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# **Maggie Brooks**

## *Monroe County Executive*

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### **BROOKS, ESPOSITO, LOCAL VETERANS TO WELCOME THE DIGNITY MEMORIAL VIETNAM WALL**

Replica of National Vietnam Memorial on Display September 7-9

Monroe County Executive Maggie Brooks was today joined by Gates Town Supervisor Ralph Esposito, Ken Moore, President, Chapter 20 of the Vietnam Veterans of America, and representatives from Alvah Halloran & Son Funeral Home to announce that The Dignity Memorial Vietnam Wall will be on display at Gates Memorial Park September 7-9. The memorial is a replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

*“Monroe County is fortunate to be home to active and dedicated veterans whose service to our community and nation has continued well beyond their years in the military,”* said County Executive **Brooks**. *“We are excited to have this opportunity to pay tribute to the brave men and women who gave their lives in the name of freedom and democracy during the Vietnam War. I want to thank Alvah Halloran & Son Funeral Home for their partnership in bringing this memorial to Monroe County.”*

People will be able to visit the memorial 24 hours a day. Volunteers from area civic organizations, including Chapter 20, will be present at the memorial at all times.

*“I am pleased to join the County Executive in welcoming this memorial to our community,”* said Supervisor **Esposito**. *“The Town of Gates is proud that we were chosen to host this memorial as we honor the more than 58,000 Americans who died or are missing in Vietnam.”*

The following events have been planned:

- The Dignity Memorial Vietnam Wall will arrive at Gates Memorial Park, off Buffalo Road, with a Motorcycle Escort on September 4 at 1:30 p.m.
- Opening Ceremony will be held September 7 at 6 p.m.
- Prayer Services will be held September 7-9 at 8 a.m.
- Closing Ceremony will be held September 9 at 4 p.m.
- A Candlelight service will be held Saturday September 8 at 8 p.m.

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