

# MANUEL C. SOTO

## Alamo Chapter 1836

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Manuel C Soto grew up in Harlingen, Texas and entered the United States Army in 1966. He is married to the former Linda L. Gonzales.

Patriot Soto is a life member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart since 2006. His 30 years of military service as an Infantryman includes two tours in Vietnam. The first tour was with the 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division and second with the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division. His military travels took him to all part of the world to include Germany, Korea, Panama, and thought-out the United States. Germany was the most regarding oversea assignment, being able to visit the surrounding countries and many of the battle grounds from WW11.

His most rewarding assignment was The United States Army Sergeants Major Academy where he was selected as Class President for Class 32. Some the best Sergeant Major's from all military branches and foreign counties attend this Academy.

Other assignments took him to Fort Jackson SC as a Drill Sergeant, Texas A&M as a ROTC instructor and advisor to the California National Guard. His Military service ended at Fort Carson, Colorado in 1998.

Military awards and decorations include the Combat Infantry Badge, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, The Meritorious Service Medal, Purple Heart Medal, Bronze Star Medal with (V) device, The Legion Of Merit.