



April 2024  
 Stratford Veterans Museum  
**VETERANS OF THE MONTH**  
**WAYNE COX**



E-7 SFC Wayne Cox graduated from Stratford High School in 1969. He got married that summer. Upon returning from his honeymoon, a draft notice was received in the mail. He started his service in October with a tour in Vietnam that began in May of 1970. He began as a two year draftee that became a twenty year career.

“On 22 June 1970, while participating in the Cambodian Campaign, and assigned to B Co 2/12 Cav as an M79 Grenadier, a light observation helicopter (LOH) crash landed 70 yards from my position. I ran to the badly damaged and burning chopper and pulled the Pilot and Co-pilot out as more help arrived. For this I was awarded the Bronze Star w/V.”

While stationed at Fort Devens in 1975, Wayne was involved with the Vietnamese refugees at Indiantown Gap, PA for Class 1 operations for two months. He was also responsible for Class 1 Ops in Italy, Belgium, Holland, and Germany.

Wayne retired in 1989 in White Oak in North Carolina. He served four years as an EMT and graduated from college. Eventually he became a history teacher of social studies until 2011. While again retired, he started creating these special cards for veterans. Over the past 8 years he has distributed close to 3000 to veterans.

Visit [www.stfdveteransmuseum.org](http://www.stfdveteransmuseum.org), click on Veterans Stories, then on Wayne Cox for photos of his service and to listen to his interview on You Tube.



**VETERAN TO VETERAN**  
 Thank you for your service.  
*Stars are from Retired American Flags*

