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COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE VIETNAM WAR

MAY 4 - 8, 2017

THE GREAT LAWN
UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, DURHAM



THE VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL

The original **Vietnam Veterans Memorial** in Washington, D.C. recognizes the men and women who served and sacrificed their lives in the Vietnam War. Inscribed on the black granite walls are the names of more than 58,000 men and women who gave their lives or remain missing after one of the most divisive wars in U.S. history.

The memorial was established in 1979 by the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc. (VVMF), led by Jan C. Scruggs, a wounded and decorated infantryman from Bowie, Maryland.

More than \$8 million was raised for the memorial, all of which came from private sources. In addition to corporations and foundations, more than 275,000 individual Americans donated the majority of the money needed.

On July 1, 1980, Congress authorized a site of three acres in Constitution Gardens near the Lincoln Memorial. In October of that year, VVMF announced a national design competition open to any U.S. citizen over 18 years of age. The winning design was the work of Maya Ying Lin of Athens, Ohio, a 21-year-old senior at Yale University. Although the design raised controversy at first, the Memorial was dedicated on November 13, 1982, and attracts more than 5.6 million visitors each year.

The Moving Wall is a half-size replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and has been touring the country for 33 years. When John Devitt attended the 1982 dedication in Washington, he felt the positive power of "The Wall." He vowed to share that experience with those who did not have the opportunity to go to Washington.

Devitt, Norris Shears, Gerry Haver, and other Vietnam veteran volunteers built **The Moving Wall**. It went on display for the first time in Tyler, Texas, in October of 1984. Two structures of The Moving Wall now travel the U.S. from April through November, spending about a week at each site. As of January 1, 2017, the Moving Wall has visited 1,403 communities and displays 58,315 names.

Text adapted from The National Park Service and Vietnam Combat Veterans, LTD.

New Hampshire Names on the Wall and in History

There are 228 names on the wall of fallen warriors from the Granite State. A special directory of NH names is available to view at our information tent. Honoring our state's warriors is a long UNH tradition.

The University of New Hampshire **Memorial Union Building** (MUB) is New Hampshire's official state war memorial. Located on the third floor of the MUB, the **Memorial Room** reflects that distinction and honors all New Hampshire residents who perished while in military action from World War I through present day. Funds to create this room as a war memorial came from alumni, the state, businesses and civic groups.

In 1953, when Governor Hugh Gregg signed the proclamation declaring the UNH Memorial Union as the state's official war memorial, he wrote that it was "desirable that as many youth of the state as possible should know and revere the courage and the sacrifice of New Hampshire men and women who served their country." Gregg and the many community members who worked to create the building wanted it to be a place to prompt discussion and thought, a place for quiet reflection, and a place of inspiration. We hope that The Moving Wall will provide similar opportunities for our community.

Opening Ceremony, May 4 at 1 pm

Presentation of the colors, American Legion

Mark W. Huddleston, President, UNH

Shannan Brown, NH State Commander, VFW

Jaime Nolan, AVP, Community, Equity, Diversity

National Anthem by Wild Brass Cats

Taps will be played at 7:30 pm May 4-7

by members of the UNH Trumpet Studio:

Robert Stibler, Matthew Zettler, Katie Cabaup,

Drew Halpin, Daniel Buchner, Ben Allen