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Proudly Honors



DANNY LEE YOUNG
UNITED STATES ARMY
SERGEANT (E-5)
MAY 9, 1967 – DECEMBER 24, 1968



PURPLE HEART PATRIOT
NOVEMBER 2024

Honoring his Service and Sacrifice
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Danny Lee Young, of rural Novinger, Missouri, was nineteen years old when he was sworn into service with the U.S. Army on May 9, 1967, at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, where he received basic training. He was then sent on to Fort Polk, Louisiana, for additional training. After a short leave, Danny was sent directly to Vietnam where he served as a rifleman and squad leader in the 25th Infantry Division. During his service, Danny was stationed at Cu Chi, Tay Ninh, and Saigon, Vietnam. Danny was honorably discharged on December 24, 1968, from a medical hold in Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, after being wounded a second time. He received two Purple Hearts, as well as an Army Good Conduct Medal, Army Commendation Medal, and the National Defense Medal.

Danny was awarded a Purple Heart after being injured in the Tay Ninh Providence during a mortar attack in November 1967. Then in August of 1968, he was severely injured near Cu Chi when another soldier tripped on a land mine while walking in front of him. The second Purple Heart was pinned to his pillow while he was still in the hospital in Cu Chi. After several months of medical treatment at multiple locations, he was transferred back to the United States.

In addition to being a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and Disabled American Veterans, Danny continues to serve locally as an officer in both organizations. For many years he has assisted with providing military funeral honors and has participated in color guards during parades and at events. He also helps to post over 100 flags at the Novinger Cemetery for multiple holidays each year, along



with erecting the flags when veterans are being buried there. Danny and his wife are among those who also see that every veteran's grave is flagged for the Memorial Day weekend. He is also one of the volunteers who clean the local VFW building twice weekly after Saturday night dances and Tuesday Bingo nights.

Danny and his wife, Glenna, combined have four married children and ten grandchildren. Danny spent thirty-one years of his civilian career with the U.S. Postal Service, during which time he also built and remodeled homes. After retiring from USPS in 2003, Danny began working as a carpenter full-time until just a few years ago. He continues to volunteer with Novinger Renewal, a local non-profit organization established for historic preservation and community betterment. In the past, he served as a board member and did maintenance work for both the Novinger Housing Association and the Novinger Fire Volunteer Fire Department.