



Atlanta Vietnam Veterans Business Association
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The purpose of the Atlanta Vietnam Veterans Business Association (AVVBA) is to promote patriotism and sponsor activities of a patriotic nature among the business community, to recognize those who served and honor those who gave their lives in the Vietnam War, and to promote the positive image of the Vietnam Veteran, their dependents and the widows and orphans of deceased Vietnam Veterans.

The AVVBA was founded in 1981 by Vietnam Veterans who wanted to honor their fallen comrades and each year since 1987 the AVVBA has dedicated a Memorial in the Greater Atlanta Area to honor our fallen brothers and the sacrifice of their families. We have attempted to convey to these families that we as veterans and we as a nation still owe them the appreciation and recognition many were denied at the time of the death of their loved ones. We honor these men for at least two reasons.

First, because they made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of their country. In the third verse of the song *America the Beautiful*, the lyricist Katherine Lee Bates wrote

*Oh Beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife
Who more than self their country loved and mercy more than life.*

She wrote of these men whom we have honored and of the hundreds of thousands of men and women who have given their lives in service to our country throughout our history. She wrote of the "some" who "gave all".

Second, we honor them as a reminder and example to the citizens of our nation that in a healthy society, the fallen warriors must be honored and the sacrifice of their families must be recognized and appreciated and validated. We honor them so that our service men and women of today will be applauded as they walk through the airport terminals of our nation instead of ignored or shunned and insulted.

In addition to our memorials, AVVBA supports the USO in welcoming and assisting our service men and women as they transit the Atlanta Hartsfield Jackson Airport. We provide financial support and twice a month our volunteers staff the USO facility at the Airport to serve and assist our current warriors.

AVVBA and its members have worked in partnership with the Atlanta History Center to develop the Vietnam Legacy Project which seeks to accurately preserve and communicate the contribution that Vietnam Veterans have made to our community and our country.

AVVBA has for many years participated in the annual Atlanta Veterans Day Parade, winning the "Marching Unit" award a number of times and always enjoying the camaraderie while representing our generation of Veterans with dignity and pride.

The AVVBA Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charitable corporation, is raising money to provide college scholarships to our military service men and women returning from Iraq and Afghanistan, to help them get an educational start in life. We view this as one generation of veterans helping the next.

Although membership in AVVBA is limited to those Veterans who served in Vietnam, we invite and welcome the support of all who share our goals. We meet once a month for a luncheon, frequently with outstanding speakers.

For more information and a calendar of our activities, members and non-members can visit www.avvba.org. We invite you to do so.

AVVBA Memorials

- 1987 2nd Lt John Fuller, Jr., USMC
Galleria Complex Courtyard, 2 Galleria Pkwy, Atlanta GA 30339
- 1988 1st Lt Cary C. Jones, US Army
CNN Center Atrium, 190 Marietta St NW, Atlanta GA 30303
- 1989 CWO Robert N. Sauls, US Army
Peachtree Center Courtyard 225 Peachtree St NE, Atlanta GA 30303
- 1990 PFC Joel C. Roper, US Army
Concourse Tower Courtyard, 5 Concourse Pkwy, Sandy Springs GA 30328
- 1991 CWO Francis McDowall, Jr., US Army
Atlanta Hartsfield Airport, 6000 North Terminal Pkwy, Atlanta GA 30320
- 1992 Cpl Richard F. Sutter, USMC
Underground Atlanta, 50 Upper Alabama St. Atlanta GA 30303
- 1993 1st Lt William Ellis Gay, Jr., US Army
Shepherd Spinal Center, 2020 Peachtree Rd NW, Atlanta GA 30309
- 1994 Cpl Charles H. Brittain, Jr., USMC
GA World Congress Center, 285 Andrew Young Int. Blvd, Atlanta GA 30303
- 1995 Maj Peter P. Pitman, USAF
Georgia Tech Tower Area, 225 North Ave, Atlanta GA 30332
- 1996 Capt Merrill D. Reich, Jr., US Army
First Union Plaza, 999 Peachtree St. NE, Atlanta GA 30309
- 1997 Maj Joseph A. Bishop, US Army
Woodward Academy, 1662 Rugby Ave, College Park GA 30337
- 1998 LCpl Russell M. Dobyns, Jr., USMC
Chastain Park, 140 West Wieuca Rd, Atlanta GA 30342
- 1999 CWO George T. Condrey III, US Army
Lenox Towers, 3400 Peachtree Rd NE, Atlanta GA 30326
- 2000 All Atlantans who lost their lives in SE Asia
Atlanta History Center, 130 West Paces Ferry Rd, Atlanta GA, 30305
- 2001 Capt Julius Patrick Yaeger, USAF
Peachtree & Lenox Roads, 3393 Peachtree Rd NE, Atlanta GA, 30326
- 2002 SSG Alan Brooks Callaway, US Army
DeKalb County Courthouse 556 N McDonough St, Decatur GA, 30030
- 2003 Capt Frank Eugene Fullerton, US Navy
Clayton County Courthouse, 9151 Tara Blvd, Jonesboro GA 30236
- 2004 SPC Michael R. Glenn, US Army
Smyrna City Hall, 2800 King St SE, Smyrna GA, 30080
- 2005 CDR Clarence Stoddard, Jr., US Navy
Colony Square, 1197 Peachtree St NE, Atlanta GA 30361
- 2006 Maj William H. Seward, USMC
Perimeter Place, 4540 Olde Perimeter Way, Atlanta GA 30346
- 2007 PFC Jerry Wayne Gentry, US Army
Cartersville Freedom Plaza. S Public Square, Cartersville GA 30120
- 2008 Maj James C. Wise, Jr., USAF
East Cobb Park, 3322 Roswell RD, Marietta GA 30062
- 2009 Sgt Preston Tribble, Jr., US Army
Atlantic Station, 1380 Atlantic Drive, Atlanta GA 30363
- 2010 All 29 former NGC students who lost their lives in SE Asia
North Georgia College & State University Memorial Hall
82 College Circle, Dahlonega GA 30597
- 2011 PFC Tedd Dennis Britt, USMC
Georgia Veterans Memorial Park (Rockdale Co)
3001 Black Shoals Road, Conyers GA, 30012
- 2012 CWO Francis McDowall, Jr., US Army
Atlanta Airport Atrium (relocation and rededication of 1991)
6000 North Terminal Pkwy, Atlanta GA 30320
- 2013 Maj John L. Carroll, USAF
Marist School, 3790 Ashford Dunwoody Rd Atlanta GA 30319
- 2014 Cpl Harry Kenneth Vaughan, US Army
Freedom Park, Webb Road at Deerfield Parkway, Milton, GA 30004

Note: Addresses shown are GPS-searchable

***"To those who fight for it,
life has a flavor the protected never know"***

Anonymous Marine at Khe Sanh