



## THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA VIETNAM WAR COMMEMORATION



### Veteran: Frank Martinez



Branch: US Army, Staff Sergeant (while in Vietnam) | MOS 55 Delta

Division: 133<sup>rd</sup> Explosive Ordnance Detachment (EOD), I Corps

Dates of Service: 1969 – 1972

Campaigns/Theatre: Vietnam (numerous duty stations including Saigon)

Personal Story: I loved blowing stuff up. I was responsible for all ordnance fired into base, found off base or booby traps which we disarmed or exploded. We had to check all enemy bodies after a battle to make sure there were no unfired booby traps. We were called in if the engineers found unexploded bombs when building roads.

I remember when we were dispatched to a hospital because a chopper had brought in a VC who died in flight and he had an unexploded RPG stuck in his body which threatened all of the hospital personnel.

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