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The Fort Fairfield High School Class of 1967 is pleased to announce the publication of its new book honoring the 45 military veterans from the class. **HONORING THEIR SERVICE** contains the individual stories of 45 military veterans, twenty-three of whom served in Vietnam. Read about their paths to becoming a part of the US military, their training, their duties, and their service locations. Also, learn about the impact that their military experiences had on their lives. The book has been praised by three retired senior military leaders and a well-known Maine author.

The book includes:

- maps, tables, photos, and narrative commentary explaining the experiences of these veterans and how the Vietnam Era of the Cold War shaped their young lives
- details of the impact of PTSD and Agent Orange
- an overview history of Fort Fairfield, its potato industry and the school system that influenced their lives
- 20 pages of images of **Fort Fairfield** as it was during the 1950s and 60s.
- Altogether 347 pages of stories and history with over 500 images, 64% of them in color!

This book is a limited edition printing, so don't miss your opportunity to own or buy one for a loved one or friend.

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## **PRAISE FOR *HONORING THEIR SERVICE***

This book is a tribute to the Vietnam Era Veterans of the Fort Fairfield High School Class of 1967. Describing how the 60's youth became of age and thrust into maturity almost overnight. Being called into service had become almost a family tradition, as they often were the second or third generation to serve. Many classmates served in the same battalion, the First Battalion, 152nd Field Artillery, Maine Army National Guard.

**John J. Leonard, Jr. CSM (Ret), National Guard Bureau**

This book is a beautiful, patriotic, and meaningful tribute to the 45 classmates of the Fort Fairfield High School class of 1967 who served honorably in the United States military. The authors conducted extensive research in order to accurately portray the unselfish duty that these veterans performed for their country. In addition to honoring their classmates, the authors have related much of the illustrious history of military units and individuals from Aroostook County. Our entire State of Maine has a proud, honorable military history, and this excellent book relates the important slice of that history that was so patriotically demonstrated by the FFHS Class of 1967. I had the honor and privilege to serve with some of them.

**Earl L. Adams Major General, US Army(Ret), Former Adjutant General, Maine**

This book is a genuine labor of love. Driven by admiration and gratitude, members of Fort Fairfield High School's Class of 1967 have created an extraordinary tribute to the military service of 45 classmates, 23 of whom served in Vietnam. Through painstaking research, a seven-member committee documented not only details of each veteran's story, but also common themes of the Vietnam era, making the book a valuable record of the experience and effects of war in the 1960s for generations to come. Honoring their Service exemplifies the enduring strength of a community that cares deeply about its members, even after more than fifty years.

**Kathryn Olmstead, *Echoes* magazine co-founder/editor**

Stories of the Vietnam War Era veterans need to be preserved and passed on to future generations. The book, *Honoring Their Service*, does just that. It tells the stories of the forty-five Vietnam Era veterans from the Fort Fairfield High School Class of 1967. The stories, in their own words or with their input, reveal their personal experiences while serving their country. One of these veterans, COL Jim Tinkham, who I knew very well and served with him in the Pentagon, was an outstanding officer who served his country with honor and distinction. More books like *Honoring Their Service* should be published.

**Lieutenant General (Ret) John B. Conaway, Former Chief, National Guard Bureau**

## **SYNOPSIS**

Forty-five members from the Fort Fairfield, Maine high school Class of 1967 served in the United States military during the Vietnam Era. *Honoring Their Service* recognizes and honors these military veterans by presenting their individual stories and preserving them for future generations. This book gives voice to those who have long been silent.

These are the individual stories of twenty-three veterans who served in Vietnam, one of whom was killed in action there, and the twenty-two veterans who served around the globe and at home. Their small hometown of Fort Fairfield, a rural farming community in northern Maine with a proud tradition of military service, sent over two-thirds of the young men and one young woman from the Class of 1967 into military service. Their stories describe their decisions and choices about becoming a part of the US military, how and where they trained and served, and the impact that their military experiences have had on their lives. The book also includes a history of the town of Fort Fairfield, a photo gallery of the hometown focused on scenes from the '50s and '60s, an analysis of the common threads of the veterans' stories, a history of the local National Guard field artillery battalion, and an essay by a non-veteran classmate about growing up in the rural agricultural community and the impact of the Vietnam Era on the members of her high school class. Additionally, there is a reprint of a 1968 news article about five Marines from the class who enlisted and trained together.

*Honoring Their Service* stands as both a thank you to 45 Vietnam Era veterans and a historical documentation of their service and the sacrifices that they made over half a century ago. May their stories be read and their voices be heard by future generations and by those Americans living today.