

The American Legion Post #8 is seeking the names of Norwich residents with uniformed military service.

Town of Norwich men and women with military service during the Vietnam War (which began on August 5, 1964 and ended May 7, 1975) was the last group of residents to be honored with a monument in recognition and appreciation of their service and sacrifices.

It has been over four decades since the end of the Vietnam War and scores of Norwich residents have served in uniform both here at home as well as abroad--in countries and conflicts world-wide. To pay tribute to Norwich residents with uniformed military service after May 1975, Lyman F. Pell American Legion Post #8, Norwich Vermont is exploring the feasibility of erecting a new Town Monument.

Post #8 is requesting the assistance of Norwich and Upper Valley residents to identify those who entered military service from Norwich, returned to Norwich following their service, or retired from military service while a resident of the town.

We are seeking all who received an other than dishonorable discharge from any of the following components of the military: the US Army, US Army Reserve, the Army National Guard; US Navy, US Naval Reserve; US Marine Corps, USMC Reserve; US Air Force, USAF Reserve, the Air National Guard and the US Coast Guard; USCG Reserve.

The military service may have been performed during wartime or peacetime, on active duty (either overseas or in the continental United States) or stateside inactive duty service in the Reserves or the National Guard.

If you are a Norwich resident with uniformed military service as described above, or if you know of a family member, friend or acquaintance from Norwich who have served in the military, Post #8 needs your help and urge you to contact us. Official documentation (a DD-214 Discharge Document or Retirement certificate) may be requested once the criteria for including names on the monument is finalized. At this point, however, we are seeking contact information (name, address, email and/or home, telephone number, military branch and approximate dates of service) for all present or past Norwich residents with post-May 1975 military service.

The requested contact information can be provided to the Post #8 Monument Committee point of contact, Demo Sofronas, who will compile the information received for presentation to the Committee:

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Please show your support and recognition for our Norwich residents with military service by helping Norwich American Legion Post #8 to identify all those who have served. Thank you