



# Wesley R. Carpenter

## C Company 2/16<sup>th</sup> Infantry aka The Big Red 1

**Bronze Star Medal with Valor & Army Commendation Medal**

Ambushed in the jungle in the battle of Abilene, Carpenter laid down a base of fire until his weapon was shot from his hand. Seeing many wounded laying about him he worked under fire to stop the bleeding saving the lives of many. Throughout the night he tended wounded and reported to base. PFC

Carpenter's outstanding display of devotion to duty and personal bravery is in keeping with the finest traditions of the military and he was awarded the **Bronze Star Medal with Valor** for heroism and **The Purple Heart**. December 1966 Carpenter was driving a truck carrying an ambush patrol of ARVN and US soldiers. A claymore mine was detonated under the truck and casualties were sustained. Carpenter exposed himself to sniper fire to help the wounded then with no brakes and flat tires he drove miles while on the radio requesting medical teams to the nearest aid station saving the lives of the wounded. He was awarded the **Army Commendation Medal**.

*Submitted by daughter Shelli Craig and grandson Conner Craig.*

