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Twenty Massachusetts Veterans to be Inducted into *In Memory* Program for 2020

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

Washington, D.C. – Nearly 600 Vietnam veterans, including twenty from Massachusetts, will be inducted into the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund's (VVMF) *In Memory* Program for 2020. The program honors Vietnam veterans whose lives were cut short as a result of their service after they returned home from Vietnam.

On October 15, 2021, VVMF will host its 2020 *In Memory* ceremony on the East Knoll of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, where the names of each of the 591 honorees for 2020 will be read aloud. The ceremony was cancelled in 2020 due to the pandemic.

“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.*

2020 In Memory Inductees from Massachusetts:

[Steven L. Auerbach, U.S. Army](#)

Franklin, Mass.

March 13, 1947 – April 7, 2017

[Wayne Barker, U.S. Army](#)

New Bedford, Mass.

August 11, 1946 – May 27, 2017

[Joseph Gerard Buckley, U.S. Army](#)

West Roxbury, Mass.

August 2, 1949 – April 23, 2019

[John Francis D'Acci, U.S. Army](#)

Weymouth, Mass.

June 23, 1947 – April 12, 2018

John Michael Daly, U.S. Marine Corps

Medford, Mass.

October 26, 1947 – October 19, 1988

Allan Gawrys, U.S. Marine Corps

Rowley, Mass.

July 4, 1951 – November 29, 1985

David Paul Granger, U.S. Army

Holden, Mass

August 22, 1949 – September 17, 1984

Kenneth Lee Kanady, U.S. Army

Plymouth, Mass.

May 23, 1949 – June 2, 2019

John Arthur Kilfeather, U.S. Marine Corps

Pittsfield, Mass.

August 1, 1946 – May 1, 2013

Gregory John Marciello, U.S. Army

Boston, Mass.

March 23, 1945 – June 30, 2017

Patrick E. McDaniel, U.S. Marine Corps

Waltham, Mass.

November 8, 1947 – September 27, 1972

Roger A. Ochs, U.S. Army

Pittsfield, Mass

July 2, 1946 – March 24, 2019

Peter James Reidy, U.S. Army

Newtonville, Mass.

May 20, 1945 – October 2, 1974

Gerald J. Sanphy Sr., U.S. Marine Corps

Peabody, Mass.

July 14, 1945 – April 26, 2016

John Patrick Schultz, U.S. Army

Granby, Mass.

July 21, 1946 – May 17, 2019

Thomas Augustus Temple, U.S. Navy

Fitchburg, Mass.

June 4, 1945 – June 30, 2019

William Edward Thibodeaux, U.S. Navy

Cambridge, Mass.

June 21, 1946 – April 14, 2018

Michael Toland, U.S. Army

Andover, Mass.

October 9, 1945 – November 5, 2018

David Lawrence Ward, U.S. Army

Tewksbury, Mass.

April 2, 1948 – June 28, 2019

Neal Arron White, U.S. Marine Corps

Pittsfield, Mass.

August 11, 1941 – July 21, 2012

VVMF has created a personal remembrance page for each honoree online in the *In Memory* Honor Roll at www.vvmf.org/honor-roll. Their photos are also displayed around the country when VVMF's mobile exhibit, *The Wall That Heals*, is on display in an honoree's home state.

The 2020 *In Memory* ceremony will be shown live on VVMF's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/VietnamVeteransMemorialFund>) beginning at 10 a.m. ET on October 15, 2021. The *In Memory* program was created in 1993 and has since honored more than 5,100 veterans. For more information on the *In Memory* program or to apply to have your loved one honored in 2022, 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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