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## Jason A. Kaatz

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Jason A. Kaatz began his service in the United States Army in March 1964. He served in Vietnam from November 1964 to December 1967 with the 161st Assault Helicopter Company, 52nd and 14th Combat Aviation Battalions, 17th Aviation Group, 1st Aviation Brigade. While in Vietnam, Mr. Kaatz was assigned to work with the Republic of South Korea Tiger Division, South Vietnamese 22nd ARVN Division, 5th Special Forces and Special Operations Group in Binh Dinh Province, operating out of Lane Army Air Field.

Mr. Kaatz was honorably discharged from the Army in March 1970. During his service, he received numerous awards, including the Vietnam Service Medal with three battle stars, National Defense Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with 50 Devices, Aircraft Crewman Badge, Good Conduct Medal, Meritorious Service Award, and Valorous Unit Citations.

Mr. Kaatz's service to his country and community did not end when he left the Army, as he continued to serve with numerous veterans organizations. He served on the National Executive Committee of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States and was Queens County Commander and Commander of the Bell-Oak Post 648.

In his private life, Mr. Kaatz has worked as a security consultant and investigator.

He currently resides in Bellerose with his wife.