

LZ PEACE MEMORIAL

VIETNAM VETERAN'S HONOR SOCIETY

Working to honor Vietnam veterans and all others who have served. Let the healing begin.

Founded in 1989, in Rockford, Illinois, the Vietnam Veteran's Honor Society honors veterans who served and who have helped other veterans since the war.

Nick Parnello and Joe Falzone, two Rockford natives, met while in Vietnam during 1969, and vowed to get together on a regular basis when they ever made it back home. Their regular meetings led to the founding of a new organization for Vietnam veterans – VietNow – which has grown into a national organization with 40 chapters throughout the country since 1979.

In 1983, after the formation of VietNow, Parnello had a dream and came to the conclusion that there was a need for another organization – an organization that would pay special tribute to those from Winnebago County who had died in Vietnam or were among the missing.

He joined forces with three other Vietnam veterans from Rockford: Tony Bove, Paul Cassioppi and Tony Circelli to form the Vietnam Veteran's Honor Society.

The Vietnam Veteran's Honor Society is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization and donations are tax-deductible. For more information about us or the LZ Peace Memorial visit us at www.lzpeace.org or call us at 815-968-1040.

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*Founders of the Vietnam Veteran's Honor Society
Paul Cassioppi, Tony Circelli, Tony Bove, and Nick Parnello*



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VIETNAM VETERAN'S WALL OF HONOR

John Charles Alberts, Army
James Allan Ascher, Army
Melvin Ballard, Army
Ralph Anthony Barcelona, Army
Norman Elmer Beck, Marines
Larry Dean Bell, Marines
John H. Berg, Army
Wayne Valgeen Blake, Marines
Alan Lee Boyer, Army
George Richard Butler, Marines
Arnoldo J. Cardenas, Army
Curtis Paul Chalberg, Army
Eldon Dean Coldren Jr., Army
Daniel Coleman, Marines
Michael Lee Collins, Army
Michael Erwin Dagnon, Army
John C. Davis, Army
Earmon Ray Derrington, Army
Martin John DiMarzio, Army
John Paul Didier Jr., Army
Curtis Lee Duckett, Army
George N. Fanis Jr., Army
Patrick Dale Finch, Army
David Eugene Flaningam, Marines
Thomas Duane Glawe, Marines
Thomas A. Goebel, Marines
Ray Lonnie Gonce, Marines
David Arlin Gulbrantson, Army
Richard F. Hawks, Marines
Ronnie L. Hawks, Marines
Daniel Robert Hoffman, Army
John R. Hornsby, Army
Michael Joseph Ingrassia, Army
John Jeffrey Jensen, Army
Daniel Gene Johnson, Army
Henry L. Johnson, Army
Gerald Dennis Kiesling, Army
Larry William Knight, Navy

Terry Lee Larsen, Army
Steve Donald Lee, Army
J. L. Lyles, Army
Notley Gwynn Maddox, Air Force
Larry Dale McGhee, Army
Michael John McGlothlin, Marines
Michael James McKinson, Marines
Donald L. Meehan Jr., Army
Gary Lee Mizner, Army
Phillip Gwyn Nichols, Army
David Donell Nicholson, Marines
Lawrence E. Orsborn, Navy
James H. Owens Jr., Army
Stanley F. Patterson, Army
Wallis Gilbert Patterson, Army
Robert Verner Pearson, Army
Feliz Perris, Marines
Roderick James Rodenbeck, Army
Henry Clyde Sanders, Marines
Kris Edward Shaw, Army
Lora William Snyder, Marines
Gordon William Stark, Army
Charles Stanley Tarbert, Army
A. W. Tripplett, Marines
Ronald A. Van Wambeke, Marines
Marcelino Vargas Jr., Marines
John Wesley Vowles, Marines
Harold Francis Werle, Marines
Kenneth Leroy White, Army
Jerry Wayne Wickam, Army
Lonnie Williams, Army
Robert Earl Williams, Marines
John Wayne Woolbright, Marines
Kurt Frederick Zimmerman, Marines
Lester "Lek" Vance, Army
Craig Walter Anderson, Navy
David Lawrence Lyons, Navy



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The LZ Peace Memorial* at Midway Village is a place of honor for those veterans who served our country, in war and in peace. This memorial stands as a testimony to those soldiers from Winnebago County who made the ultimate sacrifice at a time of great conflict. Four Vietnam veterans, Tony Bove, Paul Cassioppi, Tony Circelli and Nick Parnello spearheaded the building of this memorial which took over 20 years to complete.



The Wall of Honor pays special tribute to those soldiers from Winnebago County who paid the ultimate price in Vietnam. The names of these veterans are etched into the wall, forever reminding us that their courage was our greatest triumph and their sacrifice was our greatest loss. Also, in this peaceful setting, a Huey helicopter that served in Vietnam rests above the Wall of Honor.

Every Memorial Day and Veterans Day at 11 a.m. members of the Vietnam Veteran's Honor Society hold a memorial service honoring those who died in Vietnam and in all other American wars.



Featured speakers have been parents and family members of those killed in Vietnam: Dorothy Boyer, mother of Alan Lee Boyer; Mike Lenker, a former POW; Sheriff Dick Meyers; Paul Logli, former States Attorney; and many others.

Gino Cuppini's band plays patriot music to set the stage featuring the *Star Spangled Banner* and *America the Beautiful*.

In the past several years a Vietnam-veteran Huey helicopter has flown overhead and landed in a field of tall grass. When it happens again you're welcome to climb aboard and touch this angel of mercy that came bringing food, ammunition, medical supplies, and hope. Then the Hueys lifted out the dead and wounded, and for many it would be the last time they ever saw an old friend. A Marine who fought in Vietnam said, "There's no other sound like it. To us it meant we might get outta here alive, as opposed to, we don't have a 'bleeping' chance."

Be here when flags are flown and songs are sung. Mothers talk of their sons and fathers beam with pride. Old friends meet and Hueys fly one more time. Patriotic music fills the air. Prayers are said and tears are shed.



So bring your flag and your family and spend the day. There's so much to see and do at Midway Village. There are benches for relaxing and remembering the sacrifices made. Come to the LZ Peace Memorial and find an old friend on the wall.

On a quiet night you might hear the sound of Hueys overhead or it could be angels' wings fluttering in the wind. The Wall of Honor and the Huey are waiting for you to visit. They're here rain or shine, day and night, still serving their country, at the LZ Peace Memorial, a place of healing.

In addition to the LZ Peace Memorial there will be a Veterans Wall where, for a tax-deductible donation, any veteran from Winnebago County who served honorably between 1959-1975, can have their name inscribed on this wall. This new wall will be dedicated on Memorial Day 2011. For more information about the LZ Peace Memorial or the Veterans Wall, call 815-968-1040 or visit us at www.lzpeace.org.

*The LZ Peace Memorial is located at the northwest corner of the Midway Village Museum campus; or just to the east of the Central Christian Church parking lot. Or you may go outside and follow the signs.

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