

“The Wall That Heals”

A replica of The Vietnam Veterans Memorial
Leominster, Massachusetts

Carter Park Main Street Leominster, MA

November 2-6, 2016

Ceremonies

- November 3 – 9:00 am to 11:30 am
4:00 pm to 7:00 pm
- November 4 - 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
- November 5 - 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Open To The Public – 24 Hrs/Day

Thursday // November 3, 2016 // Gazebo

Honoring

All Vietnam Veterans KIA

9:00 am Opening Ceremony – Welcome

Mr. Richard Early - Master of Ceremonies
President, Vietnam Veterans of America CH 116

9:15 am Parade of Colors/National Anthem

Various Honor Guards/Ms Claire Garrity Neas

9:30 am Pledge of Allegiance

WWII & Korean War Veterans

Invocation - Captain Michelle Durkee

US Army National Guard Chaplain

Interfaith Blessing of the Wall

Mr. William Barrett – USN Vietnam War Veteran
and Chaplain for Leominster Veteran Organizations

9:45 am Remarks

- Mayor Dean Mazzarella,
- City Councilor Mr. James Lanciani, Past Veteran LT Gov Karyn Polito
- Congressman James McGovern
- MA Dept of Veterans Secretary Francisco Urena

10:30 am Ceremony Speaker

Major General Gary W. Keefe, the Assistant
Adjutant General for the Massachusetts Air National
Guard

11:00 am Purpose – Who We Are!

Mr. Richard Early - Master of Ceremonies

11:30 am Remarks – The Moving Wall

Mr. Joseph Firmani

12:00 pm Remarks

Open to Vietnam Veterans and General Public

4:00 pm Reflections of the Vietnam War

John B. Tata, CDR USNR (retired)

5:00 pm Musical Tribute

Leominster Songbirds

5:30 pm Rifle Salute – Taps

Veteran Team/ Leominster HS Band

5:45 pm God Bless America

Leominster High School Band

Benediction - Captain Michelle Durkee

US Army National Guard Chaplain

6:00 pm Closing Remarks

Mr. Richard Early - Master of Ceremonies

Friday // November 4, 2016 // Gazebo

Honoring

Leominster Vietnam Veterans KIA

9:00 am Opening Ceremony – Welcome

Mr. Richard Early, Master of Ceremonies
President, Vietnam Veterans of America CH 116

9:15 am Parade of Colors/National Anthem

Various Honor Guards/ Ms Claire Garrity Neas

9:30 am Pledge of Allegiance

Vietnam War Veterans

Invocation – Rev. Diego Buritica, Associate Pastor St.

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Interfaith Blessing of the Wall

Mr. William Barrett – USN Vietnam War Veteran and
Chaplain for Leominster Veteran Organizations

10:00 am POW/MIA Remembrance

Worcester Polytechnic Institute AFROTC DET340

10:30 am Keynote Speaker

Hon Claire Freda Councilor at Large City of Leominster
and Vietnam War Gold Star Wife

11:00 am Honoring Leominster KIAs

Mr. Richard Early, Master of Ceremonies
President, Vietnam Veterans of America CH 116 and Mr.
Nick Grudziecki

4:00 pm Guest Speaker

Ms Leslie Lightfoot, Founder and CEO of Veteran
Homestead, US Army Medical Corps, and Vietnam War
Veteran

4:30 pm Remarks

Open to Vietnam Veterans and General Public

5:00 pm Musical Tribute

II Voice from South Lancaster Academy

5:30 pm Rifle Salute – Taps

Veteran Team/ Leominster HS Band

5:45 pm God Bless America

Leominster HS Band

**Benediction - Rev. William E. Chaplain, Pastor St. Leo's
Church, Leominster**

6:00 pm Closing Remarks

Mr. Richard Early - Master of Ceremonies

Saturday // November 5, 2016 // at the Wall

Honoring

All Vietnam Veterans and Gold Star Families

9:00 am Opening Ceremony – Welcome

Mr. Richard Early, Master of Ceremonies
President, Vietnam Veterans of America CH 116

9:15 am Riderless Horse/Parade of Colors

Riderless Horse/Various Honor Guards

9:30 am National Anthem/Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Mary Dean/Leominster Boy Scouts of America
**Invocation – Pastor David Stewart, Pastor New Life
Church, Leominster**

Interfaith Blessing of the Wall

Mr. William Barrett – USN Vietnam War Veteran

10:00 am Inspirational Speech

The Vietnam Wall, essayist, Mr. Nick R. Grudziecki

10:15 am Musical Tribute

Leominster Songbirds

10:30 am Recognition to Gold Star Wives

BlueStar Mothers CH 1/MS. Jolene Constant
Leominster Veteran Services Administrator

11:30 am Certificates & Pins to Vietnam Veterans

Daughters of the American Revolution Capt. John
Joslin, Jr. Ch.-Certificates & Pins to Vietnam Veterans

1:00 pm Leominster Vietnam War Medals

Mayor Dean Mazzarella/Richard Voutour USMC 1st
SGT (retired) - Leominster Veteran Service Officer

6:30 pm Musical Tribute

II Voice from South Lancaster Academy

7:00 pm Reflections of the Vietnam War

Robert V. Grudziecki LTCOL USAF (retired)

Prior service US Navy Vietnam War Veteran

7:30 pm Luminaries

Ms. Jolene Constant Leominster Veteran Services
Administrator

8:00 pm Musical Tribute

The Atlantic Wind Symphony

8:30 pm Rifle Salute/Taps/God Bless America

**Benediction - Pastor David Stewart, Pastor New Life
Church, Leominster**

8:45 pm Closing Remarks

Mr. Richard Early - Master of Ceremonies