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Thirty-Eight New York Veterans to be Inducted into *In Memory* Program in 2021

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

Washington, D.C. – Nearly 400 Vietnam veterans, including thirty-eight from New York, will be inducted into the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund's (VVMF) *In Memory* Program in 2021. The program honors Vietnam veterans whose lives were cut short as a result of their service after they returned home from Vietnam.

On October 16, 2021, VVMF will host the 2021 *In Memory* ceremony on the East Knoll of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, where each 2021 honoree's name will be read aloud. This year, 361 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.*

2021 In Memory Inductees from New York:

[Patrick P. Amell, U.S. Marine Corps](#)

Bloomington, N.Y.

March 17, 1950 – June 5, 2000

[Peter David Andres, U.S. Army](#)

Nassau, N.Y.

September 10, 1948 – March 4, 2020

[Stuart W. Ballard, U.S. Army](#)

Apalachin, N.Y.

June 12, 1943 – January 12, 2021

[Vincent Bavero, U.S. Air Force](#)

Farmingdale, N.Y.

February 1, 1947 – May 29, 2020

[Vincenzo Bordonaro, U.S. Army](#)

Buffalo, N.Y.

May 19, 1950 – February 1, 2007

Larry Alan Dobson, U.S. Army

Phoenix, N.Y.

November 4, 1949 – April 18, 2019

Patrick Ryan Farrell, U.S. Army

Far Rockaway, N.Y.

March 2, 1947 – October 23, 2020

Richard Frederick Ficke Jr., U.S. Air Force

Rhinebeck, N.Y.

April 5, 1937 – April 20, 2020

John J. Finley, U.S. Army

Brooklyn, N.Y.

August 21, 1946 – September 19, 2020

Arthur Richard Flanagan, U.S. Army

Ballston Spa, N.Y.

November 2, 1946 – October 26, 2019

Wayne D. Foster, U.S. Army

Elba, N.Y.

April 29, 1944 – December 6, 2020

George Gancarz, U.S. Marine Corps

New York City, N.Y.

July 2, 1940 – December 2, 2019

Robert Edward Glennon, U.S. Army

Syracuse, N.Y.

February 7, 1949 – January 20, 2018

Frank L. Glow, U.S. Army

Batavia, N.Y.

June 28, 1947 – March 8, 2008

Paul J.E. Griggs, U.S. Marine Corps

Southampton, N.Y.

March 1, 1934 – May 6, 2018

Frank Joseph Gubala, U.S. Army

Town of Tonawanda, N.Y.

November 15, 1947 – March 25, 2020

Alfred Guzylak, U.S. Army

Auburn, N.Y.

March 26, 1948 – July 21, 2002

Brian Arthur Kolbe, U.S. Army

Bayside, N.Y.

September 20, 1947- April 19, 2020

Richard C. Laux, U.S. Navy

Weedsport, N.Y.

May 17, 1947 – September 9, 2015

Alfred Michael Magrum Jr., U.S. Army

Bowmansville, N.Y.

May 3, 1944 – August 25, 2016

James B. Maloney, U.S. Navy

Buffalo, N.Y.

March 3, 1944 – August 14, 2019

Robert Paul McDuffie, U.S. Air Force

Martville Hamlet, N.Y.

October 24, 1950 – November 13, 2018

Norman Charles Megahan, U.S. Air Force

Freeport, N.Y.

March 25, 1942 – April 21, 2007

James Ivan Mendzef, U.S. Army

Auburn, N.Y.

February 27, 1948 – February 1, 2006

Stanley Howard Mersand, U.S. Army

Pawling, N.Y.

September 22, 1946 – May 26, 2017

Donald P. Olds Jr., U.S. Navy

West Henrietta, N.Y.

July 12, 1948 – April 27, 2020

Daniel Paul Panek, U.S. Army

Cheektowaga, N.Y.

November 18, 1942 – July 12, 2017

Michael Stanley Pikula, U.S. Army

Orchard Park, N.Y.

February 24, 1945 – December 12, 2020

Salvatore E. Popolo, U.S. Army

Brooklyn, N.Y.

June 20, 1948 – January 12, 2021

Dwight T. Powers, U.S. Marine Corps

Levittown, N.Y.

March 17, 1948 – May 21, 2020

Glenn Charles Smith, U.S. Army

Chaffee, N.Y.

October 2, 1942 – March 18, 2018

Charles William Stephan, U.S. Air Force

Buffalo, N.Y.
April 2, 1948 – November 3, 2016

David W. Swarthout, U.S. Marine Corps

Weedsport, N.Y.
March 6, 1949 – May 8, 1999

Joseph Vincent Tallerico, U.S. Army

Brooklyn, N.Y.
May 19, 1945 – April 9, 2020

William Edward Wisniewski, U.S. Marine Corps

Hamburg, N.Y.
October 1, 1949 – September 1, 1998

Raymond Charles Wood, U.S. Air Force

Staten Island, N.Y.
December 8, 1947 – October 10, 2020

Dennis Anthony Zgardzinski, U.S. Marine Corps

Jamesville, N.Y.
October 6, 1947 – September 14, 2020

George Arthur Zimmer, U.S. Army

Berne, N.Y.
August 30, 1943 – March 23, 2020

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 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 2021 *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 16, 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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