APPLICATION FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When is the Application deadline?
The application and ALL required documents are due on March 29, 2024 to be eligible for inclusion in the 2024 ceremony. Anything received after the deadline will be automatically rolled over into the application pool to be considered for inclusion in the 2025 ceremony.

Note: If you are applying to see your veteran's photo on The Wall That Heals mobile display, your deadline will be different:
If your veteran's home state is Texas, apply by 3/27/23 to see them in College Station and by 4/4/23 to see them in Kyle.
If your veteran's home state is Kansas, apply by 4/11/23 to see them in Great Bend.
If your veteran's home state is Wisconsin, apply by 4/18/23 to see them in Rhinelander and by 5/1/23 to see them in Crivitz.
If your veteran's home state is Minnesota, apply by 4/26/23 to see them in Mendota Heights and by 6/20/23 to see them in Monticello.
If your veteran's home state is Missouri, apply by 5/8/23 to see them in Springfield and by 7/3/23 to see them in Chillicothe.
If your veteran's home state is Montana, apply by 5/22/23 to see them in Kalispell.
If your veteran's home state is Idaho, apply by 5/29/23 to see them in Meridian.
If your veteran's home state is Illinois, apply by 6/13/23 to see them in Eureka.
If your veteran's home state is Ohio, apply by 6/27/23 to see them in Centerville and by 7/31/23 to see them in Gibsonburg.
If your veteran's home state is Indiana, apply by 7/10/23 to see them in Brownstown and by 7/24/23 to see them in Middletown.
If your veteran's home state is Maine, apply by 8/7/23 to see them in Sanford.
If your veteran's home state is New York, apply by 8/14/23 to see them in Auburn, by 8/28/23 to see them in New York City, and by 9/5/23 to see them in Copiague.
If your veteran's home state is Pennsylvania, apply by 8/21/23 to see them in Kutztown, by 9/12/23 to see them in Lemont Furnace, and by 9/26/23 to see them in Upper Providence Township.
If your veteran's home state is North Carolina, apply by 10/2/23 to see them in Havelock and by 10/16/23 to see them in Nags Head.
If your veteran's home state is South Carolina, apply by 10/9/23 to see them in Spartanburg from 11/9/23 - 11/12/23

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 bios, if possible. To see a sample Honor Roll page and biography, visit vvmf.org/Honor-Roll/2226/CharlesWilliamMurnanIII.

Does “hometown” and “home state” refer to where the honoree was born or where they lived?
The home town/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 require, and what are they used for?
We do not require photographs to honor your veteran through In Memory, but suggest you send in two clear, photos. Photos will be displayed online through the In Memory Honor Roll, on the printed personal tribute certificate, in the In Memory yearbook, and on The Wall That Heals mobile Education Center. The photos can be whatever you would like, although we recommend that one photo be from the time period the honoree served in the military and one that is more recent. Please send clear photographs, but do not send originals, as we cannot return them.

Does the death certificate need to specifically show the veteran’s cause of death was connected to their service?
We understand that the death certificate does not always indicate Agent Orange exposure, PTSD or other service-related illness. We DO NOT require proof of service connection to honor a Vietnam veteran through In Memory.

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.
Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund

IN MEMORY APPLICATION 2024

In Memory honors Vietnam veterans who returned home and later died. Please note: This is not an application to add a name to The Wall.

PERSON IN MEMORY HONORS:

Full Name as it should appear on tribute certificate: __________________________________________

Last Name Suffix (if applicable) First Name Middle Name

Relationship to you____________________     Birth Date __________________ Date of Death_______________

Date of Vietnam Tour(s) (ie: 1968 – 1970):_____________________________________________________________

Hometown ___________________________   Home State ___________________________

Note: Hometown can be the place had the closest connection with. See FAQ's on the back for more information.

Honorees: Branch of Service (circle): A N F M C
Army Navy Air Force Marine Corps Coast Guard

Did the honoree suffer from any of the following? (Check all that apply):

- PTSD related illnesses / events
- Exposure to Agent Orange and similar chemicals

Other: _____________________________________________________________________________________

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION TO BE USED FOR THE ONLINE IN MEMORY HONOR ROLL

Please attach as a separate sheet a typed biography of no more than 300 words. Please avoid handwritten bios, if possible.

INFORMATION ABOUT YOU

Last Name_________________________ First Name ____________________Middle Name ________________

Address_____________________________________________________________________________________

City ___________________________________________________________ State ________ Zip ____________

Preferred Phone ( _____ ) _________________________

E-Mail Address_______________________________________________________________________________

How did you hear about the Program?

- a friend/family member told me about it
- Facebook
- VVMF trifold or other printed material
- The Wall That Heals
- newspaper
- local media (TV/radio)
- internet search
- local veteran organization (VVA, American Legion, etc.)
- condolence card from AVVA
- Other: __________________________________

Along with this application, send a copy of the death certificate, a copy of a military document showing proof of service in Vietnam, and two different clear photographs of the honoree (no originals)

If you do not have military documentation showing service in Vietnam, you can request it online from the National Archives here: http://www.archives.gov/veterans/

Please mail all materials to: Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, 3033 Wilson Blvd., Suite 300, Arlington, VA 22201
Attention: In Memory Program

THE DEADLINE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE 2024 NATIONAL CEREMONY IS MARCH 29, 2024

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Please see the back side of this form for The Wall That Heals deadline.

Questions? Please go to www.vvmf.org/in-memory-program