

25th Anniversary of the Vietnam Wall



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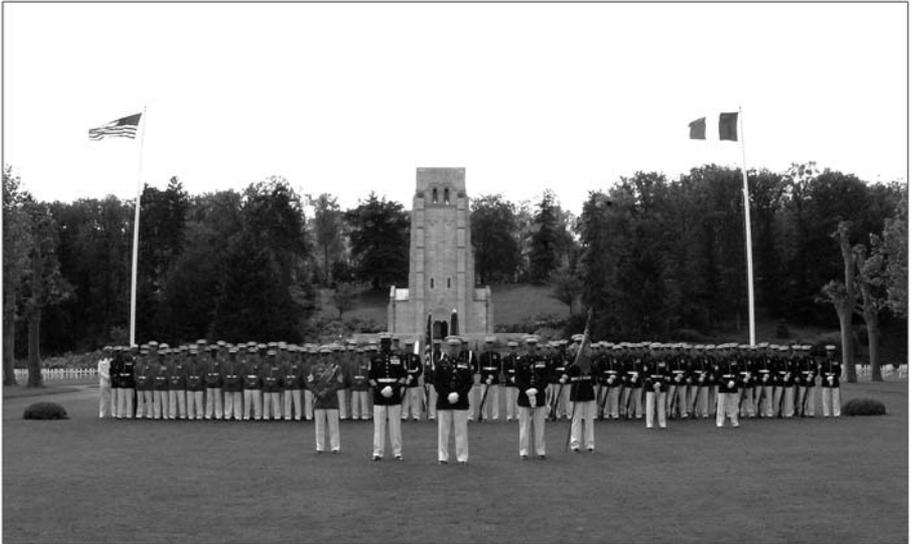


**The Nation’s Largest Vietnam Veterans
Memorial Traveling Wall**



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Saluting all those who have served.

**To those who gave the Ultimate Sacrifice,
To the former POWs who endured so much pain,
To all POWs & MIAs left behind,
To All Veterans who made it back,
This Tribute simply says,
“Welcome Home and Thank You.”**

Dear Friends:

This year marks the 25th Anniversary of the Vietnam Traveling Wall Tribute. The American Veterans Tribute travels the U.S. with a mission to Honor, Respect and Remember those who served our nation and those who are presently serving. The 1st District Vietnam Memorial Committee is honored to bring this Cost of Freedom Exhibit to Rentschler Field and the Greater Hartford Area.

We would like to thank United Technologies Corporation, St. Francis Hospital & Medical Center and Congressman John B. Larson for sponsoring the Vietnam Traveling Wall, the entire American Veterans Tribute and The United States Marine Corps Battle Color Detachment from Washington, D.C.

The traveling monument stands as a reminder of the great sacrifice of war. It is our way of saying “thank you” to all the veterans who have served our country past and present and especially to those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice.



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We Have Today.**

Welcome Home and Thank You!

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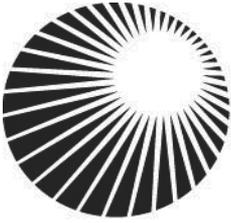


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The Wall is not only a monument but a moment... it is a place where people come to wander, to look, read, touch and yes, to heal. It is a headstone for some, a place where their loved one is remembered when that loved one is not accounted for. It is a place of remembering, a place of gathering, honoring and most importantly a place of healing. Letting go of the past or perhaps allowing it to finally catch up... We all grieve and heal in our own way and in our own time.



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Vietnam Veterans of America

Connecticut Chapter 120

Celebrating 25 Years of Service to Veterans



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Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. (VVA) is the only Congressionally chartered veterans' service organization dedicated exclusively to Vietnam-Era veterans and their families. That Congressional charter, established in 1978, enabled the original group of three Vietnam veterans from Vermont to grow into a national organization of over 50,000 members today.

Connecticut Chapter 120 was incorporated as a non-profit (IRS Code 501(c)(19)) veterans service organization in late 1983. The early years of our organization were spent in establishing ourselves as an advocate for Connecticut Vietnam veterans, promoting public awareness by participating in area town parades and other civic events, and becoming an active veterans' watchdog in local, state and federal governmental affairs.

Today, our Chapter is known throughout the veterans' community as a voice to be heard when any veterans' benefits and rights are at stake. As Vietnam veterans, we remember well of our own struggle to obtain benefits that were rightfully ours. And that is why we take pride in our motto that "*Never again will one generation of veterans abandon another*".

Membership in Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. is open to Vietnam and Vietnam-era veterans who served on active duty between February 28, 1961 and May 7, 1975 (in-country Vietnam), or between August 5, 1964 and May 7, 1975 for Vietnam-era veterans. Associate membership is open to the general public through our sister organization, The Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America (AVVA).

Welcome Home



**THE LEGIONNAIRES OF CONNECTICUT
TAKE PRIDE IN WELCOMING
THE VIETNAM
TRAVELING WALL
AND OFFER THEIR PROFOUND AND ENDURING
GRATITUDE TO THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED
OUR NATION IN UNIFORM FOR THEIR GIFT
TO US OF LIBERTY AND SECURITY.**

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DAV Chapter Officers for 2008 - 2009

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In Memory of Our Deceased Chapter Members:

Norwood Frye (WWII)

Elwood (Woody) Lechause (Vietnam)

George Bear (Vietnam)

Schedule of Events

Thursday, October 16th

7:00 p.m. OPENING CEREMONIES

Al Terzi/Channel 3 Master of Ceremonies

- U.S. Marine Corps Battle Color Detachment - Posting of the Colors & The National Anthem
- Opening Prayer - CT Army National Guard State Chaplain, LTC Kevin Cavannaugh
- Presentation Of Memorial Wreaths
 - * POW/MIA Wreath - Mary Beaulieu - POW Vietnam Vets of America State Chair
 - * Gold Star Wives Wreath - Kathleen Blamire Cardona - VP /N.E. Region of Gold Star Wives of America - Widow of Ronald William Cardona, Charlie Ranger, KIA 07/06/69
 - * Gold Star Mothers Wreath - Helen Sincere, mother of James Sincere, USMC, KIA, Republic of Vietnam - 11/22/68

Speakers

- Dr. Rolf Knoll(Ret. Colonel US Army) - Chief Medical Officer, St. Francis Hospital & Medical Center - Sponsor of the American Veterans Traveling Tribute
- Steve Doty - American Veterans Traveling Tribute Committee
- Paul Barry - 1st District Vietnam Wall Committee

Friday, October 17th

7:30 p.m. MAIN EVENT - RENTSCHLER FIELD

Kara Sundlun/Channel 3 & Brad Davis/WDRG-AM
Co-Masters of Ceremonies

Speakers

- (Ret) Air Force 4 Star General Bill Begert - V.P. Business Development, UTC - Main Event Sponsor
- (Ret.) Colonel U.S. Army Dr. Rolf Knoll - 1st District Vietnam Wall Committee & St. Francis Hospital & Medical Center
- Paul "Buddy" Bucha - Medal of Honor Recipient , U.S. Army
- Leesa & Ray Phillipon - Parents of Lance Corporal Larry Phillipon, USMC, KIA, Iraq

Main Performance

U.S. Marine Corps Battle Color Detachment

Schedule of Events

Saturday, October 18th

2:00 p.m. COLORS CEREMONY

Brad Davis/WDRC-AM Master of Ceremonies

Speakers

- National Anthem - East Hartford High School Show Choir
- Steve Doty - AVTT
- (Ret) Major General James Battaglini U.S. Marine Corps
- Leesa & Ray Phillippon
- Peter Galgano - 1st District Vietnam Wall Committee

7:00 p.m. CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

Directed by AVTT and D'Esopo Funeral Chapel

- Reading of the 612 names of CT Veterans on The Wall
- Taps

Sunday, October 19th

- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Service at The Wall - Chaplain Kevin Cavannaugh
- 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Motorcycle Riders Assemble for the 2:00 p.m. ride to the Wall, "The Ride to Honor" Coordinated by John Scanlon, USMC, Patriot Guard Riders
- 4:00 p.m. - Presentation of CT Wartime Service Medals by Linda Schwartz, Commissioner of CT Veterans Affairs

5:00 p.m. CLOSING CEREMONIES

Brad Davis/WDRC-AM Master of Ceremonies

Speakers

- Craig Jordan - 1st District Vietnam Wall Committee
- Steve Doty - AVTT Committee
- John Rowan - National President of The Vietnam Veterans of America
- Linda Schwartz - Commissioner of CT Veterans Affairs
- Chaplain Kevin Cavannaugh - Benediction

American Legion Color Guard - March to Retire Colors

HCD Marine Corps League Honors Detail - Rifle Salute

Taps

A Man is not Dead until he is Forgotten...



YOU ARE NOT FORGOTTEN

**IN HONOR OF OUR FALLEN BROTHERS FROM
MIDDLETOWN, CT**

PFC Leroy Frazier Panel 11E Line 33

SP4 Thomas W. Shay Panel 8E Line 49

And

OUR ADOPTED BROTHER

**LCpl Thomas W. Fritsch-Cromwell, CT
Panel 58E Line 7**

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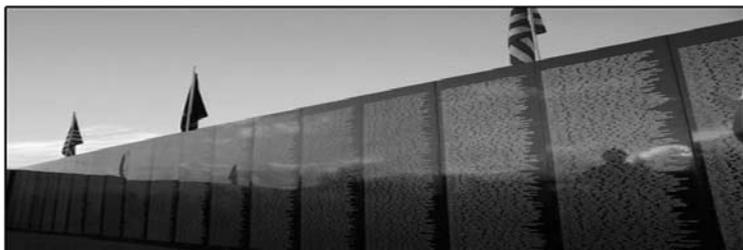
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Marty, a Vietnam veteran, was a pilot in the United
States Marine Corp, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel.



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The Marine Corps League Department of Connecticut honors, respects, and remembers all who have served their country for the freedom we have today.

To those who gave the Ultimate Sacrifice (their life), the POW's and MIA's, and to all the Veterans who made it back from all Wars and Conflicts, we want to say...

"Welcome Home and Thank You"

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In Memory of:
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 Sgt US Army 1958 - 1965
 from his Wife, Kathie



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Gone but not forgotten - although we are apart,
 your spirit lives within me - forever in my heart.

In memory of my beloved husband for almost 50 years.

Bernice C. Bergeron



Peter Galgano Jr.
US Marine Corps
 1966 - 1970



Honoring Those Who Served

*Taking care of our own is not just a phrase; it is
 our duty to the families of our fallen brothers.
 You may be gone my brothers... but rest assure,
 You will never be forgotten.*

Paul “Buddy” Bucha

Medal of Honor Recipient



Paul William Bucha (born August 1, 1943) is a highly decorated American Vietnam War veteran and recipient of the Medal of Honor.

He is currently a foreign policy adviser to Barack Obama’s 2008 presidential campaign.

Paul Bucha was a two time All-American swimmer. After graduating from the United States Military Academy at West Point, he was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Army.

In Phuoc Vinh, Vietnam, Captain Bucha of the 3rd battalion, 187th infantry, 3rd Brigade 101st Airborne Division led a recon patrol that encountered strong resistance. He was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions between March 16 to 19, 1968.

He later taught at West Point and became president of the Congressional Medal of Honor Society.

*“This nation will remain
the land of the free,
only so long as it is
the home of the brave.”*

Elmer Davis



From the Saint Francis family, our undying admiration and gratitude for the fallen and living brave who have kept our nation free.



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