



# Frederick R. Salanti

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**Date of Birth:** February 1, 1948 - Weed, California

**Heritage:** Swiss, Italian, Swedish

**Education:** Mt Shasta High School, 1966; Infantry Officer Candidate School- Ft Benning, GA July 1967; BA, Columbia College, IS, March 1976

## **Family:**

Susan Wagner-Salanti, wife, RN, PHD, B-T

Heather Dee Ann Salanti, daughter, born 15 Feb 1975, resides on Maui, HI

## **Military: US Army**

Enlisted: 18 August, 1966

Commissioned: 18 July 1967

Ended Active Duty: 17 July 1970

Active Reserve: 31 Dec 1978

Rank: Major (USAR) Dec 1976

Vietnam: March 1968 – Dec 1969

## **Military Awards:**

Bronze Star w/ 2 oak leaf clusters and “V” device, Army Commendation Medal, Air Medal, Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman Badge, Vietnam Gallantry Cross w/Bronze Star, Army Reserve Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal w/7 oak leaf clusters

## **Civilian Activities:**

- Missing in America Project inters over 1859 unclaimed veterans and visits over 1950 funeral homes out of 54,000 in the U.S. Currently researching over 9,200 names.
- House Bill HR2051 “Missing in America Act of 2011” before Congress
- Laws in 15 states recognizing Missing in America Project and unclaimed Veterans & dependents
- 2010 CA State Law AB1644 making MIAP represented in all 58 counties as a “Veterans Remains Organization (VRO)” as recognized by the Department of Veterans Affairs
- 2010 Medal of Honor Society “Others before Self” finalist

- National Resolutions from the following Organizations supporting the Missing in America Veterans Recovery Program: AMVETS; VFW; American Legion; Marine Corps League; Washington Department of Veterans Affairs; Indiana DVA; Nevada DVA; Vietnam Veterans of America. Most of these have CA Resolutions as well.
- 2011/2012 Caltrans Statewide permits to legally escort all Veterans funeral processions. The only motorcycle escort in the State of California outside of a City authorized business.
- 2009 CA Assembly “Veteran of the Year, District 2”
- 2009 CA Senate “Missing in America Project (MIAP)” Recognition
- 2009 appointed by the State of Kentucky “Honorary Kentucky Colonel”

### **Organizations:**

Missing in America Project Founder & Executive Director, AMVETS- MOJO Post #4, V.E.T.S. (Victory Ensured Through Service), Northern California Veterans Cemetery Commission (NCVCC), American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Oregon and Members of the Community, Combat Veterans Military Association, Oregon Veterans Military Association.

### **Community Service:**

2010 Fundraiser for the groundbreaking of the Northern California Veterans Home-Redding

2010 Serviceman’s Feast for all Soldiers/Veterans & their families for free (served 1200)

2009-2011 Veterans Food Bank with Redding Loaves & Fishes every Sunday to provide food for needy veterans and their families.

2010 “Camp for Life” with Walmart Heart children with serious illness. Weekend camp to provide relief and support for families and children at the Whiskeytown Environmental Camp.

Founder & Executive Director of the Missing in America Veterans Recovery Program, nationwide.

### **Conclusion:**

A champion of our military and its veterans. Founded the Missing in America Project in September 2006. This will likely be a life-long commitment as the mission of the MIAP is one of locating identifying and interring, with honor, every forgotten veteran who served our country, together with his/her dependants.