



VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory Day Facts at a Glance

- This is the 13th annual *In Memory Day* ceremony. The first *In Memory Day* ceremony was held in 1999.
- The *In Memory* program has been in existence since 1993. But, prior to 1999, the ceremony was held in conjunction with other events, such as Memorial Day and Veterans Day.
- *In Memory Day* is held on the third Monday in April, which is also observed as Patriots Day in some states.
- There are 1,971 names on the *In Memory* Honor Roll. When the 93 new honorees are added on April 18, 2011, the total will be 2,064.
- There are four women currently on the *In Memory* Honor Roll.
- There are seven civilians currently on the *In Memory* Honor Roll.
- The *In Memory* program was created to pay tribute to individuals who died prematurely as a result of the Vietnam War, but whose deaths do not fit the Department of Defense parameters for inclusion on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.
- The two most common causes of death of *In Memory* honorees are conditions such as cancer that are the result of exposure to Agent Orange and psychological wounds from post-traumatic stress disorder that never healed.
- Service members killed in accidents on their way to or from Vietnam are eligible for the *In Memory* Honor Roll, as are civilians killed in combat.
- There is a plaque near the *Three Servicemen* statue commemorating all *In Memory* honorees. In addition, the honorees are included in an *In Memory* Honor Roll Book to serve as a lasting reminder of their service and sacrifices. The book is available at the National Park Service kiosk and can be viewed on the VVMF website: <http://www.vvmf.org/honor-roll>.
- To have a loved one included on the *In Memory* Honor Roll, families must fill out an application form, which is online at <http://www.vvmf.org/InMemoryProgram> or by calling the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund at (202) 393-0090.