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To the Westchester County Board of Legislators & Paul Feiner Supervisor of the Town of Greenburgh.

cc; Dan Griffen Veteran Service agency

I got an Email from David Imamura that said there would be upgrades made to the Hartsdale Train station. I have for years wanted to have a memorial plaque to those that gave their lives in the Vietnam war. Four were lost, attached is a list. I knew Reggie Sutherland and Phil Brooks. They enlisted in the USMC on what was the Buddy system and stayed together thru their time in Vietnam.

They were both very smart guys and could have avoided Vietnam; they had been accepted for college. The time of the loss they were in a Combined Action Platoon, to be in a CAP you had to be above the rest and had to learn Vietnamese and live in a village for long periods of time. A CAP was 13 Marines and a Navy Corpsman.

Reggie Sutherland experienced a traumatic event which resulted in loss of life on [December 10, 1969](#). Recorded circumstances attributed to: "Died through hostile action, small arms fire". Incident location: South Vietnam, Quang Ngai province. It was the time of the Monsoon and the VC took advantage of this time when it was raining every day. They could not get a medevac in in those conditions and it was miracle of miracles that Phil Brooks survived the ambush.

PHILIP M. BROOKS JR., a longtime White Plains resident, died April 12, 2007 at the age of 58. He was born August 10, 1948 in Richland WA to Virginia and Phillip M. Brooks Sr. Mr. Brooks graduated from Archbishop Stepinac H.S. and the RPI Polytechnic Institute. **He was a NYS Merritt Scholarship Finalist.** He worked as an engineer for the Pullman Kellogg Corp in Houston TX for several years. Philip served in the U.S. Marine Corp from 1969 - 1970. He was a Purple Heart Recipient.

Robert Alexander Abruzese was from Hartsdale and I went to school with his brother Harold, and he was killed December 1969, his tour began on Aug 8, 1969 in QUANG TRI, SOUTH VIETNAM the month I arrived in Vietnam, Casualty was on Dec 28, 1969.

I think it would be appropriate to include Phil Brooks in this memorial as well.

I promised Reggie's childhood sweetheart Cathy Intravia I would pursue this.

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the Silver Star Medal to Reginald J. Sutherland (102400718), Corporal, U.S. Marine Corps, for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with Combined Action Platoon 1-4-6, in connection with combat operations against the enemy in the Republic of Vietnam on November 10, 1969. By his courage, aggressive fighting spirit and steadfast devotion to duty in the face of extreme personal danger, Corporal Sutherland upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.

Home Town: Hartsdale, New York

Irvington and Hastings on Hudson, City of White Plains, Town of Mount Pleasant, City of Yonkers and City of Mount Vernon, and the Town of Harrison have memorials.

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Robert Alexander Abruzese

PFC - E3 - Army - Selective Service
5th Infantry Division Mechanized

Length of service 0 years
His tour began on Aug 8, 1969
Casualty was on Dec 28, 1969
In QUANG TRI, SOUTH VIETNAM
Hostile, died of wounds, GROUND CASUALTY
MULTIPLE FRAGMENTATION WOUNDS
Body was recovered

Panel 15W - Line 101

Age:	20
Race:	Caucasian
Sex:	Male
Date of Birth	Mar 27, 1949
From:	HARTSDALE, NY
Religion:	ROMAN CATHOLIC
Marital Status:	Single

ROBERT ANTHONY SCHMID

SP4 - E4 - Army - Regular
25th Infantry Division

Length of service 2 years
His tour began on Jan 5, 1966
Casualty was on Aug 16, 1966
In , SOUTH VIETNAM
HOSTILE, GROUND CASUALTY
OTHER EXPLOSIVE DEVICE
Body was recovered

Panel 10E - Line 13

Age:	23
Race:	Caucasian
Sex:	Male
Date of Birth	Mar 11, 1943
From:	HARTSDALE, NY
Religion:	ROMAN CATHOLIC
Marital Status:	Single

REGINALD J SUTHERLAND

Marine Corps - CPL - E4

Age: 21
Race: Caucasian
Sex: Male
Date of Birth Mar 31, 1948
From: HARTSDALE, NY
Religion: ROMAN CATHOLIC
Marital Status: Single

REGINALD J SUTHERLAND

CPL - E4 - Marine Corps - Regular

Length of service 1 years
His tour began on Apr 17, 1969
Casualty was on Dec 10, 1969
In QUANG NGAI, SOUTH VIETNAM
HOSTILE, GROUND CASUALTY
GUN, SMALL ARMS FIRE
Body was recovered

Panel 15W - Line 46

THOMAS TAMILIO

LCPL - E3 - Marine Corps - Regular

Length of service 1 years
Casualty was on Feb 15, 1967
In QUANG NGAI, SOUTH VIETNAM
HOSTILE, GROUND CASUALTY
GUN, SMALL ARMS FIRE
Body was recovered

Panel 15E - Line 37

Age: 20
Race: Caucasian
Sex: Male
Date of Birth Feb 12, 1947
From: HARTSDALE, NY
Religion: ROMAN CATHOLIC
Marital Status: Single