

THE MEMORIAL

- > Jan Scruggs conceived the idea of a national memorial for veterans of the Vietnam War in 1979
- > Congress approved the plan for a memorial and its location without a specific design
- > The national design competition to select a design for the memorial had four criteria: it be reflective and contemplative in character; it harmonize with its surroundings, especially the neighboring national memorials; it contain the names of all who died or remain missing; and it make no political statement about the war
- > Maya Lin was a 21-year-old Yale undergraduate when she won the design competition. There were 1,421 entries in the competition—the largest design competition ever held at the time.
- > The granite for The Wall was quarried in Bangalore, India. The panels were fabricated in Barre, VT, and engraved in Memphis, TN
- > The Wall is 493 feet long and a little over 10 feet tall at its highest point
- > The Wall was dedicated on November 13, 1982
- > In 2018, nearly 5 million people visited The Wall in Washington, D.C.
- > The Vietnam Veterans Memorial was built with all private funds. No government funding was given towards the construction of the Memorial.
- > The names are arranged in order of date of casualty and alphabetically on each day, beginning at the center with panel 1E, down panel 1E, then moving right towards 70E, then 70W towards the center, and ending in the middle on 1W. The first and last casualties are side by side at the apex of the Memorial.
- > Additions to the Memorial site include the Three Servicemen Statue and flagpole (1984), the Vietnam Women's Memorial (1993) and the *In Memory* plaque (2004).

VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL FUND

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) is the nonprofit organization that founded the Vietnam Veterans Memorial (The Wall) in Washington, D.C., in 1982. VVMF is the organization that partners with the National Park Service to maintain and care for The Wall, The Three Servicemen statue, flagpole, and *In Memory* plaque.

VVMF's mission is to honor and preserve the legacy of service in America and educate all generations about the impact of the Vietnam War and era. We honor the service of all, preserve the memory of those who died during the war and since returning home, and educate all generations about the lasting impact of the war.

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with no government funding, VVMF's programs, ceremonies and education efforts are dependent upon your generous donations. Help us achieve our vision of ensuring a society in which all who have served and sacrificed in our nation's Armed Forces are properly honored. Please consider making a donation by going to www.vvmf.org or calling 202-393-0090.



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WALL FACTS



58,276
NAMES ON THE WALL



VINCENT CAPODANNO
(PANEL 25E, LINE 35)

16
CHAPLAINS
ON THE WALL

SERVICE BRANCHES ON THE WALL



65.6%
ARMY



25.5%
MARINE CORPS



4.4%
NAVY



4.4%
AIR FORCE



.01%
COAST GUARD




160

MEDAL OF HONOR
RECIPIENTS
ON THE WALL




8 WOMEN,
ALL NURSES,
ON THE WALL

SHARON LANE
(PANEL 23W, LINE 112)



15
AGE OF THE YOUNGEST
SERVICE MEMBER ON
THE WALL
DAN BULLOCK (PANEL 23W, LINE 96)



62
AGE OF THE OLDEST
SERVICE MEMBER TO DIE
IN VIETNAM ON THE WALL
KENNA TAYLOR (PANEL 7W, LINE 82)



400,000+
ITEMS LEFT AT THE WALL



5 YEARS OF
CASUALTIES ARE
LISTED ON PANEL 1E

5 MONTHS OF
CASUALTIES ARE
LISTED ON PANEL 2E

5 WEEKS OF
CASUALTIES ARE
LISTED ON PANEL 3E

**22 yrs.
9 mos.**
AVERAGE AGE OF
SERVICE MEMBERS
ON THE WALL

1968
DEADLIEST YEAR
OF THE WAR

246
MOST CASUALTY
DEATHS FOR
ONE DAY - 1/31/68

40
SETS OF BROTHERS
ON THE WALL

3
SETS OF FATHERS
AND SONS
ON THE WALL

64
GRADUATES OF
THOMAS EDISON HS
IN PHILADELPHIA,
SCHOOL WITH
HIGHEST DEATH RATE

1500+
SERVICE MEMBERS STILL
MISSING IN ACTION

140
NUMBERED PANELS
ON THE WALL

700
NAMES ON THE
LARGEST PANEL

5
NAMES ON THE
SHORTEST PANEL



21
AGE OF MAYA LIN
WHEN SHE WON THE
DESIGN COMPETITION

SYMBOLS ARE USED BEFORE OR AFTER EACH NAME TO INDICATE A SERVICE MEMBER'S STATUS

- ◆ SYMBOL DENOTES THAT THE SERVICE MEMBER IS KNOWN DEAD OR PRESUMED DEAD.
- + SYMBOL DENOTES THAT THE SERVICE MEMBER WAS MISSING OR PRISONER STATUS WHEN THE WALL WAS BUILT IN 1982 AND REMAINS UNACCOUNTED FOR TODAY. WHEN A SERVICE MEMBER IS REPATRIATED, THE DIAMOND IS SUPERIMPOSED OVER THE CROSS.

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