

Lance Corporal Jimmy Simmons
SC Alumni - US Marine
Inducted into the SC Hall of Fame October 15, 2010

Lance Corporal James (Jimmy) Charles Danny Simmons was born June 30, 1949 in Newport, AK. He attended SCVUHS graduating 1967. At Santa Cruz, Jimmy participated in football, Spanish Club, Photography Club and other activities.

Jimmy Simmons enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and received basic training at the Marine Corps Training Center in San Diego CA. He achieved the rank of Lance Corporal. LCPL James Simmons was assigned to the 2nd PLT, G Company, 2nd BN, 3rd Marines, 3rd MARDIV, III MAF. He was immediately deployed to Vietnam.

On May 26, 1968 Simmons was hospitalized for shrapnel wounds to his left side. He wrote his parents, on June 2, that he had recovered from his wound and was being sent back to duty near Cam Ralin Bay, Vietnam. He was able to enjoy a rest and recovery visit to Sydney, Australia before returning to combat. A little over a week later, on September 19, 1968, in Quang Tri Province, South Vietnam, under hostile fire, LCPL James Charles Dan Simmons lost his life; he was 19 years old.

Simmons' awards include the Purple Heart, National Defense Medal, Vietnam Service Award and the Vietnam Campaign Medal. He was also awarded the US Marine Corps Medal and the III MHF, 3rd Marine Division and 3rd Marines patches. All are true testament to honor a true American Hero.

SCVUHS continues to honor the service and legacy of LCPL James Charles Dan Simmons with the awarding each year of the Jimmy Simmons Memorial Scholarship by the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, Eloy Chapter. This scholarship provides a four semester grant for assistance with the cost of books to a SCVUHS graduate attending Central Arizona College. Many SCVUHS graduates have been able to begin their road to success because of this scholarship that is given in honor of a True American Hero.

He was survived by parents Mr. and Mrs. Charles "Barney" and Helen Simmons and a sister Dovie Simmons Tipton.

James Charles Dan Simmons

Lance Corporal

2ND PLT, G CO, 2ND BN, 3RD MARINES, 3RD MARDIV, III MAF

United States Marine Corps

[Eloy, Arizona](#)

June 30, 1949 to September 19, 1968

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