

## WHERE WARFIGHTERS COME FOR REAL ANSWERS.

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## **2024 IN REVIEW**

## OUR DIFFERENTIATORS: AGILITY, IMPACT, HOLISM, AND LOVE.



Warfighter Advance takes great pride in being instrumental in recognizing the service and sacrifice of our Vietnam veterans and their families. A letter from Major General Edward Chrystal to Warfighter Advance states, "...your indelible impact cannot be measured in numbers, but rather in the hearts and faces of those whose lives were touched and will never be the same again."



Army veteran, SGT Jason Kearnes, honored us with the story of his grandfather ( VISIT ), a decorated war hero whose family was forced to remove the casket with his remains, as they were about to bury him, from the local cemetery, because he was a native American. News of this reached the highest levels of our government, and SGT Kearnes's grandfather was ultimately buried, with full military honors, in Arlington Cemetery, where we paid our respects.



The Warfighter Advance Alumni Association demonstrated its real impact many times this year and here is one example. Two marines, Gunny and Hutch to us, met at EVO 13 in 2017. A few weeks ago Hutch had a dire family emergency with a loved one in the ER clinging to life. He turned to his WA family and sent out an email blast to the alumni in the north east region asking for prayers and support. Gunny offered assistance. Hutch: "I could use a face to face, Gunny." Gunny: "What room are you in? I'm on my way." A warfighter asked for help, and we did what we do best. We closed ranks around our brother.



Marine Corps veteran, Sgt Richard Wong Sing, was in Beirut at the time of the bombings. He lost dozens of friends and comrades on that day. He carried the burden for over 40 years, and at EVO 37, with the help of his fellow warfighters, he was finally able to grieve and find a new way to carry his pack.

