

Donald Edward Koelper

He was a casualty of the **Vietnam War** on February 16, 1964. He is honored and remembered by the people of **Illinois**.

SERVICE OVERVIEW

Name	Donald Edward Koelper
Date Born	August 21, 1931
From	Adams County, Illinois
War	Vietnam War
Service Branch	US Marine Corps
Rank	Captain
Specialty	Infantry Officer
Service Group	Military Assistance Advisory Group Vietnam Naval Advisory Group, Advisory To 4th Bn Svmc
Date Death	February 16, 1964
Cause of Death	Hostile, Killed in Action
Notable Awards	★ Purple Heart

ORIGINS and HISTORY

Donald Edward Koelper was born on August 21, 1931. According to our records Illinois was his home or enlistment state. Furthermore, we have Northbrook listed as the city and Adams County included within the archival record.

SERVICE DETAILS

He had enlisted in the Marine Corps. Entered via Regular Military. Served during the Vietnam War. He had the rank of Captain. Occupation or specialty was Infantry Officer. Service number was 060953. Served with Military Assistance Advisory Group Vietnam Naval Advisory Group, Advisory To 4th Bn Svmc.

CASUALTY CIRCUMSTANCES

Koelper experienced a traumatic event which resulted in loss of life on February 16, 1964. Recorded circumstances attributed to: "Died through hostile action, explosive device". Incident location: Saigon Bomb at Kinh Do Theater, South Vietnam, Gia Dinh province.

REMEMBERED and MEMORIALS

Donald is honored on the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial in Washington DC. Name inscribed at VVM Wall, Panel 01e, Line 43.

AWARDS and COMMENDATIONS

Listed below are some of the awards, medals, citations and commendations that Donald Edward Koelper either received or may have been qualified for.

- ★ Purple Heart
- ★ Combat Action Ribbon
- ★ National Defense Service Medal
- ★ Vietnam Campaign Medal
- ★ Vietnam Service Medal
- ★ Distinguished Unit Citation
- ★ Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation
- ★ Good Conduct Medal
- ★ Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal