

# In Memory Application

*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.  
The names inscribed on The Wall belong to those who died during their service in Vietnam.



## Veteran/Honoree Information

**Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*First Middle Last Suffix (if applicable)*

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

**Hometown:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Home State:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: 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.*

**Birth Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Death Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Branch of Service:

- Army     Navy     Air Force  
 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.** Failure to provide the family member/friend's contact information will prevent VVMF from being able to contact them regarding their veteran's induction.*

**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Prefix First Middle Last*

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Veteran/Honoree's Relationship to You:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** (       ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

- How did you hear about In Memory?**     from a friend/family member     In Memory/VVMF Facebook page  
 The Wall That Heals     internet search (Google, etc.)     local media (TV/radio/newspaper)  
 local veteran organization (VVA, American Legion, etc.)     VVMF brochure/printed material  
 condolence card from AVVA     Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**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, two different clear photographs of the honoree (no originals), and an (optional) biography of no more than 300 words to:**

**Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, 3033 Wilson Blvd., Suite 300. Arlington, VA 22201, Attn: In Memory**

**This application must be received by VVMF by March 29, 2025 to be considered for the 2025 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.*

# 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 Wall*** is 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 ones 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/](http://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 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 recommend?

Most applicants submit one photo from the veteran's service, and one that is more recent. Please note that VVMF *can not* 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 bios, if possible.

## When is the application deadline?

The application and ALL required documents are due on March 29, 2025 to be eligible for inclusion in the 2025 ceremony. Anything received after the deadline will be automatically rolled over into the 2026 application pool.

**Note:** If you wish to see your veteran's photo on digital display that accompanies *The Wall That Heals* in 2024, your deadline will be different.

### If your veteran's home state is...

**Alabama**, apply by 4/9/24 to see them in Robertsdale.

**Missouri**, apply by 4/16/24 to see them in Waynesville.

**Illinois**, apply by 4/24/24 to see them in West Dundee.

**Wisconsin**, apply by 4/30/24 to see them in Hartland.

**Kentucky**, apply by 5/6/24 to see them in Russellville.

**North Carolina**, apply by 5/20/24 to see them in Asheboro.

**New York**, apply by 7/8/24 to see them in Penn Yan.

**Massachusetts**, apply by 6/11/24 to see them in Quincy, and by 6/25/24 to see them in Devens.

**Maine**, apply by 6/18/24 to see them in Biddeford.

**Indiana**, apply by 7/15/24 to see them in Martinsville.

**Minnesota**, apply by 7/22/24 to see them in Hutchinson.

**Montana**, apply by 7/29/24 to see them in Butte.

**Ohio**, apply by 8/12/24 to see them in Delaware.

**Connecticut**, apply by 8/19/24 to see them in Manchester, and by 8/26/24 to see them in Bridgeport.

**Virginia**, apply by 9/3/24 to see them in Covington.

**South Carolina**, apply by 9/17/24 to see them in Ridgeville, and by 10/8/24 to see them in Liberty.

**Georgia**, apply by 9/24/24 to see them in Hinesville, and by 9/31/24 to see them in Dahlonega.

**Florida**, apply by 10/14/24 to see them in Panama City.