



## Edward Mack Frierson

SP5 Admin Staff – United States Army  
D Company, 864<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion, Construction  
Served in Vietnam from 1967-1968  
Khanah Hoa, Vietnam

Edward Mack Frierson was born April 9, 1947, in Palm Springs, CA, the son of Edward and Lucille Alexander Frierson. Edward’s mom remarried his step-father, Luther Jackson. Edward is the second oldest child of the six children. Edward’s oldest sister is Elnora, who passed away and the remaining four sisters are Alice, Sarah, Rene and Tamiko.

Edward spent most of his childhood growing up between the cities of Palm Springs and Los Angeles, CA. Edward started working at the age of 10 and sold newspapers for Palms Springs Desert Sun Newspaper and the Herald Express. Edward played sports and was a member of the Jr High and HS bands in Palm Spring, CA. Later, the family moved to Los Angeles and Edward graduated from Manual Arts HS in 1965.

Upon completion of HS, Edward enlisted in the US Army and after training, he was sent to Vietnam. In Vietnam he was assigned to HQTS Co, 864<sup>th</sup> Engr Bn, (Const), Nha Trang, Vietnam. After the 1968 Tet Counter Offensive, he was transferred Co D, 864<sup>th</sup> Engr Bn, Khanah Hoa, Vietnam. The base camp was controlled by Republic of Korea Soldiers, “White Horse Division” along with other allied soldiers, Americans, Australians and New Zealand. Edward is the recipient of the National Defense Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Tet Counter Offensive and Vietnam Counter Offensive Phase III Medals and 2 O/S Bars.

After separation from the US Army, Edward was accepted into the University of Massachusetts, Boston Campus. Edward received a Bachelor’s degree in Secondary Education and Minor in English. Edward worked his way thru college on the GI Education Bill, student work study and as a teacher’s assistant in a Catholic School. Edward received his Certification to Teach in Boston’s Public School System after Graduation 1973.

Edward met his wife Andrae Malinda Tucker in Boston, Mass. Edward and Andrae married and lived in East Orange, New Jersey for a year and relocated to Santa Ana, Orange County, CA. 1975. Edward and family moved to Tustin in 1998. Edward and Andrae have four children, Dacia, Edward IV, David and Jessica. Edward retired from the Orange County, CA. Probation Department, IT Division in 2012.

