

IN MEMORY

Since the Vietnam War ended, thousands of Vietnam veterans have died each year due to Agent Orange exposure, PTSD/suicide, cancer and other causes related to their service. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund's (VVMF) *In Memory* program honors those who returned home from Vietnam and later died.

In Memory was created in 1993 by Friends of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. VVMF began managing the program and hosting the ceremony in 1999. More than 3,600 veterans have been added to the *In Memory* Honor Roll since the program began. In 2018, 345 veterans were inducted into the *In Memory* Honor Roll. To see all the honorees, please visit: www.vvmf.org/honor-roll.

A plaque on the grounds of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial site in Washington, D.C. that honors these veterans was dedicated in 2004 and 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.*

Having a qualifying veteran honored includes:

An invitation to the *In Memory* Weekend in Washington, D.C., which includes a touching ceremony on the site of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial where each honoree's name is read aloud. If family members are present, they may read the name of their honoree. Each applicant also receives printed personal tribute certificate with their veteran's photo(s).

As part of the *In Memory* Honor Roll, an online personal remembrance page is created for each honoree with their photo and biographical information. Family members can share the page and leave remembrances about their loved one.

Inclusion of the honoree in the *In Memory* Yearbook which has the full list (including photos) of all the honorees for the current year.

VVMF's mobile exhibit, *The Wall That Heals*, includes the digital photos of all *In Memory* honorees from the state where the exhibit is on display.

An invitation to join the Facebook group: *In Memory* – Families of Vietnam Veterans lost to Agent Orange and PTSD. The group gives family and friends an online community to connect and share their stories.

To have a loved one considered for the *In Memory* program, an application must be submitted to the VVMF. In order to be included in the 2019 program, the application must be received by March 8, 2019. A downloadable copy of the application with FAQ's is available by clicking on the link below. Both online and downloadable applications, plus much more information about the *In Memory* program, are available at www.vvmf.org. Click on In Memory, then Apply Now for 2019.

For any Chapter members or families of eligible veterans who want additional information or assistance with an application, please contact Board of Directors members Jim Miles, 303-798-8888 or Steve Newton, 303-659-3726.