



## John B. Nunn

April 17, 1947 - December 20, 2023

Cremation has taken place. Services will be at Santa Fe National Cemetery on January 25th, 2024 at 1:00 pm. A message John would like us to share. "The past, for everyone, is full of missed chances, surviving to understand them, if not set them straight, is one of the things that makes the next breath worth taking."

# Cemetery Details

## Santa Fe National Cemetery

501 N. Guadalupe Street  
Santa Fe, NM 87501

# Previous Events

## Interment

JAN 25. 1:00 PM (MT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *John you were a great friand to know. May you Rest In Peace .May your new home will have a great welcome home for you.*

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**Manuel Moreno** - January 26, 2024 at 03:32 PM

“ At VFW Meeting today, we learned that John DOC Nunn walked off into the Sunset!!! As John was famous for saying "HAPPY TRAILS". John passed on Dec. 20, 2023. Since John was estranged from his family, there does not appear to be an obituary for me to post. Instead, I will give a history of John as I know it, and share a couple of stories.

John Nunn was a US Navy Corpsman. John did his Nam tour in 1968. I am not totally sure of where all John was stationed, and I know for certain that he was at the Siege of Khe Sanh. John was a member of several Veteran Organization, Texas Association of Vietnam Veterans (TAVV), Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 915, and VFW Post 856. I know John came to the VFW rather late and developed an affinity for the Post as we always gave him a hearty welcome when he came in late as we just appreciated everyone who showed up. John was rather renowned for his pain management and a reason for his move to New Mexico, as the VA was always trying to hassle with his self medication. Sadly, that meant that John was not surrounded by his Austin Friends and Veterans. Danny Garrett made several trips out to New Mexico to visit John, and it is through Danny that we were kept up to date on John's adventure.

I have a couple of stories to share. I am sure they will be embellished and since Larry Yager was a witness, his correct version will probably be true. Both of these stories are from a VFW National Convention that Larry, John and I attended. John was there as his Friend and Fellow Khe Sanh Veteran, Michael Reagan, was being honored with the VFW's highest award for all the all the Fallen Soldiers Portraits that he has done for the Families of these Veterans.

So the first story begins on the day that Obama is going to speak at the convention. Needless to say, there were a lot of armed people around, and not all of them were Secret Service, as there were many Armed demonstrators letting Obama know that Arizona was a

*Free to Carry State. As usual, Larry and I were clear of the metal detectors at the entrance, waiting on John. John kept setting off the detectors, after his 5th attempt, the Secret Service Agent standing next to Larry and myself became talkative. While John was giving himself another pat-down, we asked the agent about all the Armed demonstrators and he chuckled. He told us there were more snipers than demonstrators and that if anyone put a finger near a trigger while Obama was walking from the car to the building or back, they would be shot with cause. Fortunately, Larry nor I were carrying. I think John was on his 7th trip through the metal detector, when the Agent asked us why we were standing there, and Larry told him we were waiting for our friend that kept setting off the metal detector. I am not sure if Larry or I told the agent that John was a Navy Corpsman and was at Khe Sanh, and then agent walked over to the agents at the metal detector and they finally just allowed John to come in, even though he still kept setting off the detector. I think the only reason we all went through that ordeal, is because this was the day that Michael Reagan was to receive his award.*

*Later that same day, our trio was going to join Michael Reagan a US Marine Veteran and another Marine Khe Sanh Veteran for a late lunch. It turned out that this other Marine Veteran was their Platoon LT. and was the current VFW State Commander of Missouri. As usual John was late in coming in. When John did make an appearance both of the Marines stood and came to attention, and did not sit down until John after a few moments finally settled into his seat. Later on during our chat we asked why they stood when John came in, and both answered that Doc Nunn had saved many lives, including theirs, during their time together at Khe Sanh.*

*So lets all send John DOC Nunn on his HAPPY TRAIL!!!*

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**Preston Rogers** - January 26, 2024 at 02:34 PM

GH

*He was a kind and gentle fellow! And he was always late! Blessings on your soul, Brother John!*

**Gary D Hunt** - January 27, 2024 at 06:00 PM



*John, the river we traveled together was through downtown Austin on our yearly River Raft Float.....but, even then you were "The Corpsman" extrodonaire! I'll remember you always.... pleasant winds Brother 🍷*

**William Bishop** - June 02, 2024 at 08:13 PM

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*I just saw this today and am heartbroken. John and I met in 1978 and became lifelong friends. Rest in peace my friend. I will remember and love you always.*

**Leslie O'Connor** - June 02, 2024 at 08:38 PM

MS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



**Michael Sackett** - January 20, 2024 at 03:03 PM

MS

“ John was my cousin. He was the oldest of the 3 Nunn brothers. His Mom was my dad’s sister. I would see him during our family trips to Indiana to visit our grandparents. These times together were always ones I looked forward to and enjoyed. John and I seemed to have an instant connection.

John was a Navy Veteran having served during the Vietnam war. I believe he was known as Doc John Nunn. This time would shape his life profoundly. He was very dedicated and continued to honor those veterans that served. In civilian life he was a Respiratory Therapist.

Over the years when John and I would talk it was as if no time had passed. We stayed in touch, and I was able to talk with him often during his last days. I will miss him a great deal.

*Michael Sackett*

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**Michael Sackett** - January 20, 2024 at 02:59 PM

SS

“ John (ny) was the oldest of my cousins and left for Vietnam when I was a little girl. When he returned, I only saw him once, then we lost touch. Several weeks ago he reached out through a family member and wanted to connect with me. We spent hours texting, calling, and he shared many pictures. I prayed with and for him. I am sorry for the years we did not have a relationship, but honored and grateful for the quality of time we recently shared. God bless you, rest peacefully, without pain, and with a smile knowing how you positively impacted so many. Stephanie Sackett-Converse

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**Stephanie Sackett-Converse** - December 29, 2023 at 06:10 PM

DM

“ *A High School buddy, A Gebhart guy and my friend.*

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**David A McQuiston** - December 24, 2023 at 12:28 PM

AC

“ *Albert Chavez lit a candle in memory of John B. Nunn*



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**Albert Chavez** - December 21, 2023 at 02:58 PM