

Khánh Văn Phan

1927-1999



Khánh Văn Phan was born in Ha Nam, North Vietnam in 1927.

He served in Vietnam forces fighting the French from 1953-54.

When Ho Chi Minh led the Communist takeover of North Vietnam, Khánh moved with wife and small children to South Vietnam. There, he joined the Army of the Republic of Vietnam serving in the Nguyen Hue military hospital in Nha Trang, South Vietnam.

In 1956-63 he received military medical training and continued to work in military hospitals

Beginning in 1963 until the end of the war in 1975 he served as a manager at the physical therapy center of Cong

Hoa Military Hospital in Saigon ending with rank of Captain.

After the fall of Saigon to communist forces in 1975, he spent five years in communist “reeducation” camps.

In 1990, Khánh immigrated to the United States with his mother, wife, and three grown children, settling in Olympia, Washington. Khánh enjoyed his family, reading, and playing the mandolin until his death of heart failure in 1999.

Khánh’s daughter, Lan Phan Jones, is Co-President of the American-Vietnamese War Memorial Alliance.

