



**Philip J. Stanton, CSM , Vietnam  
U.S. Navy and U.S. Army**

CSM Philip J. Stanton received the Army's Silver Star Medal for heroism in South Vietnam for "exceptional valorous actions" taken on November 11, 1968 while serving as Officer In Charge of "An Khe Tank Farm". Capt. Richard L. Milliron presented the Silver Star citing that Sgt Stanton had led his men across the tank farm, while under heavy enemy attack, to close storage tank outlet valves as a 10,000 barrel tank exploded. Stanton further risked his life as he raced through heavy flames to reach a truck loaded with aviation fuel and bring it to safety. All of these actions undoubtedly saved the lives of many other men and the destruction of much needed equipment and fuel.

Stanton entered the Navy in 1948 and served aboard the aircraft carrier USS Leyte as an electrician's mate. He served with the Seabees from 1953 to 1961, obtaining the rank of 1st class Petty Officer.

Sgt Stanton joined the Army Reserves in 1961 as a Staff Sergeant, going to Vietnam in 1968 where, at the time, he was the "only volunteer" Army Reservist to receive the Army Silver Star for service in the Indo-China War. Sgt. Stanton also was awarded the Bronze Star with the "V" device and 2 bronze oak leaf clusters for bravery in action in Vietnam where he served with the 647th Quartermaster Corps, Petroleum Operation in An Khe, Vietnam. He was additionally awarded the Purple Heart for injuries sustained in this action.

A West Middlesex resident, Stanton is married to wife, Julia and is father of two daughters, Shirley Denamen and Phyllis Mammarelli and a son, Philip J. Stanton, Jr. His parents, Mr & Mrs. Edward Stanton of Wheatland, are deceased.