

LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON

From Anita E. Lyons
Wife of Patrick J. Lyons

Monday, June 29, 1942, Fred D. Lyons of Bradford, Pa. was directed to report for his physical for the U.S. Army. After extensive training, Fred became one of Darby's Rangers and served with the 3rd Ranger Bn. He fought through the hell of Anzio, Italy and was part of a night march on Cisterna. The 1st, 3rd and 4th Ranger Battalions were surrounded in that battle at Cisterna and were hopelessly cut off.

It was at Cisterna that Fred was wounded and hospitalized in Italy. His wounds and hospitalization saved him from certain death at the battle at Normandy.

For his service, Sgt. Fred D. Lyons received two purple hearts, seven battle and campaign stars, and a Citation from the King of Norway noting his aid in the Liberation of Norway by the United States. Fred's name is listed on the acknowledgement page of the book called Devil's Brigade about Darby's Rangers.

Thursday, June 1, 1967 another young Lyons from Bradford Pa. was inducted into the U.S. Army. Patrick J. Lyons was shipped to Vietnam where he also underwent extensive training with the Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol (LRRPs) and with the Recondo School taught by the Special Forces. He became a part of the E Co., (LRP) 52nd Infantry which later became part of the Rangers. Patrick was seriously wounded during a combat mission.

For his service, Sgt. Lyons received the Purple Heart and the Silver Star for Valor. He is currently battling diabetes brought on by continuous exposure to Agent Orange while serving in Vietnam.

This country has had many brave men and women who have served unselfishly by giving everything to guarantee our precious freedoms. I am very blessed to know a number of the LRRPs. And I am proud to say that I am the daughter-in-law of one of Darby's Rangers in WW II and the wife of a LRRP/Ranger in Vietnam. God bless all our brave men and women and God bless our great nation. Thank you all for your service.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICA!

WHO ARE THESE GUYS?



From: "Walker Jones" [REDACTED]

I was a helicopter pilot in Vietnam, I took my Spotmatic with me every day, taking photos of everything and everyone.

- This is the most important photograph I took that survived Vietnam. These faces are those of the young Americans that I was sure that I had killed from my Cobra above. For so many years after Vietnam, I could never really be sure that I actually saw these guys at the Phouc Vinh POL (refuel point). Sometimes, I thought that I had created a vision - and photograph - as some mental self-defense. And now I stare at those eyes and realize that they are not looking at the camera, they are looking at me. It's an iconic photo from our war.

I'll tell my story again when the time comes.

I recognize all 5 faces. Jackie Stobaugh (died 9/20/83) is in the middle, hatless, wearing the chest gear.
Darrell "Smitty" Smith

Patterson is on the right, I should know three others, but memories 8888888
Andrew Allen.

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