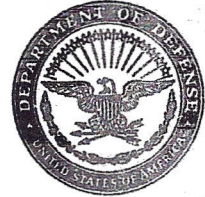


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Mr. and Mrs. John E. Rucker
Box 18
Linden, Texas 75563

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Rucker,

Today is the 34th day into the cease fire agreement and phasedown of United States Air Force activities in the Republic of Vietnam. The particular significance of this day is the fact that at 9:30 this morning, a group of USAF and Vietnamese personnel paused to dedicate the DaNang Air Base Memorial Park.

This dedication, attended by approximately 400 people, while recognizing the overall contributions of all Air Force personnel here at DaNang and those who died in the cause of freedom, gave special recognition to your son, Sgt John Rucker. The Park contains an engraved marble plaque in his honor; and I want to assure you that his memory and supreme sacrifice will not be forgotten.

The attached Memorial Brochure will help you better sense the spirit of today's activity. I was extremely proud to have your son under my command.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "William W. Hoover", is positioned above the typed name.

WILLIAM W. HOOVER, Colonel, USAF
Commander