

**Name:**

John Sands

**Branch of Service:**

U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Army

**Years of Military Service:**

24 years

**Rank upon discharge:**

E-6

**Specialties:**

Guerilla warfare, cold weather mountain training, area assessment intelligence, radio operator code decipher and encipher.

**Foreign countries where veteran was stationed:**

Philippines, Korea, Japan, Vietnam, Germany, Thailand, Singapore, Taiwan, China, Greece, East Germany

**Medals/Honors Received:**

Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Combat Infantryman 2nd Award, Master Parachutist Badge, Korean Service Medal, National Defense Medal, United Nations Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Philippine Defense Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Expert Rifle, Expert Pistol

**Highlights of military service:**

A chance to be a humanitarian, save a life, aiding an injured person, help anyone who is in distress.

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