



**Lawrence Himmer (1938 – 1968)**

Lawrence Himmer was born on July 23, 1938 in San Diego, California. In the 1940's, he lived at several addresses in National City. He graduated from Sweetwater Union High School in 1956, and then went to San Diego State College, graduating in 1962. Because of his prowess on the football and track teams in High School, his nickname was "Moose". His Social Security Number was issued in the state of California and is listed as 555-48-5247. He is the son of Mr. Russel C. Himmer and Mrs. Audrey Stevens of 3621 Sweetwater Road, National City.

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He served as a 0302 in the Marine Corps for eight years and reached the rank of CAPT/O3. Captain Himmer was killed in action (KIA) on April 16, 1968 in the area of Quang Tri Province in South Vietnam as a result of a missile wound sustained from an explosive device. He had earned the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the National Defense Service Medal, and several Vietnam Campaign Medals, including the Vietnam Gallantry Cross.

His wife was the former Sharon Lynne Kammerman of Salt Lake City. He was the father two sons (Richard and Dale), and of three daughters (Teresa, La Shel and Jennifer) and. He was active in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. After marriage, one of his hobbies was creating backdrops for church plays. He is buried at the Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery, and his grave is located at Plot: Q 1222. He was buried on May 9, 1968. In 2006, the City of Chula Vista and the McMillin Housing Development honored Lawrence Himmer by having a street named in his honor in the Lomas Verdes subdivision.

His name appears on the WALL in Washington DC at location 50East, Row 14. In addition, his name appears on a plaque at the San Diego Peace Memorial in Balboa Park, San Diego, California. . His name was also added to the Stardust Spacecraft in a NASA microchip as an outreach program. Further information can be found at:

<http://stardust.jpl.nasa.gov/overview/microchip/faq.html>

