

## **Chuck N. Baker Biography**

Chuck N. Baker (he explains the "N" Stands for "Nevada") served on Special Duty as a Public Information Specialist, Private First Class, at Fort Riley, Kansas for approximately 1-1/2 years. When the Vietnam War heated up he became an infantry soldier and was sent to Southeast Asia with the Army's First Infantry Division. He distinguished himself and was soon promoted to Specialist rank. Several months later he was wounded by an enemy hand grenade and returned to the States to recover after several operations.

Baker has always been involved in service to veterans. He is a past commander of the California Disabled American Veterans, and is a member of all the leading veterans service organizations in which he has held numerous volunteer positions.

An award-winning journalist, he has worked as a free-lance writer for several newspapers including the Pasadena (Calif.) Star-News and the Chicago Sun-Times, and later as an editor at the Las Vegas Review-Journal and the Boulder City News. He has also been a television news anchor and is currently a radio broadcaster. He founded the Veterans Reporter newspaper and for 14 years was the editor and publisher of that leading veterans publication, providing much heralded coverage and respect for the State's veterans community. As an author he has written several books on real estate, popular music and British history. As a documentary filmmaker, he has produced DVD video on veterans topics, and on real estate investing. As a student of history, he is a founding member and past two-term chairman of the Las Vegas Historic Preservation Commission. He is currently researching and writing about Nevada's State-wide veterans memorials for NDVS, and contributes feature articles for the department's newsletter. Separately, he is developing several social media projects (blogging, podcasting, YouTube, Spotify), in which he will be writing and speaking and producing video about additional veterans topics not readily covered in State-wide media. In his spare time he is completing a book on the history of the First Infantry Division in Vietnam.