

Vietnam Veteran's Memorial ^[1]

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Vietnam Veteran's Memorial, Raleigh. Photo courtesy of Natasha Smith.

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Raleigh

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Description: The memorial, which stands 6'3" tall, contains three bronze soldiers clad in uniform and holding their rifles close. Two of the figures carry their injured comrade to a landing zone to receive medical attention; the soldiers eye the sky, watching for an evacuation helicopter.

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Nickname: "After the Firefight"

Inscription:

Plaque near the memorial: NORTH CAROLINA VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL / DEDICATED TO THE MEN AND WOMEN OF NORTH CAROLINA / WHO SERVED WITH DIGNITY AND HONOR IN THE VIETNAM WAR / DEDICATED ON MAY 23, 1987

Plaque on bench near memorial: TO HONOR / GENERAL ALFRED M. GRAY / UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS / WHO DEDICATED THIS / VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL / ON / MAY 23, 1987 / AND / MAY 26, 2007 / NORTH CAROLINA VIETNAM VETERANS, INC.

Dedication date: May 23, 1987 and May 26, 2007

Creator: Abbe Godwin, Sculptor Johnpaul Harris, Designer

Materials & Techniques: Bronze statues, Stone base

Sponsor: North Carolina Vietnam Veterans, Inc. The funds to construct the monument were privately raised.

Unveiling & Dedication: The monument was dedicated during the North Carolina Vietnam Veterans Homecoming Salute on May 23, 1987.

Post dedication use: The North Carolina Vietnam Veterans organization honors the POW/MIA victims of the Vietnam War monthly on the first Saturday around noon. On Christmas, the Veterans hold a candlelight service.

Subject notes: The memorial honors the North Carolina men and women who fought during the Vietnam War. The memorial is the first sculpture on the Capitol grounds by a female and also the first to include an African American.

Location: The monument is near the "Presidents North Carolina Gave the Nation" monument and is located near the intersection of East Edenton Street and North Wilmington Street.

Landscape: The memorial is located on top of a rocky platform on a semi-grassy, semi-concrete spot with a pathway leading to the monument. Near the pathway is located a grassy plain and several medium-sized trees.

City: Raleigh

County: Wake

Subjects: Vietnam War

Latitude: 35.78063

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