

Welcome Home Wisconsin Vietnam Veterans



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Our Mission: Support the State wide effort to welcome home all Wisconsin Vietnam Veterans to Landing Zone Lambeau between May 20 and May 24, 2010. Our mission dubbed "Boots on the Ground" is to locate, alert, and land Door County Vietnam Vets safely inside LZ Lambeau **Saturday, May 22, 2010, at or before 1900 Hours (7 PM).**

Special Operations include locating and landing family members of our 5 Door County Vietnam Vets who were Killed in Action, or died as a result of their wounds. Six other DC Vets died during the war while on active duty. Go to www.DoorCountyVeterans.com to enlist in Special Operations. We're holding tickets for KIA family members. Call me ASAP if you can help us make contact with these family members (608-712-7880).

Message for our fellow Vietnam Vets: "We've all been there; the flashbacks, night sweats, making it to a hotel near the WALL but not wanting to walk the final block. Most of us still carry the guilt, fear, and sense of not being in control of our future. Most of us suffer from Post Traumatic Stress (PTSD). Landing Zone Lambeau gives us a chance to reduce our guilt, confront our fears, and regain some sense of being safely home and in control." *Rich Waldt*

It's going to be tough, but you're encouraged to land if not yourself, your loved ones at LZ Lambeau and inside Lambeau on Saturday night. To help get your "Boot on the Ground" we're:

1. Door County Vets are welcome to park in the Pioneer Credit Union parking lot two short blocks due south of Lambeau Field. We'll use Pioneer parking lot as our staging area.
2. I'll walk Guard Duty at the Moving WALL from 1200 to 1400 hours on Saturday and will be honored to be relieved of duty; if you choose to walk guard duty.
3. Our ICS Planning Chief is working on a ride to have Door County vets in the ride from La Crosse to LZ Lambeau arriving Friday at 1500 Hours. I suggest riders assemble at our Veterans' Memorial in Sturgeon Bay no later than 10:00 am and plan to meet up with the ride at Timber Rattler stadium in Appleton before 1300 Hours.
4. Parmentier Florist (1369 9th Street) near the perimeter of LZ Lambeau will assemble and deliver \$25 wreaths to the Moving WALL. Call them at: 920-494-2254.
5. Personal memorials made and left at the wall will be moved to the Wisconsin Veterans Museum on Monday, May 24; after the final closing ceremonies at 0800 Hours.
6. VFW District #8 is responsible for building, guarding, and all ceremonies at the wall. Donations to help defray the estimated \$10,000 expenses can be made payable Conto to VFW District 8 Quartermaster and sent to Commander Steve, 1031 Elmwood Drive, Menasha, WI. 54952.

Whether you plan to land at LZ Lambeau or not, log into the LZ Lambeau Veteran Locator system and our Door County Veteran Roll Call survey. Both will help you locate your fellow Vietnam Vets.

The "Wall" will be across Ridge Road in a lot close to Kroll's. Opening ceremonies are scheduled at 1600 Hours (4 PM) Thursday, Closing ceremonies Sunday 1600 Hours and a final good-bye ceremony Monday at 0800 Hours.

Vets will guard the wall 24/7 and offer assistance to find names on the wall. We'll guard the "Wall" from 1200 to 1400 Hours on Saturday. You're encouraged to Call VFW District #8 Commander Steve Conto (920-810-7907) to enlist for guard duty. Guards will walk two hour shifts and brief their relief.



Door County's Vietnam Vets Killed During the War (* KIA)

11 Door County vets died during the Vietnam War: 5 (*) were killed in action (KIA) or died due to their wounds . (* Philip M. Overbeck, *Richard E. Perez, * Dan L. Pfister, * David R. Schaefer, and * Randall W. Wagner. David C. Barnard, Edward R. Bieri, John T. Husby, William C. Johnson, Ronald Schley, and Gary A. Leimbach died outside the theater of war. Photo Gallery

- Friday, May 21, Rolling Thunder will lead 1244 vets (*The number of Wisconsin vets killed in Vietnam*) on a ride leaving La Crosse at 0700 with a last stop in Appleton at Timber Rattler Field at 1300 Hours arriving at Lambeau around 1400 hours (2 PM) Friday. Patriot Guard, Warriors' Watch Riders, and many other MC clubs will provide honor guards and flag barriers.



The main event "inside" Lambeau is Saturday, May 22, 2010.

Veterans can purchase tickets direct via the LZ Lambeau links at www.DoorCountyVeterans.com or through their Door County VFW, American Legion, AMVET, posts and Marine Corp League Detachment. If you'd prefer to telephone; call 1-800-895-0071 to talk with a ticket agent.

Doors open 5:30 PM --

Show inside Lambeau Field begins at 7:30 PM

We're holding tickets in **Section 115, Row 39, seats 11- 24 and Row 38, seats 9 - 24** for family members of the 10 Door County Vets Killed in Vietnam. Call 608-712-7880 or your Post/League commander if you can help us contact immediate family members of those KIA. *You can also ask to be seated near account #169568 or with www.DoorCountyVeterans.com.*

Saturday, there'll be a message board at our Staging Area/Outpost in the parking lot of the

Pioneer Credit Union at 825 Morris Avenue.



Thanks to the Christmas terrorist, security at Lambeau is 10X tighter than during the last football game. For example: Items remotely considered to be a weapon to include detachable chains, small knives and toenail clippers will NOT be allowed inside LZ Lambeau. Confiscated items will not be returned. If you have a concealed carry permit make sure you have it on your person and include that fact when you fill out the Roll Call. *Rich Waldi 608-712-7880*