Twenty-Seven Massachusetts Veterans to be Inducted into

*In Memory* Program in 2019

*Ceremony in Washington, D.C. honors Vietnam Veterans who died after returning home*

Washington, D.C. – More than 500 Vietnam veterans, including twenty-seven from Massachusetts, will be inducted into the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund’s (*VVMF*) *In Memory* Program in 2019. The program honors Vietnam veterans whose lives were cut short as a result of their service after they returned home from Vietnam.

On June 15, 2019, VVMF will host more than 2,000 attendees at the annual *In Memory* ceremony on the East Knoll of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, where each 2019 honoree’s name will be read aloud. This year, 534 service members will be honored during the ceremony.

“For many Vietnam veterans, coming home from Vietnam was just the beginning of a whole new fight. Many never fully recovered, either physically or emotionally, from their experiences. As these veterans pass, it is our duty and solemn promise to welcome them home to the place that our nation has set aside to remember our Vietnam veterans,” said Jim Knotts, president and CEO of VVMF.

The plaque that honors these veterans was dedicated as a part of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial site in 2004. It reads: *In Memory of the men and women who served in the Vietnam War and later died as a result of their service. We honor and remember their sacrifice.*

**2019 In Memory Inductees from Massachusetts:**

**Edwin Robert Bleiler, U.S. Air Force**  
*Roslindale, Mass.*  
November 16, 1933 – June 15, 1988

**Dennis L. Brooks, U.S. Army**  
*Leominster, Mass.*  
June 1, 1949 – November 23, 2003

**Earl Kent Bruton Jr., U.S. Army**  
*Boston, Mass.*  
March 24, 1940 – April 1, 2014

**Robert Walter Dusza, U.S. Army**  
*Chicopee, Mass.*  
March 24, 1943 – August 26, 2018
Herman A. Fafard Jr., U.S. Army  
*Bellingham, Mass.*  
May 9, 1948 – March 30, 2016

Joseph John Fanciullo Sr., U.S. Marine Corps  
*Belmont, Mass.*  
June 27, 1949 – February 5, 2017

John Raymond Gallant, U.S. Marine Corps  
*North Reading, Mass.*  
May 2, 1947 – November 14, 2017

Raymond Paul Gozzo, U.S. Army  
*Westfield, Mass.*  
September 14, 1948 – September 9, 2017

Mark Edward Graham, U.S. Air Force  
*Norwood, Mass.*  
August 28, 1947 – November 2, 1998

Roger William Hathaway, U.S. Marine Corps  
*Centerville, Mass.*  
May 15, 1944 – March 13, 2018

William Francis Hooper, U.S. Air Force  
*Lynn, Mass.*  
December 14, 1943 – August 14, 2009

Walter F. Keating, U.S. Army  
*Abington, Mass.*  
December 16, 1946 – December 15, 2014

Derryl Paul Lawrence Sr., U.S. Army  
*Plymouth, Mass.*  
June 13, 1950 – March 24, 2017

Kurt Anders Lisowski, U.S. Army  
*Stoughton, Mass.*  
May 28, 1948 – September 27, 2011

Thomas LoPorto, U.S. Navy  
*Abington, Mass.*  
January 10, 1944 – October 27, 2017

Paul Edward Mailloux, U.S. Marine Corps  
*Webster, Mass.*  
September 14, 1950 – November 30, 1995

Stephen Johansen Martin, U.S. Army  
*Swampscott, Mass.*  
October 17, 1948 – February 23, 1980
Paul Clifford Mawn, U.S. Navy
Boston, Mass.
October 3, 1946 – December 3, 2007

Joe McCartney, U.S. Marine Corps
Norwood, Mass.
April 23, 1946 – April 22, 2018

James W. McDaniel, U.S. Marine Corps
Holbrook, Mass.
September 7, 1948 – September 16, 2018

Steven Mendell, U.S. Army
Bellingham, Mass.
October 22, 1942 – February 25, 2015

Forrest Paige, U.S. Air Force
Melrose, Mass.
August 7, 1933 – July 19, 2003

Edward Stanley Picher, U.S. Navy
Stoughton, Mass.
March 6, 1952 – January 1, 2004

Warren Paul Savignano, U.S. Air Force
Medway, Mass.
April 9, 1934 – June 8, 2014

A. William Simard, U.S. Marine Corps
Danvers, Mass.
May 21, 1946 – September 14, 2006

Edward Earle Stephens, U.S. Army
North Reading, Mass.
August 8, 1949 – January 20, 2018

Lothrop Withington III, U.S. Army
Plymouth, Mass.
May 15, 1942 – June 12, 2007

Once these veterans are inducted, they will each have a personal remembrance page online in the In Memory Honor Roll at www.vvmf.org/honor-roll. Their photos will also be displayed around the country when VVMF’s mobile exhibit, The Wall That Heals, is on display in an honoree’s home state.

The 2019 In Memory ceremony will be shown live on VVMF’s Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/VietnamVeteransMemorialFund) beginning at 10 a.m. ET on June 15, 2019. The In Memory program was created in 1993 and has since honored more than 4,000 veterans. For more information on the In Memory program or to apply to have your loved one honored in 2020, please visit: www.vvmf.org/inmemory.

About the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund
The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) is the nonprofit organization that founded the Vietnam Veterans Memorial (The Wall) in Washington, D.C. in 1982. VVMF continues to lead the way in paying tribute to our nation’s Vietnam veterans and their families. VVMF’s mission is to honor and preserve the legacy of service in America and educate all generations about the impact of the Vietnam War and era. To learn more about VVMF, visit www.vvmf.org or call 202-393-0090.

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