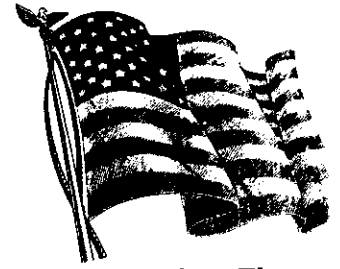


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Mrs. Lewis B. Puller Jr.

Dear Toddy,

Words cannot express the feeling that I had when I learned of Lew's death this past Wednesday. The Board of Directors and members of our national organization send to you, your son and daughter our sincere sorrow on his passing.

As you know, National Flag Celebration and its selection committee had selected Lew to receive our highest honor, the Hall of Fame Award. I shall never forget when I spoke to him about his selection. He told me that he was deeply honored and we spoke at some length about you and him coming to Vincennes, Indiana in June to be honored by our organization.

I called your home, I believe, in February and a young man answered the phone and I was informed that Lew had fallen from his wheelchair, had injured his pelvis and hip and was in the hospital.

I had informed Admiral Zumwalt and General Westmoreland of Lew's selection and they were elated that he was to receive our Hall of Fame Award. Admiral Zumwalt stated, as did General Westmoreland, that we could not have selected a person more deserving than Lewis B. Puller Jr.

Toddy, no one is perfect and the world has its imperfections--that is the real world that we live in. In my conversation with Lew, he told me that you deserved many honors and awards as you were the best soldier of all. Lew Puller was an inspiration to all of us who put on the uniform in service to our country. His struggle was more than most of us could ever bear. He never stopped trying to help others who served in the Viet Nam War. In Lew's 48 years he has touched the lives of many that we will never know about, and I am sure that without you at his side and giving your love and attention, Lew would not have survived. In many ways we are all blessed by the life of Lewis B. Puller Jr.

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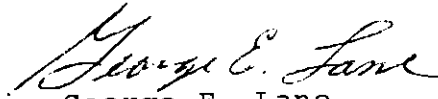
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I would like to extend an invitation for you to attend National Flag Celebration's reception and our awards program to receive Lew Puller Jr.'s Hall of Fame Award. We will provide airfare and your lodging. We hope you will be able to join us for the activities beginning Friday, June 10th, Saturday, June 11th and Sunday, June 12th.

Again we send our condolences to you and your family. We hope to hear from you soon.

Kind regards,



George E. Lane
Executive Director and Chairman

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Enclosure

cc: Admiral Zumwalt, Jr.
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