



Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund Announces 2018 *The Wall That Heals* Tour Schedule
Vietnam Veterans Memorial Replica Wall and Mobile Education Center spreads healing legacy of The Wall and educates about the impact of the Vietnam War

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Washington, D.C. – The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) has announced *The Wall That Heals* national tour schedule for 2018. *The Wall That Heals* exhibit includes a replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial along with a mobile Education Center. The 2018 tour will begin on March 1, 2018 in Portland, Texas and visit nearly 40 communities during the year. The traveling exhibit honors the more than three million Americans who served in the U.S. Armed Forces in the Vietnam War and it bears the names of the more than 58,000 men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam.

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial is one of the most visited memorials in our nation’s capital, with nearly 5.3 million visitors each year. However, many Americans have not been able to visit what has become known to many as “The Wall.” VVMF, the nonprofit organization that built The Wall in 1982, wants to give all veterans and their family members across America an opportunity to see the Memorial.

“We received more than 100 applications to host *The Wall That Heals* in 2018 and we are excited to announce the cities that we’ve selected as hosts for next year. *The Wall That Heals* mobile exhibit provides thousands of veterans and their family members the chance to visit The Wall and honor and remember those who have served and sacrificed,” said Jim Knotts, president and CEO of VVMF. “Hosting the exhibit gives veterans an opportunity for healing and provides an educational experience for the whole community on the impact of the Vietnam War on America.”

The Wall That Heals 2018 Tour dates include:

- Portland, Texas March 1 – March 4
- Killeen, Texas March 8 – March 11
- Oro Valley, Ariz. March 15 – March 18
- San Dimas, Calif. March 22 – March 25
- San Luis Obispo, Calif. March 29 – April 1
- Gardena, Calif. April 5 – April 8
- Eastland, Texas April 12 – April 15
- Cookeville, Tenn. April 19 – April 22
- Lincolnton, Ga. April 26 – April 29

- Camden, S.C. May 3 – May 6
- Harrisburg, Penn. May 10 – May 13
- Salem, Ind. May 17 – May 20
- Johnsbury, Ill. May 24 – May 28
- Newton, Iowa May 31 – June 3
- Claremore, Okla. June 7 – June 10
- Wamego, Kan. June 14 – June 17
- St. Paul, Minn. June 21 – June 24
- Brockway, Penn. June 28 – July 1
- Birdsboro, Penn. July 5 – July 8
- Fitchburg, Mass. July 12 – July 15
- Gardiner, Maine July 19 – July 22
- Weymouth, Mass. July 26 – July 29
- Newburgh, N.Y. Aug. 2 – Aug. 5
- McKeesport, Penn. Aug. 9 – Aug. 12
- Warren, Ohio Aug. 16 – Aug. 19
- Howell, Mich. Aug. 23 – Aug. 26
- Crivitz, Wisc. Aug. 30 – Sept. 2
- Lexington, Neb. Sept. 6 - Sept. 9
- Fairfield, Iowa Sept. 13 – Sept. 16
- Ava, Mo. Sept. 20 – Sept. 23
- Middletown, Ind. Sept. 27 – Sept. 30
- Oak Forest, Ill. Oct. 4 – Oct. 7
- Fort Ashby, W.V. Oct. 11 – Oct. 14
- Wake Forest, N.C. Oct. 18 – Oct. 21
- Paducah, Ky. Oct. 25 – Oct. 28
- Huntsville, Ala. Nov. 1 – Nov. 4
- Kountze, Texas Nov. 8 – Nov. 11
- Franklinton, La. Nov. 15 – Nov. 18

The 2018 national *The Wall That Heals* tour is hauled through a partnership with the Truckload Carriers Association (TCA) and the trucking industry and is generously sponsored by USAA.

More than 250,000 people visited *The Wall That Heals* in 2017. Since its debut in 1996, the exhibit has been on display in nearly 500 U.S. communities in addition to an April 1999 tour of the Four Provinces of Ireland and a visit to Canada in 2005. Hosting *The Wall That Heals* provides a community with a multi-day experience that includes an educational experience for local schools and organizations on the history of the Vietnam era and The Wall. The exhibit includes the Wall replica and a mobile Education Center comprised of: digital displays of photos of service members whose names are on The Wall; letters and memorabilia representative of items left at The Wall in D.C.; a map of Vietnam and a chronological overview of the Vietnam War. The exhibits tell the story of the Vietnam War, The Wall and the era surrounding the conflict, and are designed to put American experiences in Vietnam in a historical and cultural context.

About the replica

The replica Wall is approximately 250 feet in length, and like the original Memorial is erected in a chevron-shape. The replica is constructed of powder-coated aluminum, supported by an aluminum frame, and is made up of 24 individual panels, each containing six columns of names.

The names on *The Wall That Heals* replicate the names on The Wall in Washington, D.C. As on The Wall, the names are listed alphabetically by day of casualty. Beginning at the center/apex, the names start on the East Wall (right-hand side) working their way out to the end of that wing, picking up again at the far end of the West Wall (left-hand side) and working their way back in to the center/apex. Thus, the beginning and ending of the conflict are joined at the center, signifying an epoch in American history.

The Wall That Heals is transported from community to community by a trailer with cases built into its sides, allowing it to serve as a mobile Education Center that tells the story of the Vietnam War, The Wall and the divisive era in American history.

The current schedule and more information can be found at: www.thewallthatheals.org.

About VVMF and the Education Center at The Wall

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) is the nonprofit organization that built the Vietnam Veterans Memorial (The Wall) in Washington, D.C. in 1982. VVMF is dedicated to honoring and preserving the legacy of service in America and educating all generations about the impact of the Vietnam War and era through programs, ceremonies and education materials.

Three decades after building The Wall, the mission continues as VVMF raises funds to build the Education Center at The Wall. The Center will be an interactive learning facility on the National Mall where our military heroes' stories and sacrifice will never be forgotten. The Education Center will feature the faces and stories of the more than 58,000 men and women on The Wall and honor America's Legacy of Service, including those serving in our nation's Armed Forces today. Time Warner is the Lead Gift Benefactor in the campaign to build the Education Center at The Wall. To learn more about VVMF and the future Education Center at The Wall, visit www.vvmf.org or call 202-393-0090.

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