

Plaque at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

"It was a weekend that our family shared together and I am amazed at the bonding that took place. It almost felt spiritual. We are all still processing all the emotions that we felt and it was WONDERFUL. I did not really know what to expect, but it exceeded anything I could have expected."

Mary Hotopp, wife of 2018 honoree Arthur Hotopp

"The whole experience was very meaningful to me and my family. We really felt like it gave the Vietnam veterans some of the recognition they never received when they came home. My husband and children never had the opportunity to meet my Dad and this weekend gave me the chance to really share him with them."

Judy Wissel, daughter of 2018 honoree George Land

"Thank you from the bottom of my heart for holding this event and everything you do for the veterans who died after they returned from Vietnam. This ceremony gave me a sense of peace and closure in my husband's death because of the recognition he finally received for giving his life for his country. Thank you, thank you, thank you."

Linda Mullen, wife of 2018 honoree Gregory Mullen

VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL FUND

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) is the nonprofit organization that founded the Vietnam Veterans Memorial (The Wall) in Washington, D.C., in 1982. VVMF is THE organization that partners with the National Park Service to maintain and care for The Wall, The Three Servicemen statue, flagpole, and *In Memory* plaque.

VVMF's mission is to honor and preserve the legacy of service in America and educate all generations about the impact of the Vietnam War and era. We honor the service of all, preserve the memory of those who died during the war and since returning home, and educate all generations about the lasting impact of the war.

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with NO government funding, VVMF's programs, ceremonies and education efforts are dependent upon your generous donations. Help us achieve our vision of ensuring a society in which all who have served and sacrificed in our nation's Armed Forces are properly honored. Please consider making a donation by going to www.vvmf.org or calling 202-393-0090.



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WAS YOUR VIETNAM VETERAN'S LIFE CUT SHORT AFTER THEY RETURNED HOME?



IN MEMORY

PROGRAM



ABOUT IN MEMORY

Since the Vietnam War ended, thousands of Vietnam veterans have died each year due to Agent Orange exposure, PTSD/suicide, cancer and other causes related to their service. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund's (VVMF) *In Memory* program honors those who returned home from Vietnam and later died.

The plaque on the grounds of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial site in Washington, D.C. that honors these veterans was dedicated in 2004. It reads: 'In Memory of the men and women who served in the Vietnam War and later died as a result of their service. We honor and remember their sacrifice.'

In Memory was created in 1993 by the group – Friends of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. VVMF began managing the program and hosting the ceremony in 1999. More than 4,100 veterans have been added to the *In Memory* Honor Roll since the program began. To see all the honorees, please visit: www.vvmf.org/honor-roll.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

HAVING A VETERAN HONORED INCLUDES:

- An invitation to *In Memory* weekend in Washington, D.C., which includes a touching ceremony on the site of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial where each honoree's name is read aloud. If you are present, you may read the name. Each applicant also receives a printed personal tribute certificate with their veteran's photo(s).
- As part of the *In Memory* Honor Roll, an online personal remembrance page is created for each honoree with their photo and biographical information. Family members can share the page and leave remembrances about their loved one.
- VVMF's mobile exhibit, The Wall That Heals, includes the digital photos of all In Memory honorees from the state where the exhibit is on display.
- An invitation to join our Facebook group: In Memory – Families of Vietnam Veterans lost to Agent Orange and PTSD. The group gives family and friends an online community to connect and share their stories.

HOW TO APPLY

Through a simple application process, you can have your loved one honored – **at no cost to you**. *In Memory* is possible because of VVMF's generous supporters.

What's required?:

- Completed application form. The application can be found online at: www.vvmf.org/inmemory
- Copy of military record that shows proof of service in Vietnam (Form DD214)
- Copy of the veteran's death certificate
- Two clear photographs of the honoree (we recommend one photo from the Vietnam era and one photo that is more recent)

If you do not have a copy of the DD214, military service records can be obtained from the National Archives Veterans Service Records. Visit www.archives.gov and click on "Veterans' Service Records."

If you have any questions regarding the application process, please contact VVMF at: inmemory@vvmf.org

The In Memory ceremony is held annually in Washington, D.C.



Honoree's personal page on the online In Memory Honor Roll



In Memory honorees on display at The Wall That Heals

