



For Immediate Release
May 25, 2021

Contact: Heidi Zimmerman
Phone: (202) 765-3773
hzimmerman@vvmf.org

Thirty-Eight Texas 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 Texas, 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 Texas:

[Arturo Acosta, U.S. Army](#)

Del Rio, Texas

June 25, 1946 – July 26, 2019

[David Lopez Bosquez, U.S. Marine Corps](#)

San Antonio, Texas

November 1, 1949 – November 26, 2004

[Richard Cortez Brown, U.S. Army](#)

Sherman, Texas

August 25, 1947 – December 25, 2019

[Benjamin Arnold Busby, U.S. Army](#)

Houston, Texas

November 14, 1947 – September 17, 2019

James C. Carroll, U.S. Navy

Arlington, Texas

September 2, 1945 – October 25, 2019

Joseph W. Chapman, U.S. Army

Flower Mound, Texas

November 28, 1944 – January 13, 2019

Archie Clark Jr., U.S. Army

Killeen, Texas

May 25, 1934 – April 3, 2018

Daniel John Delisle, U.S. Army

San Antonio, Texas

June 14, 1932 – March 24, 2006

Patrick Ray Dupuis, U.S. Army

Houston, Texas

October 7, 1952- August 2, 2019

Jack Grady Dyess, U.S. Army

Fort Worth, Texas

July 25, 1939 – June 5, 2019

Phillip Wayne Fletcher, U.S. Army

San Antonio, Texas

June 27, 1948 – July 24, 2018

Frank Garcia, U.S. Army

Rosenberg, Texas

January 14, 1945 – March 30, 2010

Anthony Harrold Harris, U.S. Army

Dallas, Texas

September 3, 1947 – May 29, 2019

David Valt Harris, U.S. Army

Seminole, Texas

April 19, 1946 – October 28, 2018

James Raymond Hill, U.S. Navy

Alvarado, Texas

June 5, 1943 – September 12, 2019

Francis Lawrence Holowinski, U.S. Air Force

Grand Prairie, Texas

January 25, 1937 – July 3, 2003

Jimmy Lee Howard, U.S. Army

Waco, Texas

January 18, 1949 – November 18, 2013

Theodore Ray Kehtel, U.S. Army

Silsbee, Texas

March 10, 1943 – November 23, 2016

James Dale Kennemer, U.S. Army

Fort Worth, Texas

March 30, 1945 – November 1, 2019

Raymond J. Knight, U.S. Air Force

Wylie, Texas

December 16, 1938 – July 29, 2019

David Springer Martin II, U.S. Army

Dallas, Texas

June 7, 1948 – October 20, 2018

Peter E. Mayberry, U.S. Navy

Gainsville, Texas

September 5, 1945 – January 31, 2000

Buddy Carlton McDavid, U.S. Army

Livingston, Texas

November 12, 1941 – March 18, 2004

Douglas Roger McVey, U.S. Army

Anderson, Texas

April 2, 1942 – September 19, 2009

Howard A. Mead, U.S. Army

Houston, Texas

January 27, 1944 – January 21, 2020

David Mendoza, U.S. Army

San Antonio, Texas

March 2, 1947 – March 23, 2019

Calvin David Neatherlin Sr., U.S. Army

Midland, Texas

December 17, 1947 – May 30, 2015

Edwin Lamar Richter Sr., U.S. Army

San Antonio, Texas

June 26, 1934 – April 7, 2010

John L. Rigall, U.S. Marine Corps

Houston, Texas

November 29, 1949 – January 10, 2019

Augustine Rodriguez Jr., U.S. Army

Balch Springs, Texas

January 16, 1948 – March 19, 2011

Paul Edward Slicker, U.S. Army

Copperas Cove, Texas

February 18, 1950 – May 14, 2018

Terry Altus Stanfield, U.S. Army

Abilene, Texas

December 28, 1950 – January 10, 2019

Robert Jefferson Stewart, U.S. Army

Dallas, Texas

December 23, 1945 – June 27, 2001

Thomas Eugene Tinker, U.S. Army

Longview, Texas

December 27, 1946 – July 7, 2019

John Webb Wheeler, U.S. Air Force

Denton, Texas

September 27, 1941 – July 8, 1986

Eugene Clarence White, U.S. Navy

Howe, Texas

November 22, 1944 – July 4, 2019

Ronnie Lee Wilson, U.S. Marine Corps

Houston, Texas

June 5, 1948 – September 11, 2013

Rodolfo Zertuche Sr., U.S. Army

Corpus Christi, Texas

March 30, 1943 – May 20, 2019

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.

#