



Among the many veterans' photos on display at Heritage Hall is the picture of hometown boy Phil (Dutch) Jones, son of Dick and Eleanor (Ole) Jones of Slater. He grew up in his small hometown as one of four brothers, graduating from Ballard High School in 1965.



Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps, Phil was on a second tour of duty in Viet Nam. He had been wounded previously and had returned to the States to attend officer's training school, preparing to be Platoon Commander in the Amphibious Brigade.

On January 28, 1969, Phil led his radio operator and a fire team on a rescue of a beleaguered unit of Marines. He and his radio operator rescued three injured men while under heavy fire. He and his companion returned to the enemy kill zone to continue the rescue when Phil was seriously wounded. Determined to save his comrades, he was mortally wounded as he was delivering suppressive fire on the Vietnamese positions.

Second Lieutenant Jones was awarded the Navy Cross posthumously.

Phil's photo on our Wall of Heroes displays the gold star.