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Dignity Memorial® Vietnam Wall Experience™

at
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September 28th thru October 3rd, 2010



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The Dignity Memorial® Vietnam Wall

*Honoring Veterans of the Vietnam War and
All U.S. Servicemen and Women*

The Dignity Memorial® Vietnam Wall is a traveling, three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. The faux-granite replica stands 240 feet long and eight feet high and is inscribed with the names of more than 58,000 Americans who died or are missing in Vietnam.



Free and open to the public 24 hours a day, the Dignity Memorial Vietnam Wall is dedicated to the veterans of the Vietnam War and honors all U.S. servicemen and women. The Dignity Memorial network of funeral, cremation and cemetery service providers created the replica as a service to those who might never visit the nation's capital to experience the original memorial firsthand.



Each year, the Dignity Memorial Vietnam Wall tours the country, making 10-14 weekend stops in communities served by Dignity Memorial providers. Since its inception in 1990, the traveling monument has been displayed in more than 200 cities across the country, allowing millions of visitors to experience the healing power of the memorial.

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*Dignity Memorial Vietnam Wall Experience
Program*

Friday, October 1, 2010

9:00 a.m.
Honor Guard Ceremony VVA Chapter 11
School Visits

11:30 a.m.
Patriotic Songs by
Oakwood Primary School Luella Pinelli, Director

5:00 p.m.
Walt Whitman High School
Wind Ensemble Alan Dietz, Conductor

5:30 p.m.
Northport Pipe and Drum Band
Welcome Councilman Mark Cuthbertson
..... Supervisor Frank P. Petrone
..... Charles Spencer, Dignity Memorial

Call to Colors Commander Fred Amore, VFW Post 9263
Posting of Colors VVA, Chapter 11 and
Raising of the Colors Flags Huntington Veteran's Organizations
National Anthem Christopher Macchio
Pledge of Allegiance Paul Kelly, Phil Tepe, Fred Amore
..... Huntington Vietnam Committee
Invocation Rabbi Paul Swerdlow
..... Chaplain, VAMC, Northport

POW-MIA
Remembrance Ceremony Michele McNaughton, Gold Star Mothers
Keynote Speakers Monsignor Charles Fink
..... Seminary of the Immaculate Conception
..... General Anthony Kropp
..... Richard Kitson, President, VVA Chapter 11
Laying of the Wreaths Huntington Veterans Advisory Board
America the Beautiful Walt Whitman High School Wind Ensemble
Guardian Angel Christopher Macchio
Reading of KIA-MIAs Suffolk Cty. Huntington Vietnam Committee

7:30
The Other Side of the Wall Performed by Bob Spiotto and
Rachel Zampino

8:00 p.m.
Reading of KIA-MIAs Huntington Huntington Vietnam Committee
Lowering of the Colors VVA, Chapter 11
Taps Coast Guard Auxiliary Band Trumpeteers
Steve Dejuri & Tom Butterfield

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Bruce Brenner, Commander of the Nathan Hale VFW #1469 for the past three years, retired as a Detective after 28 years with the NYPD, a combat Vietnam veteran who received a Purple Heart after he was wounded in the Cambodian Invasion in 1970. Bruce is a hero once again as he gave up his Purple Heart to the family of Keith Bishop, who was killed in a helicopter crash in Afghanistan and denied the medal by the Army because his death was not battle related. According to Bruce, "it was a gift from one soldier to another."

Honorable Mark Capodanno is a licensed chiropractor, teacher at St. Anthony High School and former Town of Huntington Councilman.

Maureen Duggan was the Vice President of the Huntington Women in Support of our Men in Vietnam during 1966 to 1973. During this period, Maureen and this group of women, came together to support the troops and send care packages containing the items specifically requested. In addition, Maureen updated the Honor Roll that was displayed at the Village Green at Park Avenue and Route 25A.

Rev. Msgr. Charles Fink, a priest of the Diocese of Rockville Centre for 34 years, is currently Director of Spiritual Formation at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, NY. A veteran of the Vietnam War and has served in four parishes.

Paul Kelly served in Vietnam as an Infantry Sargeant with the Americal Division, 23rd Infantry, March 1969 to March 1970. He is a member of the Huntington Veterans Advisory and Chairman of the Vietnam Memorial Wall Committee. For over twenty years, Paul has served as an Emergency Medical Care Technician for the Huntington Community First Aid Squad.

Richard Kitson is the Chief of Voluntary Services and Community Relations at the VA Medical Center in Northport. He worked for the US Postal Service as a Postmaster in Babylon, Farmingdale and Roslyn. Mr. Kitson is a Vietnam Veteran having served in the US Marine Corps as a Combat Marine in 1967. For the past 16 years he has been the President of Suffolk County Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 11 and continues to serve as Chairman of the Suffolk County Veterans Advisory Board.

Ret. General Anthony Kropp retired from the U.S. Army after a 35 year career. He served in Vietnam. He commanded at the Platoon, Company, Battalion and Brigade levels as a Major General. General Kropp has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, two Legion of Merits, two Bronze Stars, five Meritorius Service Medals, eight Army Commendation medals. He is the recipient of both the Engineer Regiment Silver de Fleury Medal and the Signal Corps Bronze Order of Mercury. In 1995 the General was installed in the Engineer Officer Candidate Hall of Fame.

Michelle McNaughton became a Gold Star Mother when her son James D. McNaughton made the ultimate sacrifice on August 2, 2005 in Baghdad, Iraq. She is currently President of the American Gold Star Mothers on Long Island, sits on the Calverton Cemetery Memorial Committee and the Suffolk County Veteran Service Organization Committee.

Chaplain Paul Swerdlow is the lead Chaplain at the Northport VA Medical Center where he has served for the past 15 years. He is a retired Army Chaplain, having attained the rank of Colonel. He served in Italy during the Vietnam War as the first Jewish chaplain to serve in that country since WW II. Early this month, he received the Secretary of Veteran Affairs award for excellence in chaplaincy for his work at both the local and national levels.

Joy Wellman authored "Proudly We Hail" It is the author's true experience of the Vietnam War on the Home Front. Vietnam Magazine featured Ms. Wellman's article about "Huntington Women In Support Of Our Men In Vietnam," because the group was responsible for the first memorial in the United States dedicated June 8, 1972. The Huntington, Long Island women's group stayed together from 1966 to 1973.

Dignity Memorial Vietnam Wall Experience Program

Saturday, October 2, 2010

10:00 a.m.
Welcome **Charles Spencer, Dignity Memorial**
Call to Colors **Commander Fred Amore, VFW Post 9263**
Raising of the Colors Flags **Boy Scout Troop #52, East Northport**
National Anthem/God Bless America **Alison Dey**
Pledge of Allegiance **Mario Buonpane,**
Chairman, Huntington Veterans Advisory Board
Invocation **Chaplain Joe Sledge,**
Northport American Legion Post 694
Keynote Speaker **Commander Bruce Brenner,**
Nathan Hale Post 1469

Laying of the Wreaths

3:30
A Hero's Humanity and Letters from the War **Anita's Studio**
..... **of Dance and Theatre Arts**
Welcome **Councilman Mark Cuthbertson**
Supervisor Frank P. Petrone
Charles Spencer, Dignity Memorial
God Bless America **Councilwoman Glenda A. Jackson**
Pledge of Allegiance **Councilwoman Susan A. Berland**
Invocation **Deacon Edward Billia,**
St. Hugh of Lincoln
Keynote Speakers **Joy Wellman, First President, Co-Founder**
Maureen Duggan, Vice President
Huntington Women in Support of Men in Vietnam
..... **Honorable Mark Capodanno**

Laying of the Wreaths

Presentations **Charles Spencer, Dignity Memorial**

7:00 p.m.
Patriotic Songs **Northport Chorale**
Nick Hart, Conductor; Judy Pesner, Accompanist

8:00 p.m.
Candlelight Vigil **Charles Spencer, Dignity Memorial**

Lowering of the Colors **VVA, Chapter 11**
Taps **VVA, Chapter 11**

*Dignity Memorial Vietnam Wall Experience
Program*

Sunday, October 3, 2010

1:45 p.m.
Patriotic Songs Huntington Men's Chorus
Thomas Wetteland Jones, Conductor;
Dimitri Dover, Accompanist

Welcome Councilman Mark Cuthbertson
..... Supervisor Frank P. Petrone
..... Charles Spencer, Dignity Memorial
Call to Colors Paul Kelly, Huntington Vietnam Committee
Raising of the Colors Flags Paul Kelly,
Huntington Vietnam Committee

National Anthem Christopher Macchio
Pledge of Allegiance Councilman Mark Mayoka
Invocation Rabbi Paul Swerdlow,
Chaplain, VAMC, Northport

Keynote Speakers Paul Kelly,
Huntington Vietnam Committee

God Bless America..... Christopher Macchio

3:00
A Salute to the Women on the Wall..... Congressman Steve Israel
Reading of the Town of Huntington
Fallen Heros Paul Kelly, Phil Tepe, Fred Amore
Gun Salute 11th U.S. Regiment, U.S. Volunteers
Taps Coast Guard Auxiliary Band Trumpeteers
Adam Bolendar & Tom Butterfield

4:00
Closing Ceremonies

Benediction Father John Malone,
Chaplain, VAMC, Northport
Lowering of the Colors VVA, Chapter 11

Good Night Saigon

*Thank You to
Program Participants and Special Guests*

Oakwood Primary School
Kindergarten-2nd Grade
Choral Director Luella Pinelli
264 West 22nd Street
Huntington

Walt Whitman High School
Wind Ensemble
Conductor, Alan Dietz
301 West Hills Road
Huntington Station

Northport Pipe and Drum Band
Formed in 1984 by Northport Police Chief Bob Howard and members
of the local fire department.

Christopher Macchio
has been described in various publications as a future star of the
opera stage. His stage presence compliments his dynamic
and powerful voice endowing him with serious star power.

The Other Side of the Wall
conceived and performed by Bob Spiotto and Rachel Zampino of the
Performing Arts Programs at Hofstra Cultural Center.
Focusing on the power of The Vietnam Veterans Memorial --
The Wall--as memorial, icon and personal healer, this unique
performance combines poetry, writings, musings, recollections
and remembrances to create a moving and unforgettable experience.

Anita's Studio of Dance and Theatre Arts
508 Larkfield Road, East Northport 631-368-7505

Huntington Men's Chorus
Now in its 62nd year, this group originated with a group of
Huntington men having considerable vocal talent and musical
experience meeting with James C. Doty, a music teacher in the
Huntington Public Schools, to form the vocal ensemble that continues
to entertain all. Please join the Chorus at their upcoming Fall Concert at
Huntington High School on December 4, 2010 at 8:00 pm.

Northport Chorale
The group was formed in 1982 as part of the Northport Continuing
Education Program. Since then the Chorale has grown in size as well as
accomplishments and has become a popular, familiar addition to many
local events both within and outside the Northport Community.

Good Night Saigon recorded by Billy Joel in 1982.
It is one of the most well known songs about the Vietnam War.
It depicts the situation and attitude of United States Marines
beginning with their military training on Parris Island and then
into different aspects of Vietnam combat.