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Will Ever Be Forgotten."*

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## ***Veterans Memorial Unveils Agent Orange Memorial for Veterans Who Have Died and are Suffering from the Effects of Exposure During the War***

**Fort Wayne, August 7, 2026** The Veterans National Memorial Shrine and Museum has completed their proposed design for a new memorial at O'Day Road in Fort Wayne. Eric Johnson 1st Vice Commander, says "too many soldiers have suffered and died from the effects of Agent Orange chemical exposure while serving in Vietnam."

**"Since August 10th is National Agent Orange Awareness Day we thought it was fitting to unveil our design to all of Fort Wayne and northeast Indiana veterans and their families."** Johnson said.

Agent Orange Awareness Day is observed annually on August 10th. It marks the date in 1961 when the U.S. military first began aerial spraying of the toxic herbicide Agent Orange during the Vietnam War. The day honors impacted veterans and brings attention to long-term health issues like cancer and diabetes caused by exposure. Estimates are 300,000 veterans have died due to Agent Orange since the Vietnam war.

Fund raising for the memorial has already started. The Veterans Memorial is selling "The Battle Never Ends' patches with artwork depicting aircraft spraying jungle foliage with the deadly toxin. The memorial is made of black granite stands 6 feet tall by 7 feet wide and consists of the Agent Orange logo in color with dedication copy in the center. Two side lasered panels feature a combat soldier on the left and grieving family members on the right.

The memorial is planned for dedication in the spring of 2027. Donations can be made at the War History Museum 2122 O'Day Road in Fort Wayne or by sending your check to Veterans Memorial P.O. Box 26 Arcola, In 46704. Donations are also accepted at the website ***[honoringforever.org](https://honoringforever.org)***

