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Wathena Public Library

I am presently researching American Service Members that were casualties of the Vietnam War. Perhaps you could put me in touch with someone that could research your newspaper archives for articles that that appeared in your newspaper for:

Bell, Charles Martin, Wathena, the date of his casualty was on Jan 3, 1968.
Gladden, James Taylor Jr, Wathena, the date of his casualty was on Jun 12, 1970.

Normally I have found that most articles on the deaths appear within a few days to four weeks after the date of the casualty. What I am seeking is articles on his death as reported in your local newspaper along with his obituary and any follow-up articles that may have been published.

I am seeking a photo (preferably in uniform) as well. By obtaining news articles we will then attempt to contact family members to obtain a photo. Perhaps if you know family members you might forward this letter on to them. Please notify me of any charges and I will get payment sent in the mail.

Our organization is trying to compile records with photo's of all our Kansas Brothers that gave their lives during the Vietnam War for current and future generations to reflect upon their loss. The purpose of this is that I have found that by putting a "photo" or a "face to a name" it has a dramatic input on people when they can see these men were no different then today's youth and defending our constitutional right for freedom. A photo says so much more then just reading a written name. We use these photo's and articles during visits to Kansas schools, Vietnam Awareness Memorials and anywhere we can do honor to these men.

Sincere thanks,
Jim Moore, USAF Ret, 63-85



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Carla Watkins,

Thank you for your help with researching and sending articles on Charles Bell and James Gladden for the Vietnam War KIA Remembrance project. You mentioned sending a published article from last year when the Wall visited your community. Yes, I would very much like to receive it as well other articles you might feel appropriate to pay homage, not only to these two men but also to your community in honoring their service to their Country.

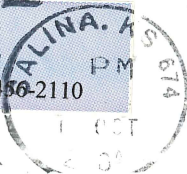
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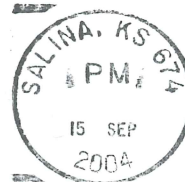
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Dear James,

Oct 4, 2004

Enclosed are the obituaries I found on Charles Bell and James Gladden. Charles Bell's was in the Wathena Times Jan 11, 1968 pg. 1 and James Gladden's was found in the Kansas Chief June 25, 1970 pgs. 1, 6. If you would like a copy of the article that was published last year when the wall came just let us know.

Sincerely Yours,

Library District #1

Dear James ,

Nov. 1, 2004

Enclosed is the information on the Vietnam Wall and the obituary
you request.

Sincerely Yours,

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Carla,

An additional note. Somehow I overlooked
Maynard Lee Smith of Troy, Kansas,
KIA 7 Feb 1968. Can I impose of you to research
his records as well? Trying to find relatives of
Charles Bell and James Gladden, but nothing found yet.

Again thanks. Jim