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Thirty-Eight Ohio 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 thirty-eight from Ohio, 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 Ohio:

[Jerry Ray Bolin Sr., U.S. Marine Corps](#)

Cincinnati, Ohio

November 1, 1948 – January 9, 2010

[Thomas A. Brown, U.S. Navy](#)

Dayton, Ohio

December 25, 1945 – April 6, 2013

[Robert Allen Curtin Sr., U.S. Army](#)

Cleveland, Ohio

January 4, 1950 – April 6, 2018

[Thomas Michael Dougherty, U.S. Army](#)

Portsmouth, Ohio

August 11, 1948 – November 4, 2019

James A. Genshock, U.S. Army

Twinsburg, Ohio

July 1, 1948 – December 31, 1991

David Lee Granata, U.S. Marine Corps

Sycamore, Ohio

February 16, 1950 – February 14, 2017

Rodney Willard Guntsch, U.S. Army

Oak Harbor, Ohio

October 13, 1947 – April 21, 2006

Mark G. Hannan, U.S. Army

North Canton, Ohio

November 10, 1948 – December 3, 2017

Malcolm Cameron Hardie, U.S. Army

Lancaster, Ohio

April 4, 1946 – May 2, 2019

Robert J. Hasson, U.S. Navy

Salem, Ohio

September 30, 1944 – October 7, 2015

Gerald Allen Heitzenrater, U.S. Navy

Columbus, Ohio

May 31, 1949 – October 20, 2010

John Daniel Helton Jr., U.S. Army

Springfield, Ohio

June 16, 1950 – August 18, 2011

Gary Alan Homan, U.S. Marine Corps

Bellefontaine, Ohio

December 26, 1946 – November 29, 2018

Mark E. Hunter, U.S. Army

Massillon, Ohio

February 19, 1950 – May 2, 2006

James S. Jefferis, U.S. Army

Barnesville, Ohio

December 21, 1949 – March 1, 2017

John David Kline, U.S. Army

Randolph, Ohio

August 17, 1948 – June 2, 1994

Michael Ray Livingston, U.S. Army

Westerville, Ohio

December 7, 1949 – February 18, 2018

Robert Louis Lutes, U.S. Army

New Riegel, Ohio

August 5, 1945 – October 1, 2008

James Clyde Maguire, U.S. Marine Corps

Marlins Ferry, Ohio

December 17, 1941 – April 8, 2019

Anthony “Tony” Manfroni, U.S. Army

Chardon, Ohio

February 18, 1949 – December 25, 2019

Robert T. McKinlay Jr., U.S. Navy

Westerville, Ohio

December 11, 1938 – December 17, 2015

Lawrence Neil McLaughlin, U.S. Air Force

Coloumbiana, Ohio

August 4, 1945 – April 20, 2019

Alan George Morris, U.S. Army

Kent, Ohio

January 10, 1949 – May 17, 1996

Harold E. Morrow, U.S. Air Force

Amherst, Ohio

November 14, 1947 – April 20, 2017

Bobby D. Mullins, U.S. Army

Lynchburg, Ohio

May 18, 1947 – May 1, 2019

William S. Obermann, U.S. Marine Corps

Lorain, Ohio

December 30, 1946 – January 15, 2009

Jeffrey Joseph Petrowski, U.S. Marine Corps

Cleveland, Ohio

May 19, 1948 – December 16, 2014

Richard Thomas Post, U.S. Marine Corps

Hartford Township, Ohio

June 23, 1947 – June 20, 2019

Hugh F. Robinson Jr., U.S. Army

Hamilton, Ohio

November 3, 1944 – May 14, 1999

Wilfredo Rodriguez, U.S. Army

Ashtabula, Ohio

September 4, 1945 – November 11, 2019

John William Seaman, U.S. Army

Milford, Ohio

June 9, 1944 – August 21, 2016

Michael Edward Smith, U.S. Army

Barberton, Ohio

September 3, 1948 – September 15, 1996

Timothy Ray Tenney, U.S. Air Force

Youngstown, Ohio

June 30, 1951 – October 31, 2018

Gary T. Tryon, U.S. Army

Wadsworth, Ohio

April 23, 1947 – January 7, 2015

Cledis Randall Whitaker, U.S. Army

Marion, Ohio

October 24, 1948 – June 14, 2017

James Arnold Wirz, U.S. Army

Ostrander, Ohio

April 16, 1948 – July 27, 2017

Larry Joseph Zeedyk, U.S. Army

Hicksville, Ohio

April 28, 1942 – October 7, 2011

James Louis Zust, U.S. Marine Corps

Euclid, Ohio

June 27, 1947- September 1, 2001

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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