



**Hometown:** Coweta, Oklahoma

**Born**: 1949

**Enlistment date**: March, 1969

**Unit**: 3rd Platoon, Delta Company, 2nd Battalion, 1st Infantry Regiment, 196th Light Infantry Brigade, Americal Division

**Position at the time of action**: 11B – Infantry Machine Gunner

**Tours of Duty**: Republic of Vietnam, 1969-1970

After attending Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College in Miami, Oklahoma, Specialist 4 Donald P. Sloat enlisted in the Army March 19, 1969, at the age of 20. Upon completion of his initial training, he was assigned as an M60 Machine Gunner to 3rd Platoon, Delta Company, 2/1-196th Light Infantry Brigade, Americal Division, in the Republic of Vietnam, on Sept. 25. 1969

He was killed in action January 17, 1970, the month before his 21st birthday.

Sloat’s awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal with “V” Device, the Purple Heart, the Army Commendation Medal with “V” Device, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with two Bronze Service Stars, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with “60” Device, the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm Device, the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation with Palm Device, the Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Badge with Rifle Bar, Sharpshooter Badge with Machinegun Bar, and Marksman Badge with Auto Rifle Bar.