

# 25th Division Medal of Honor Roll



The history of the 25th Infantry Division is replete with stories of heroism and sacrifice, for the mission and for fellow Soldiers. Here we recognize the recipients of our Nation's highest award for valor, the Medal of Honor. We present these citations in chronological order.



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## Hammett L. Bowen, Jr.

**Rank:** Staff Sergeant, U.S. Army  
**Organization:** Company C, 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry, 25th Infantry Division.  
**Place:** Binh Duong Province, Republic of Vietnam  
**Date:** 27 June 1969.  
**Entered service at:** Jacksonville, FL.  
**Born:** 30 November 1947, Lagrange, Ga.



Master Sgt. (P) William Bullard (left), Command Sergeant Major, Rear Detachment, 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Inf. Division, and Capt. Ben Hart, Commander, Rear Detach., 1st Bn., 14th Inf. Regt., 2nd SBCT, 25th ID, unveil the plaque dedicated to Staff Sgt. Hammett Bowen Jr during the Bowen Child Development Center Re-memorialization Ceremony in 2015

### Citation

Staff Sergeant Bowen distinguished himself while serving as a platoon sergeant during combat operations in Binh Duong Province, Republic of Vietnam. Staff Sergeant Bowen's platoon was advancing on a reconnaissance mission into enemy controlled terrain when it came under the withering crossfire of small arms and grenades from an enemy ambush force. Staff Sergeant Bowen placed heavy suppressive fire on the enemy positions and ordered his men to fall back. As the platoon was moving back, an enemy grenade was thrown amid Staff Sergeant Bowen and three of his men. Sensing the danger to his comrades, Staff Sergeant Bowen shouted a warning to his men and hurled himself on the grenade, absorbing the

explosion with his body while saving the lives of his fellow soldiers. Staff Sergeant Bowen's extraordinary courage and concern for his men at the cost of his life served as an inspiration to his comrades and are in the highest traditions of the military service and the U.S. Army.



SSG Hammett L Bowen Jr.  
 lies at rest at Restwan Memory  
 Garden Cemetery  
 LaGrange, Georgia