



Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund Announces 2026 *The Wall That Heals* Tour Schedule
Vietnam Veterans Memorial Replica Wall and Mobile Education Center spreads healing legacy of The Wall and educates about the impact of the Vietnam War

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Washington, D.C. – The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) has announced *The Wall That Heals* national tour schedule for 2026. A special display date on the island of O’ahu in January will be the first stop of the 2026 tour. On March 19th, the rest of the season kicks off in Woodland Hills, California. The exhibit will visit a total of 31 communities in 2026. *The Wall That Heals* exhibit includes a three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial along with a mobile Education Center. The traveling exhibit honors the more than three million Americans who served in the U.S. Armed Forces in the Vietnam War, and it bears the names of the 58,281 men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam.

“We look forward to kicking off the year at our special stop in O’ahu before returning to the mainland and kicking off the season in California. Hosting *The Wall That Heals* provides communities a healing experience for local veterans and their families and an educational experience for all visitors,” said Jim Knotts, President and CEO of VVMF. “While the Vietnam War continues to fall further into the past, the increasing enthusiasm to bring the exhibit is in part due to communities wanting to honor those Vietnam veterans in their midst. Our Vietnam veterans are an essential thread in our communities, from teachers to coaches to community leaders. Our Agent Orange and PTSD Awareness events at *The Wall That Heals* allow visitors to gather, recognize those that may have only passed in the last few years and those who continue to struggle.”

More than 100 communities sought the opportunity to host *The Wall That Heals* in 2026. *The Wall That Heals* 2026 Tour dates include:

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| • Kapolei, Hawaii | January 14 - 19 |
| • Woodland Hills, California | March 19 - 22 |
| • Orland, California | March 26 - 29 |
| • Surprise, Arizona | April 9 - 12 |
| • Del Rio, Texas | April 16 - 20 |
| • Ranger, Texas | April 23 - 26 |
| • Butler, Missouri | April 30 – May 3 |
| • Bartlesville, Oklahoma | May 7 - 10 |
| • Edmond, Oklahoma | May 14 - 17 |
| • Council Bluffs, Iowa | May 22 - 25 |
| • Monticello, Indiana | June 4 - 7 |

• Brookings, South Dakota	June 11 - 14
• Lacey, Washington	June 25 - 28
• Billings, Montana	July 2 - 5
• Afton, Wyoming	July 9 - 12
• Manning, Iowa	July 23 - 26
• Brooklyn, Iowa	July 30 – August 2
• White Bear Township, Minnesota	August 6 - 9
• Taylor, Michigan	August 13 - 16
• Battle Creek, Michigan	August 20 - 23
• Wadsworth, Ohio	August 27 - 30
• Campbelltown, Pennsylvania	September 3 - 6
• Putnam, Connecticut	September 10 - 13
• Hyannis, Massachusetts	September 17 - 20
• Oneonta, New York	September 24 - 27
• St. Clairsville, Ohio	October 1 - 4
• Aston, Pennsylvania	October 8 - 11
• Cookeville, Tennessee	October 22 - 25
• Evansville, Indiana	October 29 – November 1
• Lancaster, South Carolina	November 5 - 8
• Spindale, North Carolina	November 12 - 15

USAA has returned as presenting sponsor for the 12th year. Over the past decade, they have traveled to more than 300 communities with VVMF. Wipfli is returning for the second year as a sponsor. Headquartered in Milwaukee, Wipfli is an advisory and accounting firm with more than 3,300 associates who deliver digital, people, strategy, risk, financial and outsourcing solutions to nearly 56,000 clients.

A continued, critical partnership for VVMF is with the Truckload Carriers Association (TCA), the trucking industry, and Blue Beacon, who enable the exhibit to travel across the country. Hosts in each community provide for the location, volunteers, and preparations necessary to replicate the experience a visitor would have at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C.

Since its debut in 1996, the exhibit has been on display in more than 800 U.S. communities including an April 1999 tour of the Four Provinces of Ireland and a visit to Canada in 2005. *The Wall That Heals* is a program of VVMF, the nonprofit organization that built the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. in 1982. *The Wall That Heals* is the only traveling exhibit affiliated with The Wall in Washington, D.C. and includes the largest Wall replica that travels the country. Two VVMF staff members lead volunteers on site, educate visitors and students, and ensure the reflective atmosphere of The Wall. More information can be found at: www.thewallthatheals.org.

About The Wall replica

The three-quarter scale Wall replica is 375 feet in length and stands 7.5 feet high at its tallest point. With the replica at this size, visitors are able to experience The Wall rising above them as they walk towards the apex, a key feature of the design of The Wall in D.C.

Like the original Memorial, *The Wall That Heals* is erected in a chevron-shape and visitors are able to do name rubbings of individual service member's names on The Wall. The names are listed in order of date of casualty and alphabetically on each day. Beginning at the center/apex, the names start on the East Wall (right-hand side) working their way out to the end of that wing, picking up again at the far end of the West Wall (left-hand side) and working their way back in to the center/apex. The first and last casualties are side by side at the apex of the Memorial.

The replica is constructed of Avonite, a synthetic granite, and its 146 individual panels are supported by an aluminum frame. Modern LED lighting from the top of The Wall provides readability of The Wall at night.

About the mobile Education Center

The Wall That Heals is transported from community to community in a 53-foot trailer. When parked, the trailer opens with exhibits built into its sides, allowing it to serve as a mobile Education Center telling the story of the Vietnam War, the establishment of The Wall and how the Memorial and Vietnam transformed the way our nation treats its veterans and service members.

The mobile Education Center exhibit includes two digital photo displays. The *Hometown Heroes* display highlights service members whose names are on The Wall that list their home of record within the area of a visit. The *In Memory* display highlights Vietnam veterans from the local area honored through VVMF's *In Memory* program which honors veterans who returned home from Vietnam and later died. Additional displays include videos that teach about the history and impact of The Wall; educational exhibits told through items representative of those left at The Wall in D.C.; a replica of the *In Memory* plaque; a map of Vietnam and a timeline of the Vietnam War. The exhibits tell the story of the Vietnam War, The Wall and the era surrounding the conflict, and are designed to put American experiences in Vietnam in a historical and cultural context.

About VVMF

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) is the nonprofit organization that built the Vietnam Veterans Memorial (The Wall) in Washington, D.C. in 1982. VVMF continues to lead the way in paying tribute to our nation's Vietnam veterans and their families. VVMF's mission is to honor and preserve the legacy of service in America and educate all generations about the impact of the Vietnam War and era through programs, ceremonies and education materials. To learn more about VVMF, visit www.vvmf.org or call 202-393-0090.

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