Charles Finch and two other Vietnam veterans were honored to be guest speakers at the March 7 Vietnam Veterans 50th Anniversary Recognition Program at the Georgia National Cemetery:



Guest speakers were:
Colonel Charles Finch, U. S. Army Pilot
Captain Donna Rowe, U. S. Army Nurse
MSGT John Newport, Ground Forces

Photos of some of the participants:



Before the speech a man came up with Jim Hooper's book and said he was below me fighting at the battle of Kinh Mon. His name is Wayne McKendree and is the one in the black shirt.

Over 300 veterans showed up for the service plus many other civilians. I spoke for about 10 minutes and then shook hands forever. It was a most inspiring and powerful ceremony and I was indeed humbled to speak to such a group. Many Marines that were based in the DMZ during 68-69 came up to speak of the Catkillers—very rewarding day for everyone. 48 hours later I was back at the cemetery burying a fellow aviator that I had served with many years in the reserves.

Charles