

## Spec Giacomo "Jocko" Liberatore



Birth: Feb. 13, 1950, USA Death: Oct. 25, 2009, USA  
Specialist Five -US Army, Ammunition Specialist

"Skunk Vietnam Story 1969"

While Giacomo ran out – there was an explosion and he was knocked down... when he was getting up the enemy was coming ... He was dazed by this event... then a second Explosion occurred... ( He could feel an actual person jump on him.. it knock him down... Actually it was Skunk who did this to protect him, Skunk saved his life...a Granada or a Mortar exploded again....This fella Skunk, who save Giacomo's life was now dead on top of him. While trying to access the situation...

The guys in the helicopter were screaming we've got to go...we've got to go... he tried to pick up skunk, but they wouldn't let him... they said someone else would get this person on the next run...still in shock...he jumped on the helicopter...and was brought back to the camp. While in Vietnam and in the states, he tried to get Skunks real name and rank... He couldn't find out who he was... this bothered, so he put the Skunk tattoo on his left shoulder to keep him near to his heart and to always remember the unforgettable sacrifice this fellow veteran made on that day...

After his return to the states he remained in the Military. and was Stationed in US – somewhere in New Mexico or Arizona... Giacomo was awarded the **Purple Heart**, for which he felt that his fellow-veteran brother Skunk should have received.

Giacomo shared a very difficult story with Steve about a person and time that he experienced in Vietnam, which remained with him all the days of his life.

**We miss you Giacomo! Peace to you & Skunk**

**Love Lee & Steve**

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