

# In Memory



In tribute to the  
hidden casualties of Vietnam



Friends of the  
Vietnam Veterans Memorial

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*In Memory* is a unique memorial program which honors those veterans and civilians who served and died as a result of the war in Vietnam, but whose names will not be inscribed on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. The deaths of these men and women are no less tragic than those that occurred in country.

Thousands of veterans who served in Vietnam returned home only to die as a result of their tour. Some of these deaths were due to Agent Orange exposure, others were due to the effects of PTSD, wounds received or illnesses contracted in Vietnam. There are also soldiers who had orders for Vietnam, but who lost their lives in accidents en route to or from Vietnam.

Countless civilians were killed in Vietnam or they returned home to die as a result of their emotional or physical wounds -- State Department employees, journalists, advisors, Red Cross Workers and others whose names will never appear on the Wall.

The Friends of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial have initiated a program to honor these veterans and civilians, a program which will place their names at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial so that all who visit will know that they stand with their honored comrades.

The *In Memory* program works in three ways: 1) *In Memory* ceremonies are held near the Wall on Veterans Day and Memorial Day each year. At that time, families and friends gather to pay tribute to their loved ones. *In Memory* certificates bearing the name of each new honoree and personal items provided by family and friends are placed in the panels which correspond to dates of service in Vietnam.

Personal items may include

- [ ] Letter or letters about the honoree or written by him or her while in Vietnam
- [ ] Any information available regarding his or her service in Vietnam
- [ ] photographs

The certificates and other items left at the Wall are collected by the National Park Service and archived as a permanent reminder of your loved one.

2) The *In Memory* Honor Roll, which contains photographs and biographies of each *In Memory* honoree, is maintained at the Friends Information Table near the entrance to the Memorial grounds where it is available for visitors to see and know about your loved one. The Honor Roll is also displayed at Moving Wall sites around the country.

3) The *In Memory Families Support Network* has been established for those program participants who wish to be in touch with others who share their experience. For many, this contact has been an important part of the healing process.

To be included in the *In Memory* program, the veteran or civilian to be honored must have served in Vietnam (surrounding areas may be included) or had orders for Vietnam. The death of the veteran or civilian to be honored must be considered to be related to service in Vietnam. (The death does not have to be recognized by the VA as service connected.)

When filling out the application form, please be aware that we usually stop accepting applications for a particular ceremony about 4 weeks before the ceremony date. Please provide us with as much information as you know. We understand that there may be some sections of the application you will not be able to complete fully. Please attach a copy of the death certificate. For veteran honorees, a copy of the DD-214 and/or any other military records related to service in Vietnam should also be included. If the honoree's death has been recognized by the VA as service connected, please send the VA rating decision. (recognition by the VA is not a requirement for participation)

Please note that the *In Memory* program does not provide for the inscription of names on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. It was designed to remember those whose names will not appear there.

## Memorial Gift Program

In addition, the Friends have a traditional memorial gift program similar to the programs of other major non-profit organizations. Families can request that contributions be made to the Friends, in memory of their loved one. Family will be notified that a Gift has been made in honor of their loved one, unless the donor requests that such notification be withheld.

## Other Friends of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Programs

Please indicate which of the following you'd like to receive more information on:

[ ] *In Touch* - A locator service that connects families who lost loved ones in Vietnam with the Veterans who knew them.

[ ] *Father's Day Rose Project* - Roses with personal messages attached are placed at the Wall on Father's Day in honor of those who served.

[ ] *Name Rubbings Program* - A service that provides name rubbings of names on the Wall for those who cannot make it to the Memorial themselves.

[ ] *Long Distance/Local Volunteer Program* - Across the country, volunteers carry the Friends programs into the lives of those who have been touched by the Vietnam War.

[ ] *Product Services* - Books, videos and other items concerning the Memorial are available for sale through the Friends office. All proceeds ensure that Friends programs can continue to be offered free of charge.

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a program designed to honor those veterans and civilians  
who died as a result of their experience in Vietnam.

### PERSON IN MEMORY HONORS:

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name \_\_\_\_\_

I am the honoree's (please circle): Parent   Sibling   Son   Daughter   Widow(er)   Friend   Fellow Veteran   Other \_\_\_\_\_

### Additional Information About Him/Her--If Known

Dates of Vietnam Tour \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Death \_\_\_\_\_  
Where Buried \_\_\_\_\_ Hometown \_\_\_\_\_ Home State \_\_\_\_\_ Home of Record during Vietnam service \_\_\_\_\_

Locations in Vietnam \_\_\_\_\_

Nicknames in Vietnam \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Information \_\_\_\_\_

\* **For Military Honorees:** Branch of Military Service (circle):    A    N    F    M    C  
Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Soc. Security # \_\_\_\_\_ Service # \_\_\_\_\_    Army    Navy    Air Force    Marines    Coast Guard

Fill in unit designations or equivalent as appropriate for branch of service:  
Division \_\_\_\_\_ Brigade \_\_\_\_\_ Battalion \_\_\_\_\_ Regiment \_\_\_\_\_ Company \_\_\_\_\_  
Battles in Vietnam \_\_\_\_\_

\* **For Civilian Honorees:** Branch of Civilian Service \_\_\_\_\_  
Activities in Vietnam \_\_\_\_\_

### **BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION AND CAUSE OF DEATH: Please be specific about type of cancer, illness or other cause of death and how it is related to service in Vietnam. Additional sheets of paper can be used.**

Please attach copy of Death Certificate and records which verify service in Vietnam (e.g. DD-214, DA-20 or other military records). Also attach VA Rating Decision if death has been recognized as service connected. Recognition by the VA is not a requirement for participation. Include two photographs if you would like honoree's picture to appear along with his/her biography in the *In Memory* Honor Roll.

### Information About You

Ms., Mrs., Mr. Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone(    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone(    ) \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Optional***

As an *In Memory* participant, I understand that the success of this program depends on adequate funding. Please accept my donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to help support the Friends of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial *In Memory* program.