



**DEDICATION
OF THE
VIETNAM UNIT MEMORIAL
MONUMENT**

**Naval Amphibious Base Coronado, California
MAY 21, 2005**





I AM YOUR WALL



THE RODS AND WIRE OF STEEL AT MY CORE ARE
FOR THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES
NEVER TO RETURN IN BODY.
THEY ARE THE STRENGTH OF OUR WALL.

THE MASS OF MORTAR OF MY BODY
IS FOR THE MASS OF MEN AND WOMEN
WHO LEFT THEIR FAMILIES AND
DEDICATED THEIR COURAGE AND TIME TO A CAUSE.

THE MEDAL OF HONORS AND NAVY CROSSES ON MY FACE

ARE FOR THE STRENGTH AND RESOLVE
FOR WHICH WE STOOD.

I AM YOUR WALL AND
I STAND BEFORE THREE BOATS THAT REPRESENT ALL THE UNITS OF OUR
CONFLICT – ALL CONFLICTS.

I AM YOUR WALL,
CONCEIVED AND NURTURED AND
BUILT WITH LOVING CARE AND THOUGHT BY A FEW FOR ALL.

I AM YOUR WALL,
STANDING IN RESPECTFUL MEMORY,
HOPING TO HAVE NO OTHERS BUILT LIKE ME
BUT READY TO SERVE,
IF EVER CALLED UPON AGAIN.

I AM YOUR WALL,
RESPECT ME, HOLD ME, CARESS ME, LOVE ME,
AS I LOVE YOU.

About the Vietnam Unit Memorial Monument:

This Vietnam Unit Memorial Monument is dedicated to the 2,564 Navy and Coast Guard men who died in support of Naval operations in the Vietnam War from 1960 to 1975. The names on the Wall are those who died in the air, on the land, on the rivers, or at sea.

We also recognize and honor the 38,218 Army; 2,586 Air Force; and the 14,840 Marines who died in the service of their country in the Vietnam war.

The Memorial was authorized by Commander Navy Region Southwest in June, 1999 and currently operates under a Memorandum of Understanding with Commander Naval Base Coronado. The Memorial site was dedicated November 11, 2000. Construction of the Memorial Wall, the building of the boat pads and restoration of the three "Brown Water Navy" boats has been accomplished entirely with private donations and through the efforts of a dedicated team of Veterans of the Vietnam War.

Every effort has been made to ensure the information on the twenty six panels is accurate. If a discrepancy is noted, please bring it to our attention and it will be entered in a special log for that purpose.

Detailed information on the history of the Memorial can be viewed at the web site: www.vummf.org.

The Vietnam Unit Memorial Monument Fund is incorporated in the State of California and is a 501©(3) tax exempt charitable organization.

PROGRAM

Six Bells

Parade the Colors

National Anthem

Victoria Robertson Miss USO San Diego

Invocation

Capt. L.L. Westling, CHC, USN (Ret)

Circuit riding chaplain for NSA Saigon and Third MarDiv

Welcoming Remarks

Capt. Kenneth B. McGhee, USN (Ret)

President, Vietnam Unit Memorial Monument Fund

Introduction of Honored Guests

Introduction of Principal Speaker:

Rear Admiral Joseph Maquire, USN

Commander Naval Special Warfare Command

Closing Remarks

Special Announcements

Poem: Names on a Wall

The Navy Hymn

Dedication and Blessing of the Memorial

Taps

Benediction

Retire the Colors

Reception Following



Rear Admiral Joseph Maguire
United States Navy
Commander, Naval Special Warfare Command

Rear Admiral Joseph Maguire is the Commander, Naval Special Warfare Command which is the Maritime component of the United States Special Operations Command and the Special Operations Component of the United States Navy - Marine Corps team. As Commander, he is responsible for all the dedicated Naval special operations forces both active duty and reserve.

Rear Admiral Maguire is from Brooklyn, New York. He graduated from Manhattan College in 1974, the Naval Postgraduate School in 1985 and was a 1994-95 National Security Fellow at Harvard University. During his naval career he lived in many parts of the United States and served around the world, including the Far East.

His first sea duty tour assignment was aboard USS Coronado (LPD-11) where he served as Deck Division Officer. Following Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL training where he graduated as Honor Man - Class 93, Rear Admiral Maguire served in Underwater Demolition Team TWENTY ONE, SEAL Team TWO, SEAL Delivery Vehicle Team TWO, Naval Special Warfare Development Group, Naval Special Warfare Group TWO, and later as Deputy Commander Special Operations Command Pacific and Deputy Commander Naval Special Warfare Command. He had the honor of serving as Commanding Officer SEAL Team TWO and Commanding Officer Naval Special Warfare Center. Rear Admiral Maguire was the Flag Lieutenant to Commander Amphibious Forces SEVENTH FLEET (CTF 76) and served in the Bureau of Naval Personnel, Washington D.C. where he was Naval Special Warfare's Assignment Officer and Community Manager.

Rear Admiral Maguire was selected for Flag Rank in 2001 and was previously assigned to U.S. Special Operations Command as the Director Force Structure, Resources and Strategic Assessments.

Working Party Honor Roll May 21, 2005

THE MEN NAMED BELOW HAVE ALL CONTRIBUTED EXTENSIVE TIME, LABOR AND MONEY TO SEE THIS MEMORIAL THROUGH TO ITS DEDICATION:

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Participating Organizations

Gamewardens of Vietnam

President: John Woody



Mobile Riverine Force Association

President: Albert Moore



Swift Boat Sailors Association

President: Tom Forrest



They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

Laurence Binyon – from "For the Fallen"



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