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# Reflections



A Newsletter about the Vietnam Unit Memorial Monument  
at the Naval Amphibious Base, Coronado, California

Dear family, friends, shipmates, and supporters of the  
Vietnam Unit Memorial Monument:

## MISSION STATEMENT:

*To establish a monument that brings honor and remembrance to those U.S. Navy and U.S. Coast Guard sailors who gave their lives at sea, in the air, and on coastal and inland waters during the Vietnam War (1960-1975).*

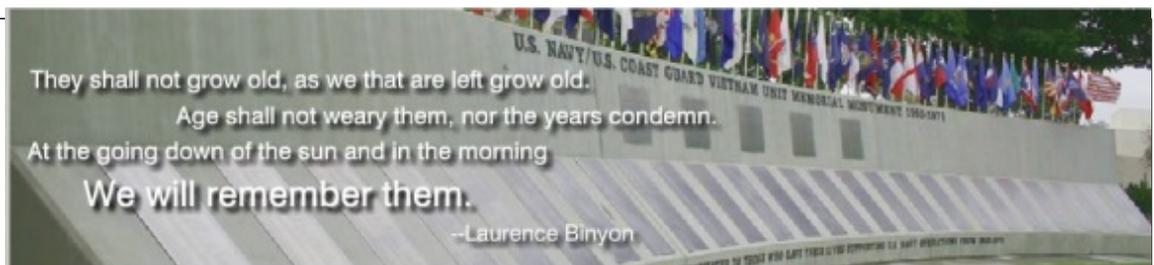
*To respectfully maintain the hallowed monument and grounds for thoughtful reflection on the sacrifices made by our military men and women during all wars, past and future, while protecting the freedoms we enjoy.*

*To serve as a bridge between sailors of the Vietnam War era and those on current active duty, such that the courage, dedication, and the sacrifices made by all are honorably and perpetually linked by the spirit of naval service.*

As we sit here on September 11, 2017, celebrating our freedoms, let us not forget those who gave their lives in conflicts against those who fight against us.

Thank you humbly to those of you who have never forgotten, never given up, and still support this great country.

The VUMMF committee is ever so grateful for your continued support for this monument that honors those that served and died in the Vietnam War.



phone numbers on our web site at [www.VUMMF.org](http://www.VUMMF.org) to arrange an escort. Please provide enough lead time so that we can coordinate a volunteer to escort you. Thanks.

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To VN UMMF, 27 Mar 17  
This is to honor Crew on PCF-56 in action  
night of 2-3 Feb 1969 in Thanh Phu District.  
I was with 26 PFs that were building a  
Outpost at An Hoa. The wall was only 4'  
high, no wire or protective mines in place.  
VC "objected" to OP being built and  
attacked to eliminate us with 4-1 advantage.  
PCF-56 with OIC Ensign Bill Franke and  
rookie crew, on first patrol, answered  
my call "Five Mission - US in Contact"  
with very good effective fires that  
helped break the VC attack. I feel  
that I am here because PCF-56 crew  
came off Co Chien River Co Ks into VC  
territory to close range to hit VCo  
I get a thrill every time I see PCF 104.

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