



Plaque at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

*"It was a weekend that our family shared together and I am amazed at the bonding that took place. It almost felt spiritual. We are all still processing all the emotions that we felt and it was WONDERFUL. I did not really know what to expect, but it exceeded anything I could have expected."*

Mary Hotopp, wife of 2018 honoree Arthur Hotopp

\*\*\*

*"I feel at peace now. My brother, and all of the other Honorees, have finally gotten the recognition they so deserved. Thank You from the Bottom of My Heart."*

Diana De Koning-Kordick, sister of 2020 honoree  
Jerald Wayne De Koning

\*\*\*

*"I finally have found some peace 26 years after my father passed away. I feel he finally will have the recognition he deserves for his sacrifice for his country."*

Diane Haligas, daughter of 2023 honoree Creedin Gitt

\*\*\*

*"The service that you provided to honor these Vietnam veterans is beyond beautiful and memorable. With my husband's recent death, it meant so much to me and my family to have him eternally remembered outside of our family. Thank you so much for this service to our proud veterans who were never welcomed home."*

Barbara Braucht, wife of 2023 honoree Timothy Braucht

## 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 is the organization that partners with the National Park Service to maintain and care for The Wall, the Three Servicemen Statue, flagpole, Vietnam Women's Memorial, and *In Memory* plaque.

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. We **honor** the service of all, **preserve** the memory of those who died during the war and since returning home, and **educate** all generations about the lasting impact of the war.



SCAN ME

VVMF is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with no government funding — our programs, ceremonies and education efforts are dependent upon your generous donations. Please consider making a donation by going to [www.vvmf.org](http://www.vvmf.org) or calling 202-393-0090 or simply scan this code.



Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund



[vnveteransmemorial](https://www.instagram.com/vnveteransmemorial)

202-393-0090 • [www.VVMF.org](http://www.VVMF.org)

Rev. 08/23

## HONOR YOUR VIETNAM VETERAN WHO RETURNED HOME AND LATER DIED



## HONOR YOUR VIETNAM VETERAN'S SACRIFICE IN MEMORY PROGRAM



## ABOUT IN MEMORY

Since the Vietnam War ended, thousands of Vietnam veterans have suffered due to Agent Orange exposure, PTSD and other illnesses as a result of their service. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) believes those who served in the Vietnam War should be honored and remembered for their service. The *In Memory* program enables the families and friends of those who came home and later died the opportunity to have them be forever memorialized.

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

*In Memory* was created in 1993 by the group – Friends of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. VVMF began managing the program and hosting the ceremony in 1999. More than 6,000 veterans have been added to the *In Memory* Honor Roll since the program began. To see all the honorees, please visit: [www.vvmf.org/honor-roll](http://www.vvmf.org/honor-roll).

The *In Memory* ceremony is held annually in Washington, D.C.

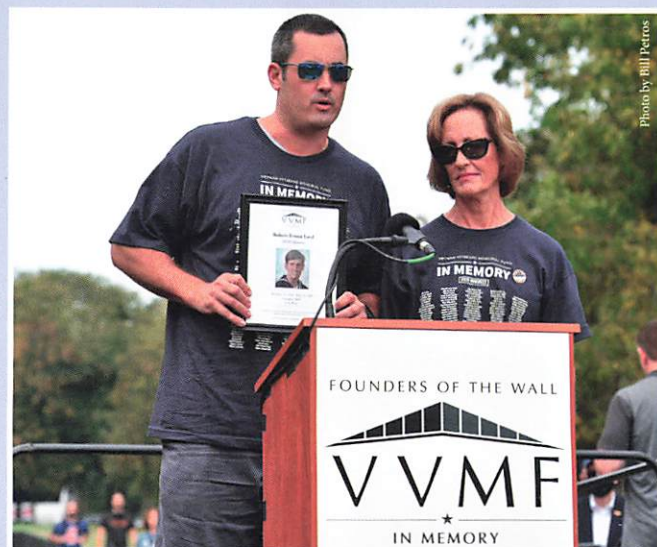


Photo by Bill Petros

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

### HAVING A VETERAN HONORED INCLUDES:

- An invitation to *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 you are present, you may read the name. Each applicant also receives a 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.
- 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 our 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.

Honoree's personal page on the online *In Memory* Honor Roll

**DENNIS KELLY**

Name: Dennis Andrew Kelly  
Date of Birth: 01/12/1946  
Date of Death: 04/23/2012  
Home of Record: Hicksville  
State: New York  
Branch of Service: Marine Corps

**Biography:**  
Cpl Dennis A. Kelly served proudly in USMC. 1st Amtrak Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, Amphibious Tractor Unit. Dennis served in Vietnam from September 1965 until March 14, 1966 (date of injury). Dennis lost his last battle to Agent Orange on April 23, 2012. Honor - Courage - Commitment. Semper Fidelis.

**REMEMBRANCES**

Proud Marine  
POSTED ON 11/7/15 - BY ELIZABETH A. KELLY  
So proud to have served...being a Marine was such a big part of his life. Stationed in DaNang, wounded in 1966 in mine-clearing vehicle explosion.  
more >>>

## HOW TO APPLY

Through a simple application process, you can have your loved one honored – **at no cost to you**. *In Memory* is possible because of VVMF's generous supporters.

### What's required?:

- Completed application form. The application can be found online at: [www.vvmf.org/inmemory](http://www.vvmf.org/inmemory)
- Copy of military record that shows proof of service in Vietnam War zone (Form DD214)
- Copy of the veteran's death certificate or other formal notification of death
- Two clear photographs of the honoree (we recommend one photo from the Vietnam era and one photo that is more recent)

If you do not have a copy of the DD214, military service records can be obtained from the National Archives Veterans Service Records. Visit [www.archives.gov](http://www.archives.gov) and click on "Veterans' Service Records."

If you have any questions regarding the application process, please contact VVMF at: [inmemory@vvmf.org](mailto:inmemory@vvmf.org)

*In Memory* honorees on display at *The Wall That Heals*

