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## **Twenty-six Michigan 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-six from Michigan, 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 Michigan:**

**[Clarence Charles Baughman, U.S. Navy](#)**

*Livonia, Mich.*

December 21, 1942 – November 14, 2012

**[David Christian Bernreuter, U.S. Army](#)**

*Linwood, Mich.*

September 3, 1947 – July 21, 2019

**[Michael John Bragg, U.S. Air Force](#)**

*Monroe, Mich.*

August 20, 1944 – March 29, 2019

**[Lawrence Thomas Conception, U.S. Army](#)**

*Higgins Lake, Mich.*

July 8, 1947 – August 13, 2018

**Ansel Conn, Jr., U.S. Army**

*Plainwell, Mich.*

July 14, 1949 – July 24, 2017

**Richard Lee Crebessa, U.S. Army**

*Belding, Mich.*

April 23, 1944 – December 21, 1989

**Terrance Wayne Dickinson, U.S. Army**

*Utica, Mich.*

June 3, 1946 – May 30, 2019

**George F. Erickson, Jr., U.S. Army**

*Stambaugh, Mich.*

June 14, 1947 – August 7, 2018

**Thomas George Glenn, U.S. Army**

*Detroit, Mich.*

July 18, 1950 – May 24, 2010

**Burl Keith Hamby, U.S. Army**

*Detroit, Mich.*

May 18, 1947 – August 13, 2018

**John Paul Lahti, Sr., U.S. Army**

*Plymouth, Mich.*

October 13, 1947 – December 8, 2010

**Howard William Morey, Jr., U.S. Marine Corps**

*Au Gres, Mich.*

October 25, 1947 – July 19, 2016

**Timothy Gene O'Shesky, U.S. Army**

*Dearborn, Mich.*

December 2, 1946 – August 7, 2019

**Terry Lee Poster, U.S. Army**

*Northville, Mich.*

September 16, 1949 – December 4, 2018

**Larry Gordon Pulley, U.S. Army**

*Benton Harbor, Mich.*

May 7, 1948 – April 17, 1975

**Raymond Charles Reynolds, U.S. Army**

*Standish, Mich.*

February 2, 1948 – October 10, 2019

**Ernest Taft Riddle, U.S. Army**

*South Rockwood, Mich.*

May 2, 1941 – January 24, 1980

**Teddy Rushing, U.S. Air Force**

*Taylor, Mich.*

October 6, 1945 – November 28, 2018

**Thomas Patrick Scholz, U.S. Army**

*Coloma, Mich.*

June 20, 1948 – February 25, 2013

**Gregory J. Thom, U.S. Marine Corps**

*Eagle, Mich.*

April 18, 1951 – February 5, 2009

**Daniel Frank Tomanica, U.S. Army**

*Lansing, Mich.*

February 24, 1945 – April 23, 2012

**William Joseph Tremonti, U.S. Army**

*Rochester Hills, Mich.*

June 10, 1948 – July 19, 2019

**Donald Allen Walsh, U.S. Air Force**

*Pleasant Lake, Mich.*

August 25, 1944 – June 24, 2019

**Lawrence Richard Walsh, U.S. Marine Corps**

*Sault Sainte Marie, Mich.*

November 26, 1944 – June 19, 2019

**James George Wegener, U.S. Army**

*Traverse City, Mich.*

January 17, 1948 – November 8, 2019

**Brent Allen Williams, U.S. Army**

*East Lansing, Mich.*

November 27, 1947 – July 15, 2019

VVMF has created a personal remembrance page for each honoree online in the *In Memory* Honor Roll at [www.vvmf.org/honor-roll](http://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](http://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](http://www.vvmf.org) or call 202-393-0090.

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