

The Hicksville Vietnam Era Charitable Foundation would like to take this opportunity to dedicate the Three Stone Monument with over *One Thousand Nine Hundred names* of students who lived in Hicksville and served in the military during that Era (1962 to 1975).

At this time I'd like to ask all Hicksville Vietnam veterans being honored today to stand and be recognized.

This beautiful and eternal Monument is the culmination of many years of planning and hard work, leading to this proud day. The Hicksville community has many people to thank, starting with the Memorial Committee who created and maintained the lists of the more than Nineteen hundred names on the plaques by; class year, alphabetically, by high school, branch of military served, rank, and location of their service.

Special thanks to Ken Straffer (Class of 1962; Retired Two Star General, United States Army) who created and donated the memorial plaque which is mounted on the center stone of the Memorial.

Mr. Joe Carfora (Class of 1962) and Mr. Bill Walden (Class of 1965) who took on the task of organizing the project comity and managing the data and donations.

Jay Tranchina (Class of 1964) along with Bill Walden designed and constructed the monument.

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