VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL FUND

FOUNDERS OF THE WALL

IN MEMORY APPLICATION

This is not an application to add a name to The Wall. The names inscribed on The Wall belong to those who died during their service in Vietnam. ***In Memory*** honors Vietnam veterans who returned home and later died.

VETERAN/HONOREE INFORMATION

*Printed program materials will adopt the nomenclature of First Name MI Last Name. E***x: Charles A Smith**

The hometown should be the town with which the veteran had the greatest connection. The home state you list is the only state where your honoree's name and photo will be on display when The Wall That Heals is on exhibit. See FAQ's on the back for more info.

Honoree's Full Name: _____

first name *middle name* *last name* *suffix*

Honoree's Hometown: _____ **Honoree's Home State:** _____

Honoree's Branch of Service: ◯ Army ◯ Air Force ◯ Navy ◯ Marine Corps ◯ Coast Guard

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Most commonly, the Applicant is the veteran's next-of-kin, or a close family member/friend. **If you are filling out this application on behalf of a family member/friend of the veteran/honoree, please provide their contact information below.** *Doing so will ensure that they receive all necessary communications from us regarding their loved one's induction.*

Applicant's Name: _____

prefix *first name* *middle name* *last name* *suffix*

Applicant's Email: _____

All important updates are sent out via email. *PLEASE provide a valid email address above to ensure you will receive all necessary communications regarding your loved one's induction*

Applicant's Address: _____

Applicant's City: _____ **State:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

Applicant's Phone: _____

The honoree was the applicant's: ◯ Spouse ◯ Partner ◯ Parent ◯ Sibling ◯ Grandparent ◯ Uncle/Aunt ◯ Other family (child, cousin, nephew/neice, fiance, etc.) ◯ Served WIth ◯ Friend/Schoolmate

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Along with this application, mail a copy of the death certificate, a copy of a military document showing proof of service in the Vietnam War (ex. DD214), two different dear photographs of the honoree (no originals), and an (optional) biography of no more than 300 words to:

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, 1530 Wilson Blvd., Suite 550 Arlington, VA 22209, Attn: In Memory

This application must be received by VVMF by March 29, 2026 to be considered for the 2026 Ceremony. If you are applying to see your veteran's photo on digital display that accompanies *The Wall That Heals*, see the back for your deadline.

How did you hear about In Memory? ◯ Family Member/Friend ◯ In Memory/VVMF Facebook ◯ The Wall That Heals ◯ Internet/Google Search ◯ Local veterans organization (VVA, VFW, American Legion) ◯ Local Media (television/newspaper) ◯ VVMF brochure/printed material ◯ Other _____

In Memory Application Instructions

What is the difference between The Wall, The Wall That Heals, and In Memory?

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) is the non-profit organization that built and maintains The Wall, and manages the ***In Memory*** and ***The Wall That Heals*** programs.

In Memory is a program that honors Vietnam veterans who returned home and later died. The names of these veterans are not on The Wall, as they did not die during their service in Vietnam.

The Wallis located in Washington, DC and is inscribed with the names of those who died during their service in Vietnam. ***The Wall That Heals*** is a mobile replica of The Wall that travels around the country. A digital display accompanies ***The Wall That Heals*** that includes the names and photos of In Memory honorees from the state where the exhibit is on display.

If the honorees' names are not added to The Wall, how are they honored?

During the ***In Memory*** *Ceremony* in Washington, DC, the names of ***In Memory*** inductees are read. Families and friends of inductees are invited to attend and read their loved one's name during the ceremony.

An online ***In Memory*** Honor Roll page is created for each honoree, serving as a lasting space for remembrance. Visit the Honor Roll here: www.vvmf.org/Honor-Roll/.

The digital display that accompanies ***The Wall That Heals*** includes the names and photos of *In Memory* honorees from the state where the exhibit is on display.

What is an example of a military document that shows Vietnam service?

DD-214, service records, or other government-issued documents that indicate service in Vietnam, or receipt of Vietnam Service Medal (VSM), Vietnam Campaign Medal (VCM) and/or Vietnam Service Ribbon. If you do not have these documents, you can request them online from the National Archives here: http://www.archives.gov/veterans/.

Does the death certificate need to show that the veteran's cause of death was connected to their service?

We DO NOT require, nor ask for, proof of service-related death to honor a Vietnam veteran through ***In Memory***.

Does "hometown" and "home state" refer to where the honoree was born, or where they lived?

The hometown/state should be the area where the honoree had the greatest connection. This could be where they were born, spent their formative years, or retired - it's up to you. The home state you list is important because that is the only state where your honoree's name and photo will be on display when ***The Wall That Heals*** is on exhibit.

What kind of photographs do you recommend?

Most applicants submit one photo from the veteran's service, and one that is more recent. Please note that VVMF *cannot* return original photographs. We do not require you to provide photographs to honor your veteran, but we recommend it.

What is the biography for, and how do I submit it?

The biography will be a part of the honoree's online personal remembrance page on the ***In Memory*** Honor Roll. Please send as a separate document of no more than 300 words, and avoid handwritten bias, if possible.

When is the application deadline?

The application and ALL required documents are due on March 29, 2026 to be eligible for inclusion in the 2026 ceremony. Anything received after the deadline will be automatically rolled over into the 2027 application pool. Note: If you wish to see your veteran's photo on the digital display that accompanies ***The Wall That Heals*** in 2026, your deadline will be one month before the tour stop in that state. For example, if your veteran's home state is..

California, apply by 2/18/26 to see them in Woodland Hills and by 2/25/26 to see them in Orland
Arizona, apply by 3/9/26 to see them in Surprise
Texas, apply by 3/16/26 to see them in in Del Rio and by 3/23 to see them in Ranger
Missouri, apply by 3/30/26 to see them in Butler
Oklahoma, apply by 4/6/26 to see them in Bartlesville an by 4/13/26 to see them in Edmond
Iowa, apply by 4/20/26 to see them in Council Bluffs, by 6/22/26 to see them in Manning, and by 6/29/26 to see them in Brooklyn
Indiana, apply by 5/4/26 to see them in Monticello and by 9/28/26 to see them in Evansville
South Dakota, apply by 5/11/26 to see them in Brookings
Washington, apply by 5/18/26 to see them in Lacey
Montana, apply by 6/1/26 to see them in Billings
Wyoming, apply by 6/8/26 to see them in Afton

. To view a full listing of application deadlines for each 2026 Tour Stop/ please visit https:llwww. vvmf.org/inmemory-apply/