

Fr. Peter Tobias, Rector, St. Anthony Orthodox Church

Eastern Orthodox Priest 4 years

Software Quality Assurance Engineer 10 years

Born 1969, Savannah, GA (Ft. Hunter Army Aviation Base)

Currently lives in Bozeman with wife, Maria, and three children: Elizabeth, Gregory, and Serge

Father:

LTC John C. Tobias

Born on 12 May 1930

BURNETTSVILLE, INDIANA

Last assignment:

2nd tour in Vietnam commenced 2 December, 1969

Dalat - Tuyen Duc Province II Corp, South Vietnam.

Detachment Commander

United States Army Reserve; Infantry; 326th Aviation Detachment, 165 Aviation Group, 1st Aviation Brigade, Vietnam

Died 14 June 1970 at age 40

(Fr. Peter was 11 months old, my brother, Jay, was 7, mother, Wanda, did not remarry)

See also: <http://www.flyarmy.org/K11999.HTM>

Cause of death:

- One report: killed In Action from an incident on 06/14/1970 while performing the duty of Pilot.
- "Official" listing: ground casualty; non-hostile; Died from an inter cranial hemorrhage; compliment cause: unknown or not reported

Vietnam Wall location: Panel 09W - Row 054

LTC Tobias' duty:

The mission of the 165th Aviation Group from an E7 (**sergeant first class**) who served with my dad):

It was to provide air traffic control to the Army Aviation Units throughout Viet Nam. At the major airports such as Tan Son Nhut, air traffic control was handled by the Air Force. At the smaller airfields, such as at Dalat, all over the country where military operations were going on, generally the air traffic control was provided by one of the many Aviation Detachments from the 165th Avn. Gp. The 326th was one of these. These aviation detachments were made up of a Lt. Col as Detachment Commander, an E-7 as Detachment NCOIC, a generator mechanic, an avionics (radio and electronics)

repairman, and nine air traffic controllers. Having a Lt. Col as commander gave us considerable clout for such a small unit (air traffic control was a high priority) as we were pretty independent as far as our job was concerned, (we had our own generators, electronics, vehicles) but housing and meals had to come from outside the unit. The 326th was at Dalat/Camly Airfield, which happened to be where the Dalat Logistical Support Agency (LSA) was assigned. This was a unit that was a part of the 1st Log. Command headquartered at Cam Ranh Bay. There was an ammunition supply point (An ammo dump as we called it), a fuel storage site, high level vehicle repair and recovery, and food and condiment distribution center situated around the airfield, somewhere around fifty men. These were to resupply and support the various units operating in the area and were restocked by large truck convoys from Cam Ran Bay as needed, usually weekly. Many of these convoys had bad experiences.