



**173RD
AIRBORNE BRIGADE**



**1ST BATTALION 50TH
INFANTRY**

"D" COMPANY



1ST PLATOON



SERGEANT



INFANTRYMAN

JOHN R. D'AGOSTINO, JR.

**1st Platoon, "D" Company, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry
Sergeant, E5, US56453933, MOS 11B40**

Home of Record: Green Bay, WI

Date of Birth: January 24, 1947, Age at time of loss: 21, Single

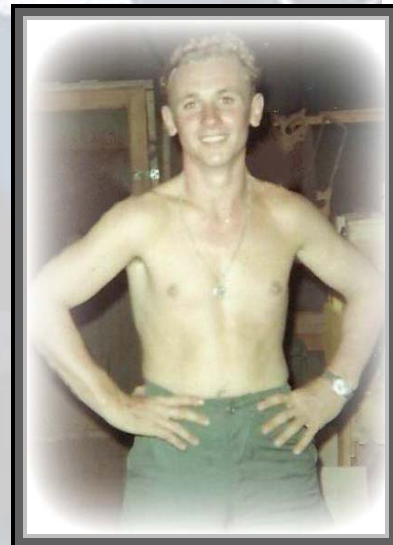
173rd Airborne Brigade (Separate), Binh Dinh Province, Republic of Vietnam

Start of Tour: September 1, 1967, Date of Casualty: April 30, 1968, Days in Country: 242

Casualty Type C1, Accidental Homicide, Panel 53E – Row 011

John D'Agostino was killed at LZ Uplift when a shotgun was accidentally discharged and the blast caught him in the head as he walked by. He died instantly.

John was well liked by his Platoon mates from "D" Company. Not long before his tragic death, his service commitment was nearing an end...and he had been brought back from field duty to serve out his few remaining days with the Supply Sergeant at LZ Uplift until his date to return home.



Below are photos of John D'Agostino:



John is pictured either alone or on the right in these photos.



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John D'Agostino is buried at Nicolet Memorial Gardens, 2770 Bay Settlement Road, Green Bay, Brown County, Wisconsin 54311 (Photo Below)



JOHN D'AGOSTINO'S AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:



Combat Infantry Badge



THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL
FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE

HQ 173RD AIRBORNE BRIGADE (SEPARATE)

GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 14 71

27 MAY 1968

SERGEANT JOHN D'AGOSTINO DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF BY OUTSTANDING MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH GROUND OPERATIONS AGAINST A HOSTILE FORCE IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM DURING THE PERIOD FROM SEPTEMBER, 1967, TO APRIL, 1968. THROUGH HIS UNTIRING EFFORTS AND PROFESSIONAL ABILITY, HE CONSISTENTLY OBTAINED OUTSTANDING RESULTS. HE WAS QUICK TO GRASP THE IMPLICATIONS OF NEW PROBLEMS WITH WHICH HE WAS FACED AS A RESULT OF THE EVER-CHANGING SITUATIONS INHERENT IN THE COUNTERINSURGENCY OPERATION AND TO FIND WAYS AND MEANS TO SOLVE THOSE PROBLEMS. THE ENERGETIC APPLICATION OF THIS EXTENSIVE KNOWLEDGE HAS MATERIALLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE EFFORTS OF THE UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM TO ASSIST THAT COUNTRY IN RIDDING ITSELF OF THE COMMUNIST THREAT TO ITS FREEDOM. SERGEANT D'AGOSTINO'S INITIATIVE, ZEAL, SOUND JUDGMENT AND DEVOTION TO DUTY WERE IN THE HIGHEST TRADITION OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY AND REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT ON HIM AND ON THE MILITARY SERVICE.



Bronze Star

Air Medal

National Defense

Vietnam Service

Vietnam Campaign