



Chief Warrant Officer Three Stephen A. Hansen
28 November 1947 - 20 May 1988

Chief Warrant Officer Three Stephen A. Hansen was born on 28 November 1947 in Highland Park, Illinois. He volunteered for service in the U.S. Army in October 1967 from Fort Madison, Iowa. After completion of training as a Special Forces Medical Specialist, he was briefly assigned to 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) at Fort Devens, Massachusetts, before serving on an A-team in the Republic of Vietnam from 1969-1970. Upon his return from Vietnam, he was assigned to the 10th SFG(A) in Bad Tolz, Germany.

In 1974, while assigned as a Medical Specialist with the 9th Aviation Battalion at Fort Lewis, Washington, he was selected to attend the Army Physician Assistant course at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. He served as a Physician's Assistant in assignments at Fort Ord, California; Fort Bliss, Texas; and Fort Benning, Georgia.

In 1981, CW3 Hansen was selected to attend the Officer Rotary Wing Aviator Course and was assigned after graduation as a Medevac Pilot with the 159th Medical Detachment and then the 236th Medical Detachment, both in Germany. In July 1985, he was assigned to the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne) at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, first as a Mission Pilot with Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, and then as the Warrant Officer Assessment Officer with the Regiment's Headquarters Service Company.

CW3 Hansen's awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (w/3 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (w/1 OLC), Good Conduct Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Combat Medical Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, and Aviator Badge. He was posthumously awarded the Legion of Merit.

CW3 Hansen died on 20 May 1988 when his AH-6, #276, crashed in Portland, Tennessee. He is survived by his wife, Connie; his daughter, Tracey and his son, Steven. The headquarters conference room in Grimm Hall on GEN Brown Compound at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, is dedicated in his honor as the Hansen Conference Room.