

GENERIC FUNDRAISING LETTER

(Organization Name:)

2,649 men and women from Michigan gave their lives or remain missing in Vietnam. As of now there is no permanent place at Michigan's capitol which gives honor to their names and memory.

That is about to change. The Michigan Vietnam Memorial project will serve as a lasting tribute to the more than 400,000 men and women from Michigan who served in the US Armed forces during the Vietnam Era.

Governor Engler recently signed legislation approving a site in Lansing, just West of the Capitol Building, to erect a monument remembering the sacrifices made in service to this country. The proposed monument and park will be funded by private contributions and volunteer efforts.

In 1988, the Michigan legislature established the Vietnam Monument Commission consisting of nine volunteers. They have, with the help of dozens of volunteer committee members, been dedicated to making this memorial a reality.

A design contest is underway. Building a lasting tribute such as this will take hard work and the commitment of many people. When complete, it will be a permanent memorial of which we can all be proud to be part. It will also provide educational benefits to our children and future generation. We appreciate the (organizations/individual's) commitment to assisting the VMC in their fund-raising quest.

Michigan is one of only about a dozen states without a public state-wide memorial honoring its Vietnam veterans at the Capitol. Please help us pay tribute to those who served and their families and friends, by contributing to the Michigan Vietnam Monument Memorial Project.

No donation is too small for the sacrifices these soldiers and their families have made. With your help, we will remember those who gave all in the Vietnam War forever and create a lasting tribute, on of pride for Michigan. All donations are tax deductible under IRS Code Rule 170 (c) under Federal ID # 38-6000-134.