

**1ST BATTALION (MECHANIZED), 50TH INFANTRY  
CHARLIE COMPANY, 3RD PLATOON  
AND  
ACTING 1ST PLATOON LEADER**



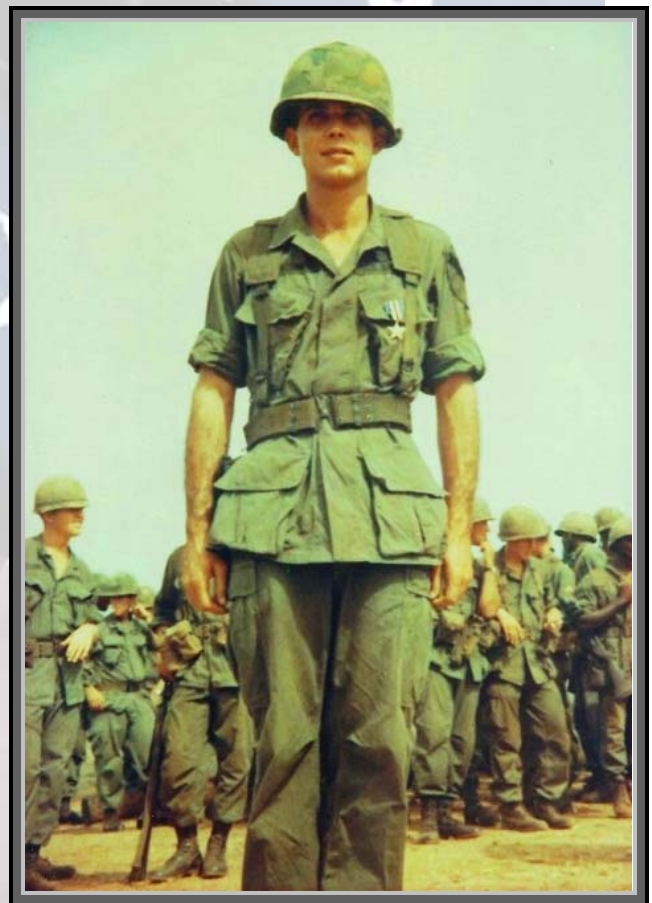
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Obituary for [Norman Clayton Poage](#)

Norman Clayton Poage, 65, died Dec. 24, 2010, in Plano, Texas. A memorial service will be held at a later date at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia. Norman was born July 9, 1945, to Hugh Russell and Hallie Elizabeth Elliott Poage in Plainview, Texas. He graduated from Tulia High School in 1963 and went on to attend the [University of Texas](#) at San Antonio where he obtained a degree in accounting.

Norman honorably served his nation in the United States Army in Korea and in the [Vietnam War](#) from 1963-1968. He served as a sergeant (Squad leader) and briefly as an Acting Platoon Leader in Charlie Company of the 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry Regiment. He was seriously wounded by a hostile mine in April 1968, resulting in his medical discharge from the Army. Norman was awarded the Silver Star, the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Clusters and the [Purple Heart](#) with Oak Leaf Clusters for distinguished gallantry in action. He also was awarded the Gallantry Cross with Bronze Star from the Republic of Vietnam, as well as many other awards.

Norm was a Charter & Life Member of the Association of the 1st Battalion, 50th Infantry and was the Association Website Creator. Much of what the Association became is due, in large part, to Norm's cutting edge efforts on the behalf of his fellow 50th Infantry Vietnam Veteran's



In June 2005, he married Christine Glenn in Silverton, Texas. He was a retired senior auditor for General Accounting office in Dallas, Texas. Norman was a member of St. Alice Catholic Church in Plainview. He was preceded in death by his parents. Norman is survived by his wife, Christine Poage of Plano; his sons, Robert Clayton Poage of Plano, Joshua Jay Poage of Austin, Collin David Poage and his wife, Stephanie, of Oxford, England, Jordan Stacy Poage of Houston and Jonathan Russell Poage of Dallas; his daughters, Kendra Ruth Luteijn and her husband, Erroll, of Dallas and Kara Elizabeth Poage of Dallas; stepson, Jeremy Brazzel and his wife, Brandie, of Dallas; stepdaughter, Heather Guzman and her husband, Joe, of Plano; brother, Hugh Elliott Poage and his wife, Vicki, of Liberty Hill; sister, Hallie Elizabeth Boggs of Kress; seven grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; one great-grandson; and uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces and cousins.

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## AWARDS AND DECORATIONS OF NORMAN C. POAGE



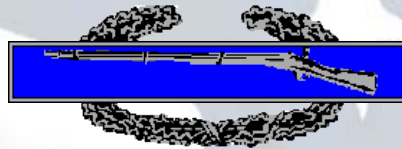
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### AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

For Gallantry in action while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an armed hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. Private First Class Poage distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous action on [31 October 1967](#), while serving as a rifleman with Company C, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry during a Company night perimeter defense near Bong Son, Republic of Vietnam. When his unit came under enemy attack, Private First Class Poage was wounded but refused medical treatment as he continued to expose himself to the hostile fire while providing covering fire for his comrades. As the enemy attack momentarily stopped, he moved back to his fire team and set up another line of defense. His courageous action contributed greatly to the successful repulsion of the enemy attack. Private First Class Poage's gallant action is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.



Combat Infantry Badge

