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Thirty-Three Pennsylvania 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-three from Pennsylvania, 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 Pennsylvania:

[J. Blaise Alackness, U.S. Army](#)

Roulette, Pa.

November 24, 1942 – April 4, 2010

[Harold Deroy Barefoot, U.S. Army](#)

Alum Bank, Pa.

July 28, 1944 – September 30, 2003

[David Chester Beggs, U.S. Marine Corps](#)

Nanticoke, Pa.

June 24, 1951 – August 15, 2020

[John J. Buleza Jr., U.S. Army](#)

Auburn, Pa.

November 17, 1941 – April 26, 2018

David William Burt, U.S. Army

Washington, Pa.

August 31, 1950 – November 29, 2020

Ronald David Creps, U.S. Army

Martinsburg, Pa.

June 7, 1945 – July 24, 2006

John Stephen Cygnarowicz Jr., U.S. Army

Pittsburg, Pa.

March 6, 1949 – December 25, 2020

Russell Owen Dalton Sr., U.S. Army

Williamsport, Pa.

September 7, 1949 – November 19, 2019

Joseph E. Daugherty Jr., U.S. Army

Claysville, Pa.

February 5, 1944 – April 3, 2011

Dennis G. Deems, U.S. Army

New Freedom, Pa.

September 26, 1950 – January 19, 2020

Peter Adams Fellman, U.S. Army

Lancaster, Pa.

January 11, 1945 – June 15, 2006

Terry Elmer Fix, U.S. Army

Bedford, Pa.

June 27, 1947 – July 31, 2018

Perry Elliott Flanyak, U.S. Army

McKeesport, Pa.

November 19, 1946 – January 7, 2017

John J. Fleming, U.S. Army

Pittsburg, Pa.

November 16, 1942 – May 17, 1997

John T. Flynn Jr., U.S. Navy

Meadville, Pa.

December 23, 1947 – December 13, 2002

Thomas E. Fraley, U.S. Marine Corps

Bradford, Pa.

September 6, 1945 – January 7, 2014

Joseph Edward Gaffney, U.S. Army

Freeland, Pa.

February 8, 1948 – January 27, 2002

James Craig Geiger, U.S. Army

Oregon, Pa.

November 13, 1951 – January 18, 1987

Richard Edward Greaser, U.S. Army

Bedford, Pa.

March 30, 1949 – January 12, 2014

Ross Harrison Hall, U.S. Navy

Oakmont, Pa.

August 24, 1936 – June 15, 2016

William Alexander Hewitt, U.S. Army

Philipsburg, Pa.

October 26, 1933 – January 2, 2021

Joseph Michael Kasper, U.S. Army

Dallas, Pa.

October 26, 1950 – October 12, 2010

Frank E. McGlinchey, U.S. Army

Collingdale, Pa.

May 24, 1946 – May 30, 2020

Paul Jerome Melnick, U.S. Air Force

Midland, Pa.

April 1, 1947 – April 24, 1983

Barry Miller, U.S. Army

South Fork, Pa.

July 12, 1947 – April 14, 2020

Larry Dale Mitchell, U.S. Army

Johnstown, Pa.

November 26, 1948 – December 15, 2016

Henry J. Podlaszewski, U.S. Army

Philadelphia, Pa.

December 29, 1948 – December 16, 2019

Marvin Wayne Poser, U.S. Army

Mechanicsburg, Pa.

January 4, 1950 – August 27, 2020

Ricardo Lechliter Reyes, U.S. Marine Corps

Harrisburg, Pa.

June 16, 196 – April 19, 2020

Larry J. Stienes, U.S. Army

Warminster, Pa.

September 14, 1948 – March 3, 2021

Robert G. Tulwits, U.S. Army

Philipsburg, Pa.

March 13, 1945 – January 29, 2021

James William Wood III, U.S. Army

Bedford, Pa.

December 1, 1949 – June 29, 2018

Richard Charles Woodcock, U.S. Marine Corps

Harrisburg, Pa.

March 13, 1949 – August 15, 2010

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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