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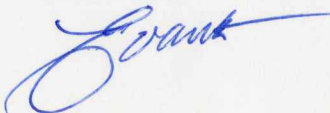
Bravery. And I doubt that any enlisted man was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal. This is only awarded to high- ranking (Field Grade) Officers. I am sending a copy of this letter along with a personal note to Leatherneck Magazine and to Headquarters Marine Corps to seek further information.

I do not doubt that SGTMAJ. Dodge was an outstanding Marine Hero without seeing the awards he may have received for his long service in the Vietnam War. He shed his blood for his country in combat against the enemy by winning the Purple Heart, perhaps several. We should honor his service and I would rather think that his son does not understand the Military award system and has been carried away with promoting his Father's memory. His son need no more than the memory that his father was a gallant Marine. Perhaps he should write to Headquarters to get his father's military records.

I believe that it was General MacArthur who made the statement that "Time dims memories and embellishes acts." As I explained on the phone this may take some time, but I thought that I should let you know what I have found to date. If I can be of any further assistance don't hesitate to contact me.

Hope that you and Mary had a wonderful summer and many happy and great years ahead. Betty sends her love.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Frank", written in a cursive style.