

## **US NAVY / US COAST GUARD VIETNAM UNIT MEMORIAL MONUMENT**

The US NAVY / US COAST GUARD VIETNAM UNIT MEMORIAL MONUMENT will be a fitting tribute to all the Naval and Coast Guard personnel who died in the line of duty during the South East Asia Theater of the Vietnam War. The monument will display individual plaques of the 16 Medal of Honor recipients, 123 Navy Cross recipients, and the 2630 casualties that occurred to 356 US Navy units, 13 US Marine Corps units, 2 US Air Force units, and 2 US Coast Guard unit with Naval and Coast Guard personnel who were attached at the time of their demise.

The monument will be built in a 60 degree arc, 60 ft. long, 8 ft. high, and 6 ft. wide of pre-cast cement. The top of the monument will have permanently displayed flags with the American Flag in the center. The US Navy Flag, POW/MIA Flag, 25 State Flags, and 3 US Territories/Countries Flags will be spaced out evenly from center out in that precedence to the left. Next to the American Flag on the right, will be the US Coast Guard Flag, Don't Tread Me Flag, 25 State Flags, and 3 US Territories/Countries Flags will be spaced out evenly from center out in that precedence. The State and US Territories/Countries Flags identifies the home of record where the personnel came from who became a casualty. Under the flag display and on the top face of the 15 Degree vertical face of the monument will be this saying as follows: THIS MEMORIAL IS DEDICATED TO THE 2630 US NAVY AND 7 US COAST GUARD SAILORS WHO SACRIFICED EVERYTHING IN A DISTANT LAND FOR THE CAUSE OF DEMOCRACY AND FREEDOM YOU ENJOY TODAY. LET US NEVER FORGET THEIR BRAVERY. Next under the inscription will be the plaques of the 16 Medal Of Honor Recipients. Under the Medal Of Honor recipients will be the 123 Navy Cross recipients plaques in two rows. On the 30 Degree slope of the monument will be each unit plaque which will be identified by the shoulder or ship patch of that unit with the name of the unit under the patch, followed by the list of casualties to that particular unit by the date of death, rank or rate, full name, home town, state and additional pertinent information of each individual in question. If the individual status was Missing in Action (MIA), received the Medal of Honor (MOH), or Navy Cross Posthumously, that information will precede the date of death on the plaque. The bottom vertical section of the monument will be the inscription: US NAVY / US COAST GUARD VIETNAM UNIT MEMORIAL MONUMENT 1960-1975

On the backside of the monument, every Naval or Coast Guard units, regardless whether you served on a ship, attached to individual units or squadrons that supported operations in the South East Asia Theater of the Vietnam War (1960-1975) will be identified. This will identify the fruition of the teamwork exhibited by all units in the exemplary performance of personnel in the line of duty during a time of crisis.

The US NAVY / US COAST GUARD VIETNAM UNIT MEMORIAL MONUMENT will be located and constructed at CISM Field, NAB Coronado, Ca. The proposed dedication is Veterans Day, Saturday, Nov. 11, 2000. This memorial monument is not funded by the government. The construction of the monument will be by collecting monetary donations from businesses and individuals that is supporting this memorial remembrance identification of our comrades who are still on patrol under a different command. A tax-exempt receipt will be provided for all donations collected.

Please send to me the name of your unit/ship with hull/unit number that you served on or with during the South East Asia Theater of the Vietnam War in order for me to identify all the units/ships/squadrons from 1960-1975. Please make your monetary donation checks payable to: GVVN WCC or Gamewardens of Vietnam Association, West Coast Chapter.  
Mail to: Gamewardens of Vietnam Association, West Coast Chapter, P.O. Box 501656, San Diego, Ca. 92150-1656 % Ralph J. Fries, Coordinator - US NAVY / US COAST GUARD VIETNAM UNIT MEMORIAL MONUMENT Project