

### 25th Anniversary of "Fragments", The Highground's Vietnam Veteran's Tribute

On Saturday, September 14th, The Highground Veterans Memorial park in Neillsville, WI will be commemorating the 25th Anniversary of "Fragments", the Vietnam Veteran's Tribute. The story of "Fragments" and The Highground began as a promise made on a battlefield in Vietnam on December 18, 1965. Tom Miller held his dying fellow soldier, Jack Swender, and made a promise that Jack's death and all those who gave their lives in Vietnam would not be forgotten. "Fragments" is the tribute that upheld that promise.



"Fragments" is a profound tribute that has helped thousands of veterans and family members to heal and work through painful memories in a safe, beautiful, respectful place. Beyond the beauty of the tribute, there are many details that recall the war in Vietnam and recognize the outer and inner wounds of veterans. "Fragments" is placed on "high ground" overlooking a half million acres of rolling hillsides. It is the first veteran's tribute in the United States to include a woman in the statuary. Under her poncho she carries the names of the 1244 Wisconsinites that were KIA/MIA in Vietnam. The 1244 names are inscribed on bundles of bamboo-shaped bronze rods interspersed with chimes. The names were never meant to be read but to have their voices sound through the hillsides as the chimes are blown by the ever-present wind at The Highground. None of the four figures in "Fragments" stands alone; they flow into one, each supporting and strengthening the other as happens in war. The rifle behind the statue is turned upside down indicating the need for a medevac. A piece of orange glass is embedded in the rifle as a reminder of the toll that Agent Orange has had on Vietnam veterans and their families.

Since its dedication on September 18, 1988, "Fragments" has become the spiritual anchor of the beautiful, meaningful veteran's memorial park that has evolved around it. "Fragments" has become a destination for Vietnam veterans; a "welcome home", a place to cry, a place of refuge, a place to breathe. It is a place to reflect with eyes closed surrounded by the whispers of chimes engraved with the names of those who were lost. "Fragments" is at once both powerful and comforting. While it speaks to us all, it speaks personally to each veteran and to service members' loved ones. The celebration will begin at The Highground, W7031 Ridge Rd, Neillsville on Sept 14th at 2:00pm. Scheduled to speak are Tom Miller, The Highground's founder, Howard Sherpe and Steve Piotrowski. There will be other presentations, displays and music provided by military veteran musicians. The public is invited to attend, veterans and non-veterans, alike. We will be honoring our Vietnam veterans, the story of "Fragments", and the dedicated people involved in fulfilling a promise made in Vietnam in December, 1965. For more information call 715-743-4224 or email high-grnd@tds.net

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