



**Robert H. Jenkins, Jr.**  
Entered Service At: Jacksonville, FL  
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**Private First Class Robert H. Jenkins, Jr.**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Reconnaissance Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Division  
(Rein), Fleet Marine Force Pacific,  
Fire Support Base Argonne,  
Republic of Vietnam, 5 March 1969.

**Medal of Honor Citation:**

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as a machine gunner with Company C, 3<sup>rd</sup> Reconnaissance Battalion, in connection with operations against enemy forces. Early in the morning PFC Jenkins' 12-man reconnaissance team was occupying a defensive position at Fire Support Base Argonne south of the Demilitarized Zone. Suddenly, the marines were assaulted by a North Vietnamese Army platoon employing mortars, automatic weapons and hand grenades. Reacting instantly, PFC Jenkins and another marine quickly moved into a 2-man fighting emplacement and as they boldly delivered accurate machinegun fire against the enemy, a North Vietnamese soldier threw a hand grenade into the friendly emplacement. Fully realizing the inevitable results of his actions, PFC Jenkins quickly seized his comrade, and pushing the man to the ground, he leaped on top of the marine to shield him from the explosion. Absorbing the full impact of the detonation, PFC Jenkins was seriously injured and subsequently succumbed to his wounds. His courage, inspiring valor and selfless devotion to duty saved a fellow marine from serious injury or possible death and upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the U.S. Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.

Robert, prior to insert  
by helicopter into  
FSB Argonne

