### INFORMATION RELEASABLE UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT NAME: Fowler, James Bonard BRANCH OF SERVICE AND SERIAL/SERVICE NUMBER(S): U.S. Navy/U.S. Naval Reserve- 443 47 53 and USA/USAR - 24 548 375 DATES OF SERVICE: See Attached **DUTY STATUS:** Retired (Army) RANK/GRADE: SFC (Army) /SWE2 (Navy) SALARY: N/A SOURCE OF COMMISSION: Enlisted Only PROMOTION SEQUENCE NUMBER: ASSIGNMENTS AND GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATIONS: See Attached MILITARY EDUCATION: Navy: Pipefitter Class "A" School/1954 Army: See Attached DECORATIONS AND AWARDS: See Attached TRANSCRIPT OF COURT-MARTIAL TRIAL: Not in File PHOTOGRAPH: See Attached PLACE OF ENTRY: Birmingham, AL (Navy)/Calera, AL (Army) PLACE OF SEPARATION: COMFLAGRU LANTRESFLT Green Cove Springs, FL (Navy) / Fort Benning, GA (Army) FOR DECEASED VETERAN ONLY PLACE OF BIRTH DATE OF DEATH LOCATION OF DEATH PLACE OF BURIAL NOTE: N/A denotes information is not available in the veteran's records

# DATES OF SERVICE OF JAMES BONARD FOWLER

July 26, 1949 to August 7, 1950 (Inactive Duty Army National Guard)
January 8, 1954 to November 7, 1957 (Active Duty U.S. Navy)
November 8, 1957 to June 18, 1958 (Inactive Duty U.S. Navy Reserve)
December 8, 1958 to December 7, 1966 (Inactive Duty U.S. Navy Reserve)
May 13, 1967 to July 1, 1968 (Inactive Duty U.S. Navy Reserve)
July 2, 1968 to January 20, 1969 (Inactive Duty Army National Guard)
January 21, 1969 to November 1, 1978 (Active Duty United States Army)

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### DECORATIONS & AWARDS OF JAMES BONARD FOWLER

Silver Star (with One Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)

Bronze Star Medal (with Two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters and Letter "V" Device)

Purple Heart

Meritorious Service Medal (with One Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)

Air Medal

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Army Commendation Medal (with Two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters and Letter "V" Device)

Good Conduct Medal (Third Award)

National Defense Service Medal (with One Bronze Service Star)

Vietnam Service Medal (with One Bronze Service Star and One Silver Service Star)

Combat Infantryman Badge

Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device (1960)

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm Unit Citation

Korea Service Medal (with Two Bronze Service Stars)

United Nations Service Medal

Navy Occupation Service Medal (with Europe Clasp)

Driver and Mechanic Badge (with Driver "W" Bar)

Parachutist Badge - Master

Pathfinder Badge

Eight Overseas Bars



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HEADQUARTERS XVIII AIRBORNE CORPS AND FORT BRAGG

#### CITATION FOR THE ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (SECOND OAK LEAF CLUSTER)

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS JAMES B. FOWLER, United States Army, performed exceptionally outstanding service as Platoon Sergeant, Second Platoon, 118th Military Police Company, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, from 20 December 1973 to 3 September 1975. Sergeant Fowler's forceful leadership, coupled with constant uncompromising attitude of duty performance. contributed immeasurably to the increased morale and mission effectiveness of the platoon that he led. Drawing upon his vast experience and comprehensive knowledge, he was highly instrumental in developing the leadership ability of his junior noncommissioned officers and attaining the highest standards of professional competence in his subordinates. His exceptional leadership, attention to detail, and insistence that the members of his platoon continue to improve themselves physically, mentally, morally, and professionally demonstrated the highest standards of the PRO-LIFE program, and was evidenced by his platoon's consistently outstanding performance during inspections, field exercises or in the performance of military police duties. Through his untiring efforts, he molded the character of the members of his platoon. His devotion to duty, professional attitude, and character earned him the respect of his superiors and subordinates alike. The outstanding manner in which Sergeant Fowler performed his duties reflects great credit upon himself, his organization, and the military service.





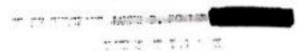


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