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United States Military Academy Class of 1968
A Remembrance of Our Fallen Classmates
Vietnam Veterans Memorial
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Bereaved brothers, families and friends,
Who, blessed by the gift of man's memory,
Are bound by the gift of man's love,
For "greater love hath no man than this,
That he lay down his life for his friends."

We are West Point soldiers; we live to serve,
And as the shimmering shadows pass in review,
We commend to thee those who served –
Serene and sanguine soldiers arrayed
In battle dress and full dress gray.

Upon this sacred hollow, posterity's glow consoles,
Upon this hallowed wall, the tally of the fallen tolls –
Here, once again we gather,
Here, once again we pray,
Joining in memory they who leave us day by day.

Forever free from the maladies of man
And the quarrels of man they fought to quell,
May they reside forever in the realm of thy peace;
May they shine forever in the shade of thy grace.
Amen.

– Captain (Sandy) Douglas A. Cohn, USA (Ret.)