

Vietnam War In Memory Memorial News

American Battle Monuments Commission Ready To Receive Donations For Commemorative Plaque To Honor Nation's Post-Vietnam Casualties

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The movement to gain year-round recognition at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial for America's postwar casualties is taking a significant step forward.

A bill passed unanimously by Congress and signed into law June 15 by President Clinton authorizes the American Battle Monuments Commission place a commemorative plaque within the grounds of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, inscribed to honor Vietnam veterans whose premature deaths after the Vietnam War were a direct result of their service, but whose names are not eligible for placement on The Wall.

Work towards the plaque's design, inscription, and subsequent approvals will proceed as soon as the ABMC receives enough private contributions to begin funding its work toward the design, inscription and approvals process, according to Col. Anthony N. Corea, USAF, Director of Operations and Finance for the Commission.

Donations towards the plaque are tax deductible charitable contributions. Checks and money orders payable to "ABMC - VVM MEMORIAL PLAQUE" may be mailed to:

**The American Battle Monuments Commission
Courthouse Plaza II, Suite 500
Attn: Vietnam Veterans Memorial Plaque
2300 Clarendon Boulevard
Arlington, VA 22201**

All contributions will be placed in a separate U.S Treasury trust fund and used solely for the establishment of the commemorative plaque. Col. Corea may be contacted with questions related to funding for the plaque project at coreaa@abmc.gov or coreaa@abmc.gov. The ABMC web site is <http://www.abmc.gov>

Individuals, organizations and corporate donors to the ABMC are invited to notify the In Memory Plaque Project of the fact, not the amount, of their donation and the name of a specific veteran for placement on a dedicated recognition page.