

Vietnam Research – The 521 Fallen Australians

I recently started researching each of the 521 Australians, recorded on the Australian War Memorial Honour Roll, who lost their lives as a result of the Vietnam Conflict. I'm producing a book documenting and honouring their lives, including before entering the Navy, Army or Air Force, their service in Vietnam, how they lost life and the affect of their loss on their family and friends.

My reason for writing this book is because I want to ensure that current and future generations remember them, the sacrifice they made and how their loss affected their families.

Additionally, as part of my research for my book I am visiting the final resting places of those who paid the ultimate sacrifice in the Vietnam Conflict. Place a flag and poppy at their final resting place as a show of respect.

I would like to talk to and interview anyone who served with any of the 521 Australians, members of their families or friends. Please contact me directly via bazz662@bigpond.com or via the contact page on my webpage www.barryhampson.com.

A bit about myself, I have a military background having enlisted in 1980 and serving 20 plus years in the Regular Army. I am a member of the following historical associations:

Professional Historians Association (www.historians.org.au). The association represents qualified historians who are professionally employed or commissioned to undertake historical work.

Australian Historical Association (www.theaha.org.au). The association was founded in 1973 and it is a national organisation of historians, academic, professional and others working in all fields of history.

Oral History Association of Australia (www.ohaa.net.au). The association was founded in 1978. Its objectives are to promote the practice and methods of oral history, to educate in the use of oral history methods, to encourage discussions on all aspects of history and to foster the preservation of oral history records.