.

“The Easter Sunrise Service of 1963

Lloyd and Minh’s forces engaged the Viet-Cong Phu Loy Regiment in Tay Ninh Province near the Cambodian border in the early morning of the day before Easter 1963.

The battle raged throughout the day and night before the sun began to burn through the heavy mists on Easter Morning, Revealing the human costs of that desperate battle were high with 41 of Minh’s soldiers’ dead and 160 wounded with Minh’s forces killing 240 of the Vietcong.

The enemy withdrew and as dawn began to break Sergeant Lloyd and Major Minh walked among their dead comrades with Sergeant Lloyd standing at a respectful distance as he watched Major Minh place his handkerchief over the face of one of his best company commanders who had been killed in the battle. As Major Minh kneeled beside his fallen comrade taking his captains hand into his for what seemed like an eternity to the young sergeant Lloyd.

A devout Christian, Lloyd began to explain to the Buddhist Major Minh in a quiet, steady voice that it was now the time for the Easter sunrise service in the Christian world. Lloyd explained how Jesus arose from the dead at this moment on this day almost two thousand years before. As Major Minh surveyed the battlefield strewn with his dead soldiers, his best company commander, he turned to the young sergeant Lloyd and asked “So if my dead soldiers’, and Captain Che were Christians” they would go to be with God this Easter morning? Sergeant Lloyd replied “Yes Sir they would”. Major Minh thought for a moment and then replied, Sergeant Lloyd you have a very good God.



Bg. Lloyd & Col. Minh July 2014 Ranger Hall of Fame Induction

In April of 1967; Lloyd was with Minh's 61st Parachute Company near the Bien Hai River. Their force had been overrun by a superior enemy force. As word came in of the heavy losses that day Minh was told that Lloyd was missing and presumed dead.

Those reports were wrong; in fact Lloyd was the last man out of the 17 survivors of the 91 men of the 61st parachute company. Lloyd was able to fight his way back to Minh's location as darkness fell over of the Bein Hai River. For his actions that day Lloyd was awarded the Silver Star.



General William Westmorland Presents the Silver Star to Captain Herbert Jack Lloyd

On February 25, 26, and 27th , 1968, on hill 614 in the central highlands near Dac Tho near the border with Laos, Minh's Vietnamese 6th parachute battalion along with Lloyd engaged the battle hardened 66th NVA Regiment reinforced by the 174th NVA regiment with no friendly ground force forthcoming.

The 6th Battalion was out-manned 12-1 in unprepared positions fighting from a narrow ridge line in one of the most intense battles of the war.

512 Vietnamese paratroopers and 13 American advisors, Artillery forward observers, and engineers- approximately half of the 6th parachute battalion-were killed or wounded during the intense three days and nights of fighting. In the end the enemy suffered even heavier casualties and withdrew into Laos, 3 miles to the west. Lloyd was the last to leave the battlefield, flying out on the fourth day on the last helicopter load of dead soldiers. Upon landing at the Dac Tho airstrip Lloyd reported to his commander, Colonel Hal Dill.

Colonel Dill surveyed the Battle worn Lloyd and said "Herb" the way you managed all the fire support, Helo gunships, Air force fast movers and the artillery, you saved that Battalion". Lloyd's selfless response was typical of him. He said; "Thank you sir, but the men did it all. They are all wounded or dead, we must see to them quickly. Based on more heroic actions that one might count during the three day battle, Lloyd was awarded his second Silver Star.



Lt. Herbert Jack Lloyd



During the Tet offensive of 1968, Lloyds C-130 aircraft was struck by enemy fire as it came in for a landing at Tan San Nut outside Saigon, the C-130 was in flames as it crashed landed with 43 soldiers and two chained downed vehicles aboard. The flight crew, aircraft commander, and others exited through the crew exit near the cockpit as flames engulfed the interior of the aircraft. Once outside the aircraft about 40 yards from the burning aircraft, Captain Lloyd could not locate his Vietnamese radio operator among the men. Lloyd surmised that his radio operator was still aboard the burning aircraft which was expected to explode at any time. Lloyd reentered the burning aircraft and found his radio operator and two other Vietnamese soldiers pinned by one of the vehicles onboard. Lloyd freed all three injured soldiers and ran from the aircraft as it exploded knocking Lloyd and the soldiers to the ground and rolling them another 20 yards. All three Vietnamese soldiers and Lloyd suffered burns but survived. For his actions that day he was awarded the Soldiers Medal.

Lloyd's significant awards and decorations include: Two Silver Stars, Seven Bronze Stars, The Soldiers Medal, Two Purple Hearts, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, Joint Services Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal W/ "V" Device and Army Commendation Medal W/4OLC.

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Colonel Herbert J. Lloyd with, Command Sergeant Major Ivanhoe Love