

Sergeant Major Allan Jay Kellogg was born October 1, 1943. On the 14th of November 1960, Kellogg joined the Marine Corps in Bridgeport, CT. He had completed recruit training in South Carolina and individual combat training in North Carolina. By October 1962, he had reached the rank of Corporal and he was promoted to Sergeant on May 1, 1965.

In March 1966, he was ordered to the Republic of Vietnam where he served as Weapons Platoon Sergeant and later, Company Supply Non-commissioned Officer. He was promoted to Staff Sergeant July 1, 1967. In December 1967, Sgt. Kellogg was assigned to the 2nd Marine Division serving as a squad leader, then platoon sergeant, and later, platoon commander of Company I, 3rd Battalion, 6th Marines.

During March 1970 - returning for his second tour of duty in the Republic of Vietnam - he was reassigned as a platoon sergeant of Company G, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division. His actions March 11, 1970 were the result of him receiving the Medal of Honor. Wounded in action in Quang Nam Province, he was evacuated to the U.S. Naval Hospital, Yokosuka, Japan. He was released from the hospital in October 1970 and returned to duty that December, when he assumed his assignment as an Instructor at Field Medical Service School in California. He was promoted to Gunnery Sergeant July 1, 1972 and later promoted to Sergeant Major. He retired from the Marine Corps October 1990.

Sergeant Major Kellogg's medals and decorations include: the Medal of Honor, the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V", the Purple Heart Medal with two gold stars, the Combat Action Ribbon, the Presidential Unit Citation, the Meritorious Unit Commendation with one bronze star, the Good Conduct Medal with three bronze stars, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with one silver star, the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces Meritorious Unit Citation (Gallantry Cross Color) with palm and gold frame, the Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation Civil Action Color (First Class) with palm and gold frame, the Vietnam Campaign Medal with device, the Rifle Expert Badge, and the Pistol Expert Badge.

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**- Sergeant Major Allan Jay Kellogg, Jr.**