



Barry Armstrong, SP4, USA
Nha Trang (72-73)



My father was in Nha Trang AFVN. He was SP4 Barry Lee Armstrong, 72 to 73. He took Basic at Fort Ord. I believe he was an [electronics] engineer. He died in 2006 from complications due to exposure to agent orange at age 53. But he was a happy person who never brought up Vietnam or the war.





Message from Bruce Eaton, August 8, 2018

He served with AFVN Detachment #4. TV and FM radio stations were on Hon Tre Island off the coast of Nha Trang. The AM radio station was at Dong Ba Thin, south of Nha Trang near the Cam Ranh Bay Air Base. I was Detachment OIC 1967-68.

Message from Armstrong Brenden, August 8, 2018

Thanks Bruce, that's some good info about my dad's service. All I have is his records but not much else. I'm to become a 92-Romeo Parachute Rigger eventually. I leave for Basic on the 21st. Thank you for your service, brother. Is there any possible way to locate his gun if it still around. I saw a WW2 veteran get his back even though it gone through more war afterwards.

Message from Bruce Eaton, August 8, 2018

Good Luck on your new adventure!

Message from Jim White, August 8, 2018

I'm Jim White and was with AFVN in Saigon in 1970-71. Your question about getting your father's rifle--most likely it is impossible. He would have been issued an M-16 like the rest of us at that time and would have returned it to the Arms Room at MACV just before his departure. It might have been reissued or discarded, depending upon its condition, and there is no way to trace it. I will make a "TAPS" page for your father as soon as I have a chance. Will include any further information you would like to post. If available, a copy of his obituary or a few more photos? Go to AFVNVETS.net and send them to me as Webmaster. A little early, but thank you for following in your father's footsteps.

