

Bill was a part of the beginnings of VMFP and served as Executive Vice President, Administrative Vice President, Chairperson of Government Affairs Committee, and as a board member and member of most other committees throughout the organization. We honor him here through the memories and stories provided by his brothers and sisters in our organization.

Tom Howe

Bill Dooling, Remembered

In 2003, John Kerry was running for President, and Jake Braun was his campaign representative in Dubuque, Iowa, where I live. I was a Veterans for Kerry volunteer. One day I walked into the campaign office on 2nd Street, and Jake introduced me to Bill Dooling. Bill was from Massachusetts. Within a few minutes, Bill and I were knocking on doors, talking with Dubuque residents about why we believed John Kerry, a fellow Vietnam veteran, would be a good president. For several days, Bill and I continued to campaign door to door, and a friendship was born. Shortly after the election, Bill saw to it that I was invited to a proposed meeting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. A female US Navy veteran from Wisconsin was organizing veterans and military family members from across the country in hopes to create a new veteran organization. People came from 38 states, one traveled from Europe, and a Medal of Honor winner, Paul "Buddy" Bucha was the keynote speaker. The meeting evolved into the creation of VMFP (Veterans and Military Families for Progress). Later Bill invited me to become a member of the VMFP Public Relations Committee. Bill's support eventually led me to become the national VMFP President, 2009 - 2011. Bill's friendship took me to people and places nationally like no other person had influenced my life. Bill Dooling served America tirelessly his entire adult life. Bill constantly connected people to possibilities to improve the lives of military families and veterans. Bill determinedly identified, promoted, and supported good people to run for elected office across the country. America is a better place for all of its citizens because Bill Dooling lived a life of service. He will be missed.

Matthew Joseph Cary

I have lost a good friend, fellow Veteran Advocate and the country has lost a loyal Patriot. RIP Bill.

Dana Serafin Cary

Bill Dooling was a very special man. He loved his family and country with all his heart. Bill will leave a big footprint in the world for the work he did as a teacher and Veteran Advocate.

Bob Rudolph

I have known Bill Dooling for many years. We met at one of our Annual National

meetings. He was one of those guys who when you met him you thought, have we met before----seemed like you knew him for a long time, just that kind of guy. After his passing a thought went through my mind, I wish I could have known Bill better because I know he would be a good friend to have and cherish. He served VMFP honorably and with distinction since it was founded. No task was too much for Bill, it needed doing, I will do it. Our VMFP will be that much poorer without Bill on our phone calls and other activities that he always brightened up. One wonders how bright and interesting a phone call can be----with Bill on it was always like someone turned the lights on and we it made for interesting and productive discussions and decisions. Bill will be sorely missed. Pat and I will keep Bills family in our prayers. We love Bill and love you all. God bless.

George Otto

My prayers and sincerest condolences go to his family and all of you who were such good friends with Bill !!

Ron Scott

Remembering Bill's drawn-out New England accent and his seemingly frequent trips to Ireland.

Shawn Van Doren

Bill Dooling you will be missed. I was just a small eddy in the body of moving water that was Bill. I was blessed to share physical space with him just a few times but that was all I needed to know I loved him. He was wonderful to work with for Veterans and Military Families for Progress and I think of him often.

We are sorrowful.

One of our friends,  
one of our family,  
one of our veterans,  
has left this world.

He was devoted.

His friends,  
his family,  
his veterans  
have felt his caring.

We are all blessed.

The wisdom he shared,  
the love he shared,  
the light he shared  
have not left this world.







Bill's family has created a memorial page on Facebook. View it here  
<https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=bill%20dooling%20memorial%20page>