

Murphy Presents Military Decorations to Brother of Vietnam Veteran Killed in Action

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Mr. Paul Hughes, from Waterbury, enlisted in the U.S. Army on June 7, 1969. He earned the rank of Specialist Five with the United States Army, 14th Engineer Battalion (Combat), 45th Engineer Group, 18th Engineer Brigade before his heroic death. While serving as a medical aidman with an engineering unit in the Republic of Vietnam, he crawled along an open roadway to rescue a fellow soldier who had been struck by a rocket-propelled grenade while operating a bulldozer. Specialist Hughes had advanced about 25 meters down the roadway when he was mortally wounded in the hail of enemy fire. His name appears on the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, D.C and the Waterbury Vietnam War Memorial.

Members of the Hughes family were in attendance for the presentation of the medals, which included the Purple Heart, the Silver Star, the Army Commendation Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Ribbon, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Vietnam Service Medal with two Bronze Service Stars.

Photo of Military Decorations Presentation Ceremony