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Gene Dobos was browsing through a secondhand store in California when he came across a worn, h

Dobos contacted the Military Order of the Purple Heart-an organization of combat veterans who

Smith, who was 20 at the time, was in a convoy that was ambushed on December 17, 1968-just two

After learning Smith's story, Funderburk turned to an Ohio genealogist for help in tracking do

"It looks as if the medal has been handled many times," said Funderburk. "I envisioned his mom

Eventually, Smith's grave was found in a cemetery not far from his childhood home in Ohio. His

Frank N. Smith was married and had a child shortly before shipping off to Vietnam (he enlisted

For Smith's sister Jonna, the return of the medal brought with it a flood of emotions-and she

The song's chorus reads:

Purple Hearts are won in battle; grenades explode, machine guns rattle; a soldier dies, a moth

The Order and Smith's family planned a small ceremony to be held in the cemetery. The Purple H

Private First Class Frank N. Smith's legacy will be seen in every VA hospital in America as yo

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