

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 in Washington, DC. Anything received after the deadline will be automatically rolled over into the application pool to be considered for inclusion in the 2025 ceremony.

Note: Your veteran's photo will be displayed when The Wall That Heals is stopped in their home state (which you will indicate on your application). **If you are applying to see your veteran's photo on The Wall That Heals mobile display, your deadline will be different.** The 2024 *The Wall That Heals* tour schedule will be released in December 2023. The schedule will be posted on <https://www.vvmf.org/The-Wall-That-Heals/>.

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
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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 _____

All important updates are sent out via email. PLEASE provide an email address above.

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

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