







+ NAVY HOSPITAL CORPS LEGENDS + HM2 DAVID “BOBBY” RAY



 A native of McMinnville, Tennessee, David Robert Ray (1945-1969) grew up with a strong sense of service, excelling as a Boy Scout, a trombonist in his school band, and an athlete. **He enlisted in the Navy in March 1966.**

 After hospital corps school, Ray went through Field Medical Service School and was **assigned to a Marine unit deploying to Vietnam.**

 On March 19, 1969, during a surprise North Vietnamese Army attack on a Marine base at **Phu Loc 6**, Ray provided emergency aid to wounded Marines. Despite being wounded and under heavy fire, he crawled to **shield a fallen Marine from a grenade blast**, saving the Marine's life at the cost of his own. He was posthumously awarded the **Medal of Honor** for his heroism.

 Ray has been honored as the namesake of a **destroyer (DD-963)**, **two medical clinics**, a **bachelor enlisted quarters**, and an **elementary school.**

