Corporal Larry L. Maxam

Larry Maxam was born on January 9, 1948 in Glendale, California. He attended Emerson Elementary School, John Muir Middle School and Burbank High School, in Burbank, California, leaving the latter in 1964. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in Los Angeles in 1965 and served with the Marine Aviation Detachment, Naval Air Technical Training Center in Jacksonville, Florida. He was promoted to private first class on April 1, 1966, and to Lance Corporal on January 1, 1967.

Lance Corporal Maxam next served as a rifleman with Company F, Battalion Landing Team 2/8, in the Caribbean. In July 1967, he arrived in the Republic of Vietnam and served as a rifleman, radioman, and squad leader with Company D, 1st Battalion 4th Marines, 3rd Marine Division. He was promoted to Corporal on October 1, 1967. While participating in Operation Kentucky on February 2, 1968, he was killed in action at Cam Lo District Headquarters in Quảng Trị Province, Vietnam.

Corporal Maxam was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor by President Richard Nixon for his “conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty.” Corporal Maxam was buried in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Oahu, Hawaii.