

Items Left at the Wall

Thirty years ago, on Veterans Day 1982, a memorial was dedicated in Washington D.C. and it changed the way people looked at Vietnam Veterans. The Wall, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, was as controversial as the Vietnam War itself. But once the first panel was placed into the ground, everyone understood the power that lived in the Wall, the importance of the Names on the Wall, and the impact on veterans and families who visit the Wall.

Vietnam veteran John Devitt of Stockton, California, attended the 1982 dedication ceremonies of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Recognizing what he saw as the healing nature of the Wall, he vowed to make a transportable version of the Wall, a "Moving Wall," so those not able to travel to Washington, D.C. would be able to see and touch the names of friends or loved ones in their own home town.

The Moving Wall visited Burlington in 1999 for eight days. Items that were left at the Moving Wall will be displayed for the very first time on Veterans Day, Sunday November 11, 2012, after our 9am ceremony.



The "Items Left at the Wall" display will take place on the 2nd floor, Human Services Building, 61 Center Street.

The display cases were provided by Bob Rottenberg, of Longs Jewelers, at 60A South Ave. here in Burlington.

50th Anniversary

2012 also holds special significance to Vietnam veterans because it marks the beginning of the **50th anniversary of the Vietnam War**. It was 50 years ago, 1962, when U.S. Army pilots on dozens of helicopters transported South Vietnamese troops into the jungles outside Saigon for a raid against enemy forces. It was one of America's first major operations in Vietnam and another turning point in what would become one of our longest wars.



Light refreshments served after the ceremony at the Human Services Building followed by a collation at the American Legion, Winn Street. Everyone is invited to attend.

Burlington Veterans Services
and the
Allied Veterans Council

*50th Anniversary
of the Beginning of the
Vietnam War*



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Hosted by Burlington Marine Corps League Detachment

9:00 A.M. FLAG RAISING ON TOWN COMMON

Music

Joseph McGrath, Bagpiper

Opening Comments

Robert Hogan, Director
Burlington Veterans Services

Flag Raising

Marine Corps League
Commander, Arthur Enos

Call to Colors

Bugler
Burlington High School Marching Band

Pledge of Allegiance

Robert Hogan

National Anthem

Burlington High School Marching Band
w/Nicolette Moody

Invocation

Reverend Francesco Passamonte
Chaplain, Maj. USAF (Retired)

Town Proclamation

Board of Selectmen

Flag Raising

Vietnam Service Flag
Vietnam Veterans

Flag Raising

Large "Great" US Flag
Vietnam Veterans

**Wreath Placement at
VVMWM Marker**

Vietnam Veterans

State Proclamation

Charles Murphy, State Representative

Bell Toll ~ 7 Times

Vietnam Veterans ~ Burlington KIA/MIA
Reading of Names

Music

Burlington High School Marching Band
Drum Line

Bell Toll ~ 13 Times

1962-1975



Robert Hogan, Vietnam Veteran 1967-1968

Reflections

Reverend William Mark, Chaplain
Edith Nourse Rogers Memorial Veterans
Hospital, Bedford

Wreath Placement

Veterans Memorial ~ Marine Corps League

Bell Toll ~ 11 Times

Original Armistice Day
Eleventh hour, eleventh day, eleventh month 1918
~ Al Fay & Scouts

Armed Forces Tribute

Burlington High School Marching Band

Comments:

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Human Services Building

Closing Prayer

Chaplain Francesco Passamonte

Music

Joseph McGrath, Bagpiper

