

WASHBURN ROTARY CLUB

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Dear Patriotic Citizen

Supporter of our Military Veterans, Past and Present

On behalf of the Washburn Rotary Club and Washburn Area Veterans, we are asking if you would help support our current project at our Beautiful Washburn Area Veterans Memorial Park for 2026.

Our project for this year with an expected dedication during the Annual August Festival if funds are raised is a Beautiful 5 ft Cast Bronze Vietnam Solider Statue on a granite base and information board. This Statue will be dedicated to all Vietnam Soldiers especially those from Aroostook and our Tri-Community in Memory Delwyn Fitch and Stuart Woodman who lost their lives in Vietnam.

It has been 50 years since the end of the Vietnam War, and when these soldiers returned home from their service to our country as directed, they were met with disgrace and unwelcome behaviors from the American people due to an unpopular war at the time. These Warriors need to be permanently Honored and Thanked not just today but for years to come.

We have provided their story for you to review and our planned project to consider supporting. It is important that we commit to this project by 31 March if we are to have this for August Festival 2026 Dedication, due to casting dates 12 to 14 weeks of the statue.

Donations may be mailed to Washburn Area Veterans % Washburn Rotary Club, P.O. Box 471 Washburn, Me 04786.

Thank you for Your Consideration


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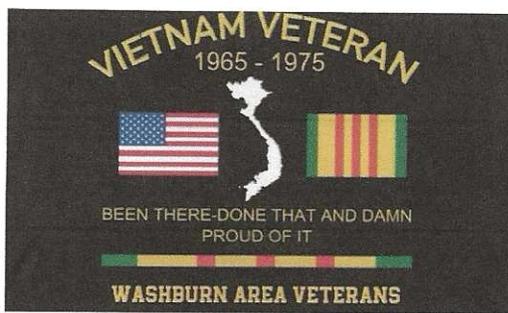
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During the height of the Vietnam War from 1965 to 1975, more than 2.7 million U.S. service men and women served in Vietnam. Over 300,000 were wounded, and 58,220 were casualties of the war. Those young soldiers in their teens and twenties are now in their seventies and eighties with over 500 deaths per day occurring. Of the nearly 610,000 surviving soldiers today, many battle with age related health issues and service-connected exposures and disabilities

Of these casualties 37 were from Aroostook County and 2 were from our Tri Community Towns of Washburn, Perham and Wade.

CPL Dellwyn Allen Fitch 19 years 11 months, 17 days old died in THUA THIEN Province 1968

CPL Stuart Alan Woodman 26 Years 7 months, 13 days old died in TAY NINH Province 1970

Several dozens of other young service members from the area also served in Vietnam during this time frame and live with the burdens of war every day.

In August of 2019, Washburn Rotary brought the 80 percent reproduction of the Vietnam Memorial wall to Washburn for a 5 day stay with ceremonies every day with over 1,000. Visitors attending, and another "Welcome Home" ceremony to officially say Thank You for years to come.

The plan is for a 5 ft Cast Bronze Vietnam Solider Statue to be placed in our beautiful Washburn Area Veterans Memorial Park along with a free-standing information and dedication board to explain the sacrifices of the young soldiers during this unfortunate war.

Estimated cost: \$22,000.

Cast Bronze Statue \$18,950.

Granite Base and Installation \$1,000.

All weather Information Board and mounting frame \$1,000.

Additional Expenses \$1,050.



Bronze Vietnam Soldier Statue

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