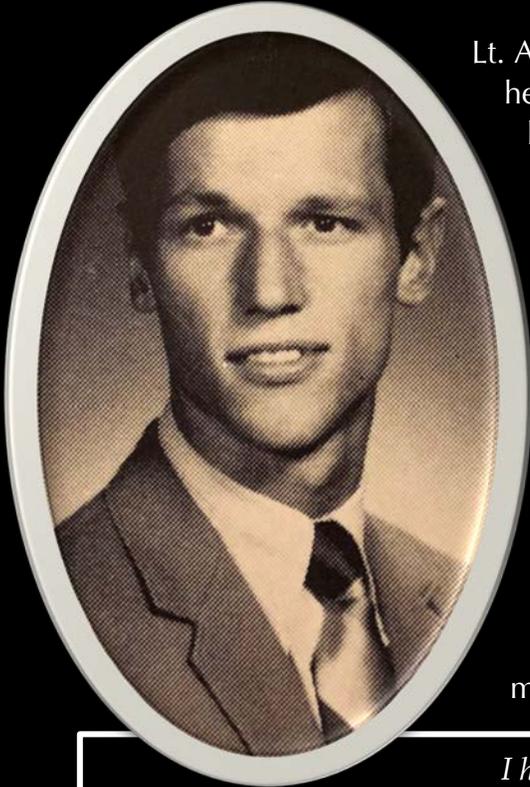


Lt. ALFRED L. KINCER III Military Profile



Lt. Alfred L. Kincer III, brother of William Kincer, was 24 when he died on March 1, 1971 in Khe Sanh, Vietnam. He and his family moved to Shavano Park in 1962. Kincer joined the United States military during the Vietnam War. He served in United States Army, 5th Infantry Division in the Vietnam War. For his service and sacrifice, Lt. Alfred L. Kincer III is memorialized on Panel 4W, Line 14 of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

His brother, William Kincer, continues to be a resident in Shavano Park, as of 2018.

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Remembrances

On the website for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, family and friends of Lt. Alfred L. Kincer III have left messages of remembrance. These are a few of those messages:

*I heard no stately march for you,
No band played, the pipers did not come
And we did not crowd the streets in mournful weeping wild.
As you passed by.
This had never been the plan for you.
You, born of the dreams of those who came back from another war.
You owned the world they saved for you,
golden boys, meant to be the fastest,
the brightest, the best of all.
But old men had old dreams for the world they had won
and boys die for old men's dreams.
We are listening still to hear your your visions and imaginings.
I cock my ear, but only the silence of those who dream eternally do I hear.
My hand moves along the roll call of names engraved in stone.
The deep etchings emptying my heart of bitterness.
At last, my mourning heart is ready and so I play a march for you,
ghostly pipers pipe you through the streets.
Slowly I beat the drum for you.
And you pass by, just out of reach, always golden, always bright.*

(Deborah Kincer Hanus, sister)

Posted on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund Website

April 26, 2015

Remembering Al

"Al Kincer was my classmate and roommate at Texas Tech. We were in ROTC together and were both from San Antonio. He was commissioned a 2Lt armor officer and was killed at Khe San while serving as a tank platoon leader. I think about Al all the time. He was a great guy, superb athlete and loyal friend. As the years have gone by, I have often felt a deep sense of remorse that he never had the chance to grow older, marry and have a family. Al Kincer was a good man. He served his country at a very difficult time in our history. He didn't run from his responsibilities as an American citizen, he embraced them and served with courage. It never would have occurred to him to do anything different. It cost him his life, and his death broke the hearts of his parents, brother and sisters and all who knew him. I remember Al. I will never forget him."

Posted on 2/14/01 by Lieutenant General Robert Clark

2017 Memorial Day Remembrance of Al Kincer

"I shared a BOQ apartment with Al at Fort Knox, Kentucky from January to April 1970 as armor officer classmates(class AOB-13). Al was a terrific guy and is sorely missed by his friends. He made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam serving in the U.S. Army which he dearly loved. RIP First Lieutenant Al Kincer!"

Posted on 5/30/17 by Dean R. Schachterle

To Friend From Long Ago

"Al and I were basketball buddies and friends while we were living in Rome Italy. We both went to Notre Dame International School there and after I returned from Vietnam in 1970 I learned of his passing. I think of him often and when a commemorative wall came to the Texas State fair, I traced his name on paper. I treasure that tracing. I made it home and unfortunately he did not. Be restful with God my friend."

Posted on 4/15/16 by Larry Miller

The Society of the Fifth Division

"Dear Alfred,

You Have Not Been Forgotten!

The Society of the Fifth Division, U.S. Army, during its 95th Annual Reunion in Pittsburgh, PA (Sept 10-14, 2015) , held a Reading of the Names Ceremony to honor the 514 Soldiers from the 5th Division that were Killed in Action during the War in Vietnam. Your Name Was Read Aloud Among Those Soldiers. You Have Not Been Forgotten! Rest in Peace, Dear Brother.

Thomas Grafton

Alpha company, 7th Engineer Battalion, 1st Brigade, 5th Infantry Division
Vietnam (1968-1969)"

Posted on 10/26/15 by Thomas W Grafton

Remembering An American Hero

"Dear 1LT Alfred Lemuel Kincer III, sir

As an American, I would like to thank you for your service and for your sacrifice made on behalf of our wonderful country. The youth of today could gain much by learning of heroes such as yourself, men and women whose courage and heart can never be questioned.

May God allow you to read this, and may He allow me to someday shake your hand when I get to Heaven to personally thank you. May he also allow my father to find you and shake your hand now to say thank you; for America, and for those who love you.

With respect, and the best salute a civilian can muster for you, Sir

Curt Carter"

Posted on 11/11/13 by Curt Carter

Lieutenant Al Kincer

"1LT Al Kincer was 3rd Plt Leader, A Troop, 3rd Sqdn 5th Cav when I commanded A Troop. His platoon was attacked at night by an enemy Sapper unit and Al was severely wounded. He died in the hospital in Quang Tri the next day. He was a fine American and Army officer. God Bless Al and his family. I visit his name on the wall everytime I am there."

Posted on 11/29/03 by Tom Stewart

The Kincer Scholarship at Texas Tech University

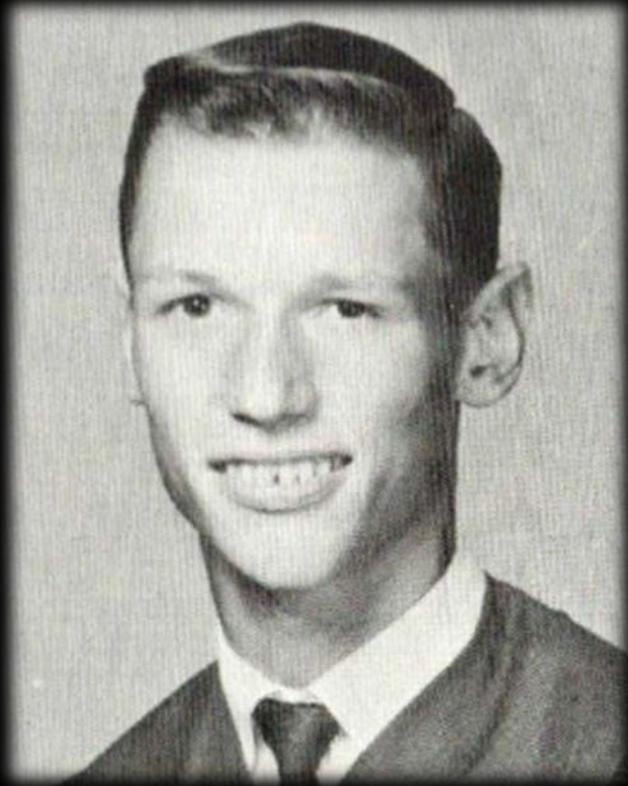
"Strive For Honor, Evermore"...These words from Texas Tech's Matador Song epitomize the short life of Lieutenant Alfred L. Kincer. Born on 12 December, 1946 and a native of San Antonio, Al Kincer graduated from Marshall High School in 1965 where he excelled both academically and in basketball.

After coming to Texas Tech, Al continued to excel and dedicated himself to serving his country. An active member of the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps, he received his BA in History in 1970. Upon graduation he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant of Armor in the United States Army. Following commissioning, LT Kincer attended the Armor Officer Basic Course before reporting for duty in Viet Nam on 11 September 1970. LT Kincer was assigned as a Platoon Leader in A Troop, 5th Cavalry, 5th Infantry Division. Remembered by one fellow Platoon Leader as the youngest lieutenant in the unit, Al's platoon was attacked by the North Vietnamese Army the night of 28 February 1971. The attack was beaten back during the night but in the battle, Al was seriously wounded by a Rocket Propelled Grenade. LT Kincer was evacuated early the next morning but died of his wounds on 1 March 1971.

LT Al Kincer, died at the age of 24 living his life by the words of The Matador Song. He "strived for honor" every day of his short life and represents the best of all that America has to offer. A good friend to all, Al will always be remembered as a wonderful person, a natural

leader, and a dedicated citizen. Awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart, he is buried at the National Cemetery at Ft Sam Houston in San Antonio, TX.

Courtesy of Lieutenant Colonel Robert Buscher



Lt. Alfred Kincer III Biography

Al was a 1965 graduate of Marshall HS in San Antonio.

He was captain of the Marshall basketball team in his senior year. He was a great athlete.

He was also a very good golfer, a single digit handicapper.

He and his dad played a lot of golf together. They were quite close, and his dad was very proud of him. His dad was a retired LTC, Corps of Engineers.

He was an ROTC Cadet Major at Texas Tech, graduating in 1970 and commissioned in the Armor Corps. He majored in History.

He was very well-liked by his peers. He had a wonderful sense of humor. He was "cool" as viewed by his fellow students. He was

superbly fit. Lean and muscular. Zero body fat.

He loved country music. Some of his favorite songs were: "Don't be Angry" by Stonewall Jackson, "North to Alaska" by Johnny Horton, "All for the Love of a Girl" by Johnny Horton.

His death was crushing to his family and friends. When his father, Lieutenant Colonel Alfred Kincer Jr. was buried, Lt. Al Kincer's Class A uniform was placed in his casket.

Courtesy of Lieutenant General Bob Clark, Lt. Alfred Kincer III's roommate at Texas Tech