

UTAH

STATE COUNCIL

VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA

Established in 1978, Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) is the only national Vietnam veterans organization congressionally chartered and exclusively dedicated to Vietnam Generation veterans and their families.

Utah State Council President – Dennis Howland – Combat Marine Sergeant Vietnam Veteran 1966 and 1967

Never Again Will One Generation Of Veterans Abandon Another

NORTHERN UTAH CHAPTER 1079 Chartered in July 2013

Chapter President - David Wilson - USAF Vietnam Veteran

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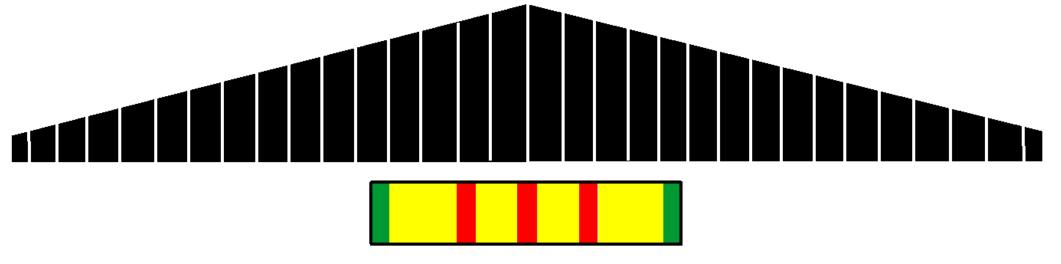
PROJECT GOAL:

BRING A REPLICA OF THE

VIETNAM MEMORIAL WALL

TO A PERMANENT HOME IN UTAH

YOU CAN HELP US BRING A REPLICA OF THE VIETNAM MEMORIALWALL



TO A PERMANENT HOME IN UTAH

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VIETNAM VETERANS WERE

CALLED AND THEY SERVED

TIME TO

RESPECT, HONOR AND REMEMBER

Why A Permanent Replica Wall?

- For years, the options for seeing the Vietnam memorial Wall have been very limited.
- People either have to make a trip to Washington D.C. or one of the traveling replicas must be scheduled for a visit close enough to where one lives so it is feasible to visit and also during a time of year that works for their schedule. That replica cost a sponsoring organization money and benefits are limited.
- These limited options prohibit many veterans, friends, Gold Star families and patriots from viewing the Wall and experiencing the healing and education that the Wall offers. It is a physical reminder of the true cost of freedom.

Five years ago I was among the group honored to bring a replica to Ogden. Some of you may have seen it in the parking lot behind Sears – in the Newgate Mall.

In three days more than 35,000 people visited that replica.

TV stations broadcast live news programs and other interview programs from the Wall.

It cost \$5,000 for us to bring a Traveling Wall to Northern Utah. The replica company left Ogden with more than \$45,000 in donations from the visitors. No monetary benefit for the community or veterans.

We believe that all American Heroes must be honored and remembered

A permanent replica Wall will provide those without the means or ability to travel to our great national memorial sites, the opportunity to respect and share in the experience of honoring our heroes.

We believe that a permanent replica Wall is a perfect foundation for future memorials that could eventually see memorials to veterans of each war and peace. i.e WWII, Korea, OEF/OIF, etc.



Examples of what we would like to see in Northern Utah. These are replica Walls from areas around the country.



Two of these are traveling Walls.





Why Our Community and Community Impacts

This can make our Community a destination locally, regionally – Even nationally recognized. At the Welcome Home Parade this past June – we had Vietnam Veterans and their families visit from at least 7 different states from the Western and Mid-Western U.S.

Utah's Wall in Layton could become a place people will travel to visit, host events, reunions And endless other possibilities being the home of a permanent replica.

We believe visitors from out of town, from across Utah and outside Utah - to the Wall - will frequent local businesses such as restaurants and hotels. We believe they will spend money in not only Layton but throughout Davis County.

Why Our Community and Community Impacts

Thru community held events, holiday programs and many other avenues, the replica Wall provides the ability for the Community to draw in crowds that will perhaps eat, sleep and play or visit other things within the community.

We believe the Wall will provide a place of educational value where our young people (perhaps classes from school) will visit and learn and realize the history of wars and help them understand the sacrifices made for their freedoms. Create a place for school field trips for area and regional schools. Will teach our young people the cost of freedom – and that cost is written on the Wall



Why Our Community and Community Impacts

Educational Value

• Creates a platform to forever remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice along with the ability to teach future generations that their freedoms come at a price. In this specific case it is written on the Wall with the names of 58,307 young men and women (366 from Utah).

Ensure that our Vietnam Veterans are never forgotten.

Why Our Community and Community Impacts Legacy of Remembrance

To do something bigger than yourself, is a personal goal for me – was something I was taught by my own father – a World War II Veteran – when I came home from Vietnam. And if done correctly, and maintained properly this honor to our young men and women will be around long after our time on Earth is through. By doing this we are forever doing our part to remember and fulfill our commitment that no one who lay their life down in service to our country will be forgotten.

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THOMAS L CHRISTIANSEN - PAUL
JI - JAMES R FIELDS - LAWRENCE DE
BERNARD HAMLET JI - LLOYD E HAN
J HORNBACK - LAWRENCE E HITCHE
JGE - JOSEPH MCCANTS JI - LOWELL
- DOUGLAS E LOHMEYER - PHILLIP J
JER - DENNIS H RHEN - RICHARD E S
WILLIAM J ADAMS - DAVID W WILSC
BUDDE - PETER A ARKOETTE - PAUL
JERT A BONEBRIGHT - DAVID P CHEN















OUR REPLICA WALL

- MADE IN THE USA
- ENGRAVED BY A U.S. MARINE VIETNAM VETERAN
- MADE OF LIGHTWEIGHT, DURABLE, LOW MAINTENANCE ANODIZED ALUMINUM
- DELIVERED ENGRAVED UP-TO-DATE WITH ALL 58,307 NAMES OF THOSE MEN AND WOMEN LOST IN THE VIETNAM WAR AGAIN INCLUDES UTAH'S 366.
- HONORS NOT ONLY THOSE LOST BUT ALSO THE 300,000 WOUNDED FIGHTING THE WAR IN VIETNAM AND THE MILLIONS WHO SUPPORTED US AND OUR FAMILIES WHILE SERVING AT DUTY STATIONS AROUND THE WORLD

Maintenance?

It's going to vary depending on what all is implemented, i.e. landscape, other memorials, whether the provided hardware is used or its attached to a wall in some other fashion.

The wall itself should not require a lot of maintenance, rinsing off and periodically wiping down, should be the bulk of the maintenance, as the anodized material will not oxidize or create corrosion.

Updates of names will be done with honor and in accordance with updates on the Wall in Washington, D.C. The Wall is updated every Mothers Day if needed. Last year 7 names were updated on the Wall.



Utah's Wall (Our Wall – Your Wall)

% Replica Dimensions Purchase Price
 80% Replica 8' x 360' \$318,000

Further costs would be development. That is an amount that perhaps Layton City can answer.



HOW DO WE RAISE A LOT OF MONEY? - Examples

- By participating in major events throughout our communities. Solicitation at information boots at community events
- From individuals, organizations, corporations donations i.e. Veterans organizations, Commemoration Partner Committees
- Applying for grants going to anyone and everyone and ask I didn't hesitate going to our State Legislature – When you ask the worst that can happen is a NO. Next session I won't hesitate going to our legislators again. They know me - they know I will be back.
- Commemoration Brick Donations "It's My Brick" Personalized or Corporate sponsored bricks to be used in the installation of the project
- By sponsoring special events i.e. 10K Run, Concerts, etc.
- If we have to raise the funds one nickel at a time, Vietnam Veterans of America in Utah will make our Wall happen.

NORTHERN UTAH'S VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA

RAISING FUNDS TO BRING A REPLICA OF THE VIETNAM MEMORIAL WALL TO A PERMANENT HOME IN LAYTON COMMONS PARK



Artist Rendering

- 80% of the size of the Wall in Washington, D.C.
- More than 320 feet in length
- Contains all 58,307 names and will be kept current with D.C.
- Will be a lasting tribute to all Vietnam Era Veterans
- Will give friends, comrades and families of those listed on the Wall a place for reflection, a place of peace and closure
- Serve as an anchor for future tributes to veterans
- Will help us teach our children the cost of freedom
- Only replica of its size in the Western United States
- Will bring thousands of visitors to Utah

YOU CAN HELP MAKE THIS HAPPEN TODAY!

Purchase a brick to honor a veteran, your organization or your service be used in the Flag Plaza by going to www.thatsmybrick.com/vva1079/

Visit our gofundme account at http://www.gofundme.com and search for Replica Vietnam Memorial Wall to donate any amount or

Make checks payable to UT SC Vietnam Veterans of America and mail them to 5432 S. 600 E. Ogden, UT 84405

For information contact Utah VVA Pres. Dennis Howland at 801-389-1893 or dennishowland@msn.com

FUNDRAISER BRICKS

A GREAT WAY TO HONOR A VETERAN, A FAMILY MEMBER OR TO SHOW THAT YOUR BUSINESS SUPPORTS VIETNAM VETERANS IN THEIR EFFORTS TO BRING THE REPLICA TO UTAH

Cost:

4" X 8"

\$100

8" X 8"

\$200

Replica for desktop 4" X 8"

\$50

On-line and create your own or fill out the form, mail it to the address in the

brochure and I will create it for you on-line

EXAMPLES OF VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS DONATIONS TO THE WALL

UIAH VEIERANS OF FOREIGN WARS	\$2000
LAYTON VFW POST 8307	\$200
SPECIAL FORCES ASSOCIATION	\$705
COMBAT VETERANS	\$800
MANY INDIVIDUAL VETERANS AND FAMILIES – BRICK PURCHASE	\$6000
SOUNDS OF FREEDOM 2015 – WELCOME HOME PARADE	\$8500
DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS – DAVIS COUNTY CHAPTER 14	\$10,000
AIR FORCE SARGEANTS ASSOCIATION – HILL AFB	\$1600

MANY DONATIONS HAVE COME FROM INDIVIDUAL PRIVATE DONATIONS AND DONATIONS FROM STORES LIKE LAYTON SAM'S CLUB AND LAYTON WALMART, AND MANY HOURS OF SITTING IN INFORMATION BOOTS TO RECEIVE DONATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC, SPONSORING EVENTS AND SELLING T-SHIRTS.

MONEY RAISED AS OF TODAY

\$45,499.71

- SOUR REQUEST OF THE UTAH LEGISLATURE FOR A ONE TIME APPROPRIATION OF \$212,640 RECEIVED A VERY GOOD RECEPTION BUT A LUKE WARM RESPONSE DUE TO LACK OF FUNDS IN THE STATE AVAILBLE FOR THIS TYPE OF APPROPRIATION.
- APPLICATION FOR GRANT FROM DAVIS COUNTY TOURIST FUND SUBMITTED LAST SEPTEMBER –

WE HAVE NEVER HAD ANY DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION. WE WERE A BIT DISAPPOINTED SINCE THIS WILL BE PERMANENTLY IN DAVIS COUNTY AND BELIEVE IT HAS REVENUE GENERATION POTENTIAL

OUR FUNDRAISING CONTINUES IN ANY MANNER WE CAN FIND.

WE COULD CERTAINLY USE A GRUNDLE OF HELP

WE COULD USE HELP IN CONTACTING LARGE COMPANIES AND ORGANIZATIONS TO PERHAPS PRESENT OUR PROGRAM TO THEM AND ASK THEM FOR THE CONTRIBUTIONS. WE ARE PREPARED TO MEET ANYTIME, ANYWHERE AND WITH ANYONE TO PRESENT THE STORY OF THE WALL.

PERHAPS A LIST OF DAVIS COUNTY BUSINESSES AND ADDRESSES SO WE CAN MAIL OR PERSONALLY DELIVER WALL INFORMATION, BRICK BROCHURES, AND OTHER MATERIAL.

MEETING WITH DAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ENCOURAGE A POSITIVE RESPONSE TO OUR GRANT REQUEST.

CONTINUING CONTACT WITH OUR ELECTED STATE OFFICIALS ENCOURAGING THEM TO FAVORABLY APPROVE OUR APPROPRIATION REQUEST IN THE NEXT SESSION.

PERHAPS A FLYER IN A THE MAILOUT OF LAYTON CITY BILLING OR OTHER CORRESPONDENCE MAILED TO THE COMMUNITY.

CONTINUE THE INCREDIBLE SUPPORT WE HAVE BEEN RECEIVING FROM LAYTON CITY.

BY ASKING FOR SUPPORT FROM EVERYONE IN THE

COMMUNITY REGARDLESS OF HOW LARGE OR SMALL

INCLUDING

YOU

Because everyone is a part of this project and everyone should have the opportunity to say

I HELPED MAKE THIS HAPPEN!!

Ensure Our Vietnam Era Veterans

WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN



HELP MAKE LAYTON CITY THE PERMANENT UTAH HOME OF THE REPLICA OF THE VIETNAM MEMORIAL WALL

50th Anniversary Vietnam War Commemoration Events During March and April 2016

All Vietnam Veterans and Public Are Invited To These Events

March 29 - IS UTAH VIETNAM VETERANS DAY

A DAY TO THANK AND HONOR ALL VIETNAM VETERANS INCLUDING THOSE HELD AS POWS, LISTED AS MISSING IN ACTION AND GOLD STAR FAMILIES



The Vietnam War

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Utah Department of Veterans and Military Affairs

SCHEDULED EVENTS

March 29 - Commemoration Ceremony Utah State Capitol Rotunda 2 p.m.

March 29 - Dinner (free for Vietnam Vets)
Layton VFW Post 8307 (FRA
sponsored) 1389 N. Main in Layton 6:30 p.m.

March 30 - Commemoration Ceremony Utah County Historic Court House, 51 S. University, Provo 6 p.m.

April 2 - Commemoration Ceremony
Davis Central Jr. High School
633 Church St., Layton - 6 p.m.

April 9 - Commemoration Ceremony VFW Post 1481, 907 W. 12th St., Ogden, 6 p.m.

Each event consists of various speakers and ceremonies. Included will be a Veteran/Spouse pinning ceremony for each Vietnam Veteran. Each Vietnam Veteran will receive a free copy of the 50th Anniversary Commemoration Book and documentary "Long Journey Home" published and produced by Remember My Story Military Productions—Sharlene Hawkes.

*Following the April 2 and April 9 ceremony will be live entertainment by bands playing Vietnam Generation music. ("Mid -Life Crisis" and "The Stevie T Band")



The Secretary of Defense and Secretary of Veterans Affairs define a Vietnam Veteran as any United States veteran—man or woman - who served in the U.S. Armed Forces from November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975, regardless of location of duty - "in country" or elsewhere around the world in support of the Vietnam War.





THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



COMMEMORATION

A GRATEFUL NATION THANKS AND HONORS YOU





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Thank you and Semper Fi

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