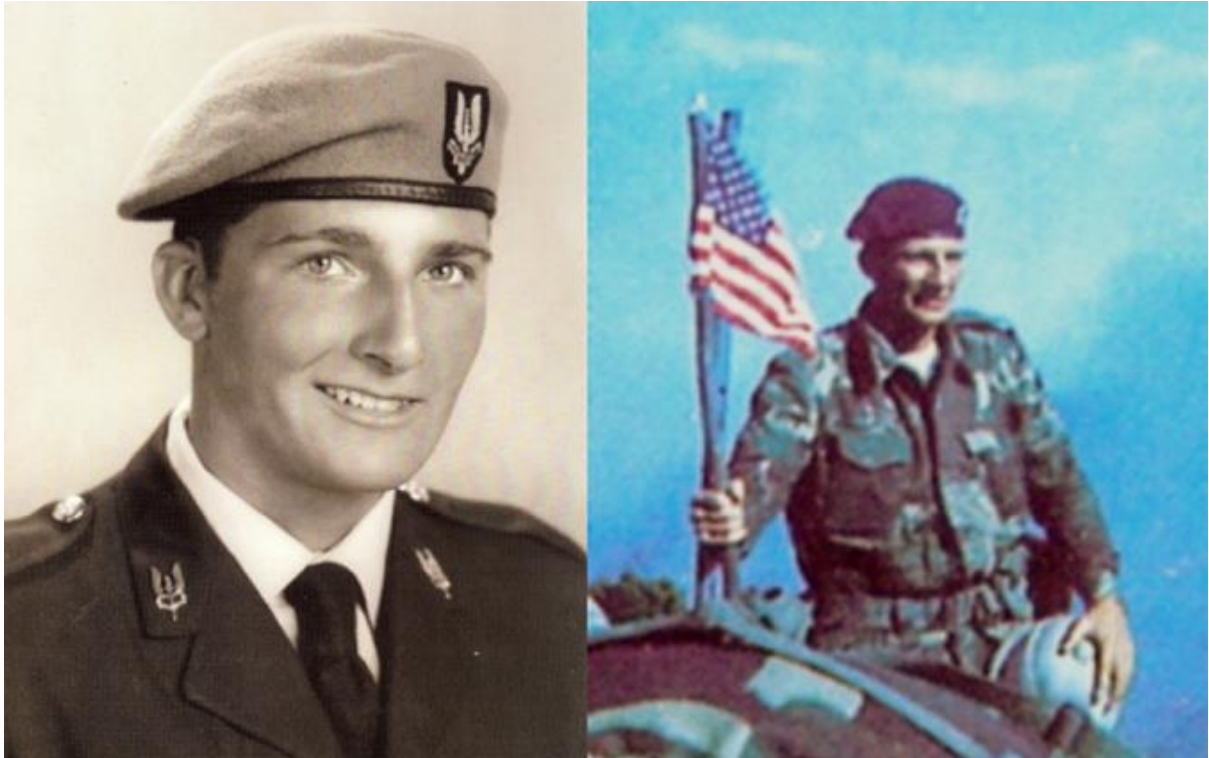


Cpl. John Alan Coey



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John Coey from Columbus Ohio was a very devout Christian and graduate of Ohio State University. He was a noble dedicated man with spiritual insight and political acumen with a keen perception of world affairs and the evils of communism. John joined the Rhodesian Army in March 1972 and became an elite member of the Rhodesian Special Air Service. John did officer training but eventually found his niche as an Army paramedic. In July 1974 John was posted to the RLI as a commando paramedic and participated in over 60 fire-force missions. John helped pioneer the role of combat medic with the RLI. By war 's end RLI had 3 medics KIA and 3 WIA. John Coey whilst deployed with 2 Commando on Operation Hurricane in Kandeya TTL was tragically shot by terrorists when he went to assist 2 fallen soldiers in a riverbed.