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# Flag Dedication

Thursday Evening  
Flag Lowering

Tonight, we honor Construction Mechanic 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Marvin Shields, who was a Navy Seabee in the Vietnam War. Construction Mechanic Shields was born in Port Townsend in 1939. He was assigned to Alpha Company, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 11 in September of 1963. In January 1965 he deployed to Vietnam to assist a unit of Army Special Forces. Roughly 60 miles north of Saigon, Construction Mechanic Shields and those he was serving with were attacked by a Viet Cong force of about 2000. They came under heavy fire and were surrounded by the enemy. Although wounded himself, he assisted in getting his more severely wounded commanding officer to safety. Later, after receiving injuries to the jaw, back, and neck Construction Mechanic Shields volunteered to cross into an area that was completely exposed in order to destroy a heavy machine gun encampment. After successfully doing so, Construction Mechanic Shields was hit on both legs. His wounds would prove to be fatal the next day. He posthumously received the Medal of Honor in 1968, the only Seabee to have ever done so. Construction Mechanic Marvin Shields, we offer you our eternal gratitude for your service and your sacrifice.

-The Great City of Pine