



**173<sup>RD</sup>  
AIRBORNE  
BRIGADE**

# KEITH BRIAN JANKE

2nd Platoon, "A" Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion (mechanized), 50<sup>th</sup> Infantry  
Sergeant, E5, Posthumous Promotion to SSG, US16978890, MOS 11B40

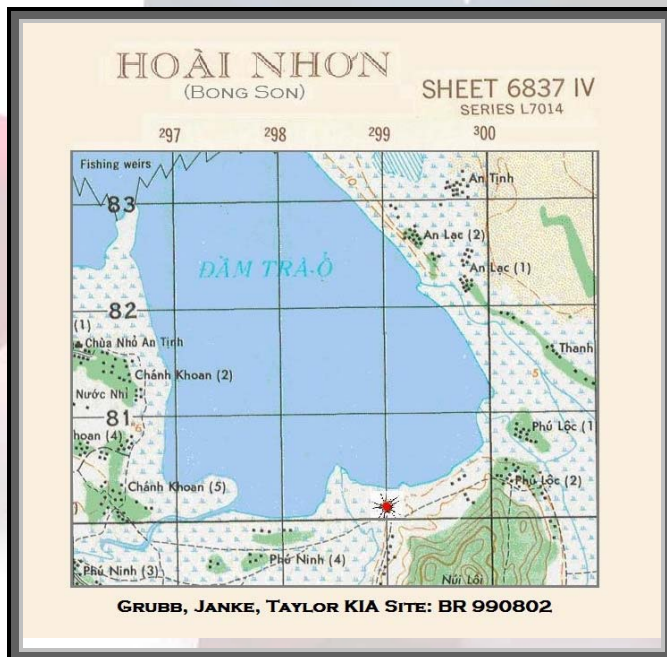
Home of Record: Ashland, WI

Date of Birth: February 23, 1943, Age at time of loss: 26, Married  
173rd Airborne Brigade (Separate), Binh Dinh Province, Republic of Vietnam  
Start of Tour: July 24, 1968, Date of Casualty: May 28, 1969, Days in Country: 308  
Casualty Type A1, OED, Panel 23W - Row 009

Keith Janke was killed when he and 4 others from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Platoon of "A" Company were hit by shrapnel from a Claymore detonated 105mm booby trapped Artillery round. Also killed with Keith were Steve Grubb and Clarence Taylor.



A map of the location (BR990802) is shown below.



GRUBB, JANKE, TAYLOR KIA SITE: BR 990802

Keith Janke (right) is pictured here on Bridge 27, Highway 19 near An Khe. (Photo from [David Payne](#) (left))



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**"A" COMPANY**



**2<sup>ND</sup> PLATOON**

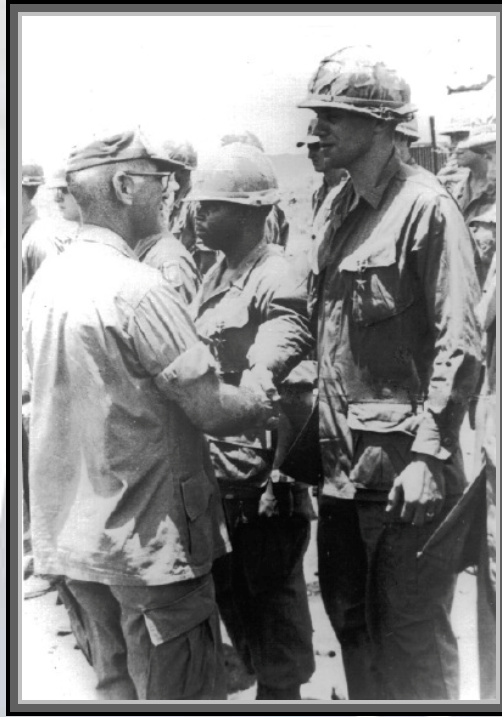


**STAFF  
SERGEANT**



**INFANTRYMAN**

Pictured Below, Keith Janke receives a Bronze Star from Battalion Commander Jim Woodall



### KEITH JANKE'S AWARDS AND DECORATIONS\*



\*Awards shown were reflected on Keith Janke's original memorial page. The man responsible for creating that page is no longer available and we do not know where he got his information. Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal and Good Conduct Medal are not verified.