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JOHN H. HOFFMAN

**UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
LANCE CORPORAL (E-3)**

SEPTEMBER 9, 1968 – NOVEMBER 15, 1969

as

PURPLE HEART PATRIOT

DECEMBER 2024

Honoring his Service and Sacrifice

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John Hoffman was born November 2, 1943, in Saint Louis, Missouri. His parents are Omar and Easter Hoffman. He attended grades one through eight at Harris School in Wellington, Missouri; a one-room school house. He attended Wellington-Napoleon High School in Wellington, Missouri. John attended college at the University of Central Missouri, the University of Missouri in Kansas City, and Rock Hurst College.

John enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and served from September 26, 1968, to November 26, 1969. He was stationed at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot (MCRD) in California, Camp Pendleton, California, and Persido in Monterey, California. It was there he learned the Vietnamese Language. He was then sent to Vietnam.

While in Vietnam, he served as an Anti-Tank Assault-Demolitions and Vietnamese Language Interrogation/Interpretation personnel.

He was injured when an improvised explosive device (IED) exploded in front of him. He was sent to a hospital in Okinawa. From Okinawa, he was transferred to a hospital in Japan. There he met a Physical Therapist called Chezk. John had been told that he would never bend his knee or ankle. Chezk's therapy was extremely intense. John credits him for his ability to walk today. John was later transferred to Millington Team Hospital in the United States.

John is the recipient of the Purple Heart. He also earned a National Defense Service Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation with Gallantry Cross/Palm and Frame, and Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation Civil Action Color with Palm and Frame.