



Veterans Memorial Vigil Committee

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President Ash,

The Illinois Vietnam Veterans Memorial was dedicated May 7, 1988 almost twenty years ago. I was on the Committee for that project. The Memorial was turned over to the State of Illinois and another Illinois non-profit organization was created to conduct an annual 24-hour Vigil and Remembrance ceremony honoring those who died, who are still unaccounted for, and those who honorably served their country. The organization's official title is Veterans Memorial Vigil, Inc. (VMV).

We have managed to raise the meager amounts required to accommodate this event without the financial and logistics support of state veteran organizations like the ALR for the nineteen Vigils now. It is my hope that we can raise the money for the 20th Annual Vietnam Veterans Vigil (May 2-3-4, 2008).

Our committee, with the help of Ex-POW Gary Sigler, is in the process of inviting and financing the travel and lodging expenses of as many Vietnam Ex-POWs nationwide as is possible. To date we have 25 Ex-POW'S committed for this years 20th Annual Vietnam Veterans Vigil. We are asking for your help. At this time we have a long way to go in our fund rising. We could use all the help you could gives with a donation of any amount. We would also like invite all of you to this years Vigil

Sincerely,

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