#### In Search Of...

# By George "Sully" Sullivan

The long, long search for a missing picture, by Vietnam Veterans of America, Thomas J. Tori Chapter 421 Staten Island, NY.... has been found. We have 84 8x10 photo's of the 85 and have been searching for this last one for many, many, years.

Past Chapter President Bill Solebello and I started searching in early 2001 for photos of OUR Fallen Brothers. We searched the Archives of the Staten Island Advance and the St. George Library and gathered about 25 of the photos. Along came Past Vice President Dan Ingellis who took the task by the horn, ran with it, and sent the word out that he would find all the rest of the 60. Dan found 59 and vowed to find the last one, a picture of Theodore Edward Moon Jr.

Recently I came across a Facebook site----Growing Up in Staten Island--- and noticed a post by Peggy Goepel Rodriguez (Baird) for the PS 16 Graduating 8th Grade Class of 1963. I noticed that Theodore was named in this group. No picture but I recognized some names of friends I grew up with and called one, Edward A. Nucci. "Bam"! Eddie had the class picture of entire group. I cropped Theodore's picture and sent it to Dan. He has been in touch with Moon's sister in South Carolina. She was only 3 years old when Theodore was killed in Nam and had no memory of her older brother. Well, Dan showed her the photo which has been verified by another family member. You see, this young man moved around during his very young life. After leaving PS 16 he enrolled in Curtis HS in September 1963 but did not stay in school. He moved into his Grandma's.house in New Hampshire and then back here on the Island and then moved again to stay with his Dad in South Orange NJ where he went into the U.S. Army. Theodore was in Vietnam for only 21 days. He was 19. Here is some of his biographical data:

# MILITARY DATA

Service: Army of the United States
Comp: Regular

Grade: E3

Rank: Private First Class ID No: 67033769

MOS: 11B10 - Infantryman LenSvc: Less than one year

Unit: B CO, 1ST BN, 16TH INF RGT, 1 INF DIV

## **CASUALTY DATA**

Start Tour: Friday, 03/07/1969 Cas Date: Friday, 03/28/1969

Age at Loss: 19

Remains: Body Recovered

Location: Binh Duong, South Vietnam

Type: Hostile, Died

Reason: Other Explosive Device - Ground Casualty

Last Update: March 1970

## ON THE WALL

Panel 28W Line 070

Theodore's name is listing on the Staten Island Vietnam Veterans Memorial and on the New Jersey Memorial, as well as "the Wall" in Washington, DC. We now can send his photo to the "new museum" at the Wall, Place a Face. THEY are more than just names on a Wall.

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