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Ruth,

I recieved a small donation in the mail from a woman who had seen my story in the Buffalo News. She couldn't find the article to know where to send it so she sent it to me (a check payable to "monument") Under memo on the check she wrote "Vietnam Vets Memorial". I will forward it to the ABMC for her. I sent her a nice note and mentioned the website and that her name could be listed on it. Name is: Mr. Harold + Mrs Sylvia Polakow.

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I am finally getting caught up on some letters. I received 2 other letters from women who saw the ^{news} story. One a nice lady who lost her WWII veteran husband back in 1985. The other letter was from a woman who lost her brother due to cancer. He was a Vietnam veteran also and the story touched her personally. I wrote to both of them today. Patty also got a call from a former shipmate of mine (from Buffalo) and I will write to him next. I am fine since the infection a few weeks ago. I got my blood work done on Thursday and we will see if my white blood cell counts are holding. I have been getting some aches and pains and that always causes concern, perhaps too much chocolate for the holidays. Next eat scans on Feb 14th may tell a lot. I am like a Weeble^(?sr) - I wobble but I don't fall down. I hope the New Year is good for you and Barry. This is the year it all comes together. God Bless + Love Nelson, Patty and family