



A Hero's Welcome to Our Vietnam Veterans

Perfecting your veteran's experience at the place
our nation set aside to honor its Vietnam veterans

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The Reality



In the first 200 years of the United States, we had never created a memorial on the National Mall to honor everyone who served and sacrificed in a war.

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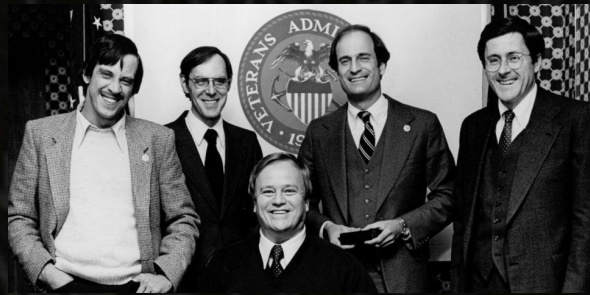


Our Legacy



Established on May 28, 1979

- First two months raised \$144.50
- In July, teased by CBS News for failure



Legislation Passed July 1, 1980

- Between 1979 and 1981 raised \$8 million in private donations



The Dedication





On Veterans Day 1982, The Vietnam Veterans Memorial was dedicated.

In 1995, the Korean War Memorial was dedicated.

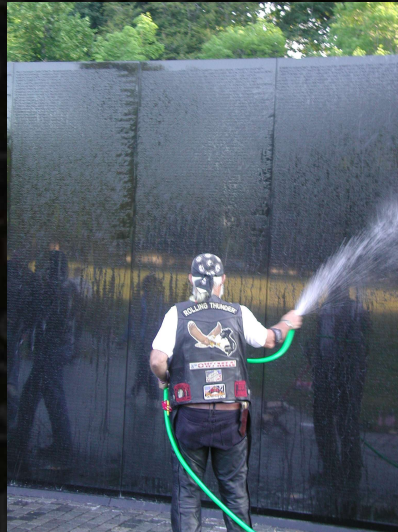
In 2004, the World War II Memorial was dedicated.

In 2021, the World War I Memorial was dedicated.

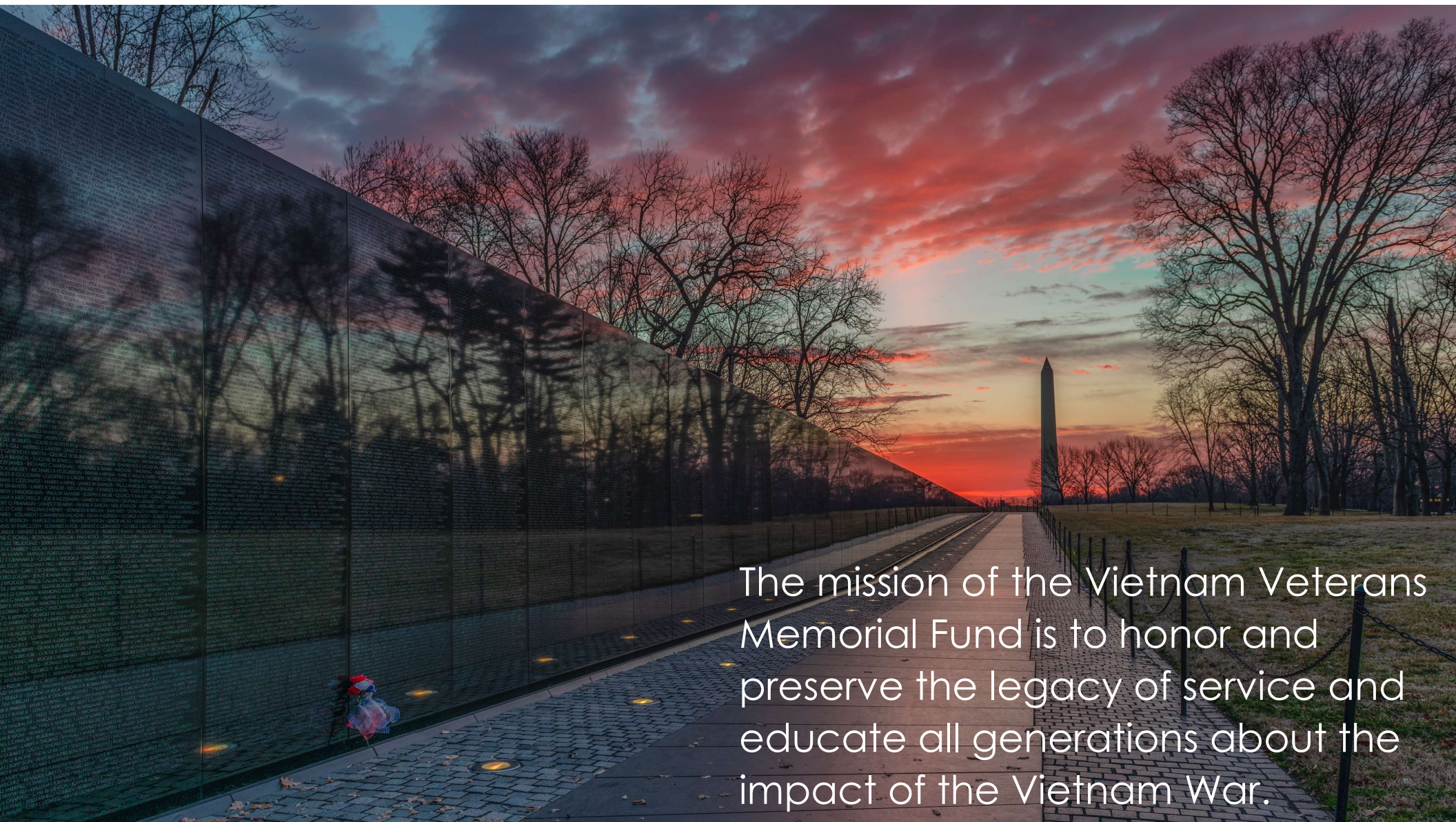
The VA estimates 5.1 million Vietnam era veterans are alive.

The NPS estimates over 5 million visitors at The Wall

Since 1982



Since 1982, we installed The Three Servicemen statue, a flagpole, and the In Memory Memorial. We still maintain the Memorial site.



The mission of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund is to honor and preserve the legacy of service and educate all generations about the impact of the Vietnam War.



Honor Flight Legacy

The Honor Flight Network was formed to bring our nation's World War II to Washington, D.C. and the World War II Memorial after its dedication in 2004.

In those twenty years, you've fulfilled that vision nearly 300,000 times.



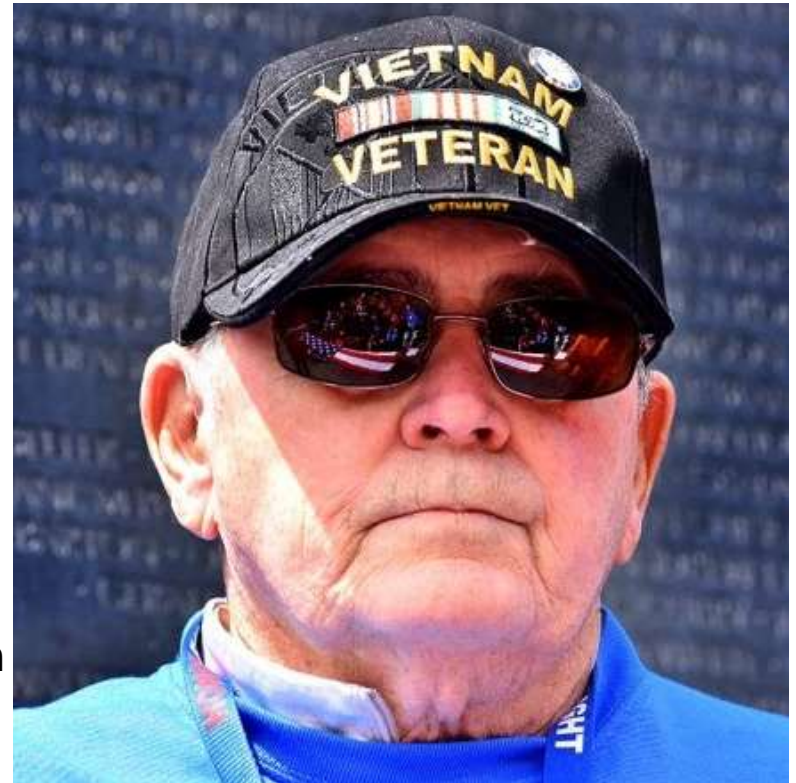
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Honor Flight Reality

Year End Summaries

# of Reported Veterans 2024	# of Reported Guardians 2024	# of Hubs that made the Trip	# of Hubs that DID NOT Go	Total Reporting Hubs
21,267	17,295	124	7	131
Total WWII: 240	Total Korea: 1,700	Total Vietnam: 17,884	Total Other: 1,517	Total Waiting List: 46,217
# of Reported Veterans 2023	# of Reported Guardians 2023	# of Hubs that made the Trip	# of Hubs that DID NOT Go	Total Reporting Hubs
22,244	17,444	126	2	128
Total WWII: 390	Total Korea: 2,340	Total Vietnam: 18,357	Total Other: 1,157	Total Waiting List: 44,318

In 2024, nearly 83% of your veterans were Vietnam or Vietnam-era veterans.



Does your flight reflect this reality?

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Perfecting Your Vietnam Veteran's Experience

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) will work with your hub for each flight to:

- Assist with planning, information, and materials
- Facilitate volunteers and staff to enhance experience at The Memorial
- Provide other materials for “memory packages” or “read aheads”



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The Vietnam Veteran



Is the Vietnam Veterans Memorial the cornerstone of your experience on the National Mall?

Have you considered group photos at The Wall?

Have you considered parking on Constitution Ave. or Henry Bacon Dr.?

How will your schedule affect their experience at The Wall?

Are they given enough time?

The Names



The power of The Wall
is the names.

Do you ask for the names
beforehand?

Do you expect them to get their
own name rubbings?

The Name Rubbings

Use our website (walloffaces.org) or mobile app to find panel/line locations.

Print on badges, provide list to captains or guardians

Request name rubbing forms and sleeves before flight.

Bring your own graphite pencils
(2B non-soluble; not crayons, markers, etc.)

Send the list to VVMF or send "advance party" to obtain rubbings.



Resources to Assist



We know you're coming, but we don't know the specific timing or if you want help.

Help (before, during, & after) finding names.

Videos, pamphlets, rubbing forms, graphite, name rubbing frames, and directories.

A Washington greeting, guided tours, or volunteers

Brochures



VVMF has approximately a dozen handouts. Many support our educational teaching and others highlight our programs.

Of particular note: Wall Facts, Women on The Wall, Chaplains on The Wall, In Memory Program & Name Rubbing Request



National Park Service Rules at The Wall



NPS has rules in place to protect the safety and sanctity of The Memorial. It includes:

- No use of tripods within the vicinity of The Wall
- No access to the grass in front of or above The Wall
- No blocking other visitors on path
- No use of materials to dry or clean The Wall
- No use of ladders except by VIPs and VVMF or NPS Staff



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Resources to Assist



With advance notice, we can make sure VIPs or VVMF staff are present to assist with name rubbing. Timing is everything and safety is priority.

Wreaths & Ceremonies

Honor Flights can present a wreath or hold a brief ceremony at The Wall as long as you don't block the walkway. Longer ceremonies or speeches can be held on East Knoll.



Leaving Mementos



Since dedication, over 400,000 items have been left at The Wall.

NPS only holding those deemed unique.

For Those Who Returned

The In Memory Program



Nearly 1 million Vietnam veterans have died yet only 7,000 have been honored. How many of your Honor Flight veterans and volunteers should be honored?

(www.vvmf.org/inmemory)

IN MEMORY HONOR ROLL

ADVANCED SEARCH



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JOHN JOHNSTON

NAME	John Clinton Johnston	HOME OF RECORD	Carson City
DATE OF BIRTH	11/13/1920	STATE	NV
DATE OF DEATH	November 25, 1981	BRANCH OF SERVICE	Marine Corps
INDUCTION YEAR	2019		

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Welcome Home



“(N)ow as I approach the end of my service and I see Vietnam veterans take their rightful place among America's heroes, it appears to me that we have healed. And what can I say to our Vietnam veterans but “Welcome home.”

– President Ronald Reagan,
November 11, 1988



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