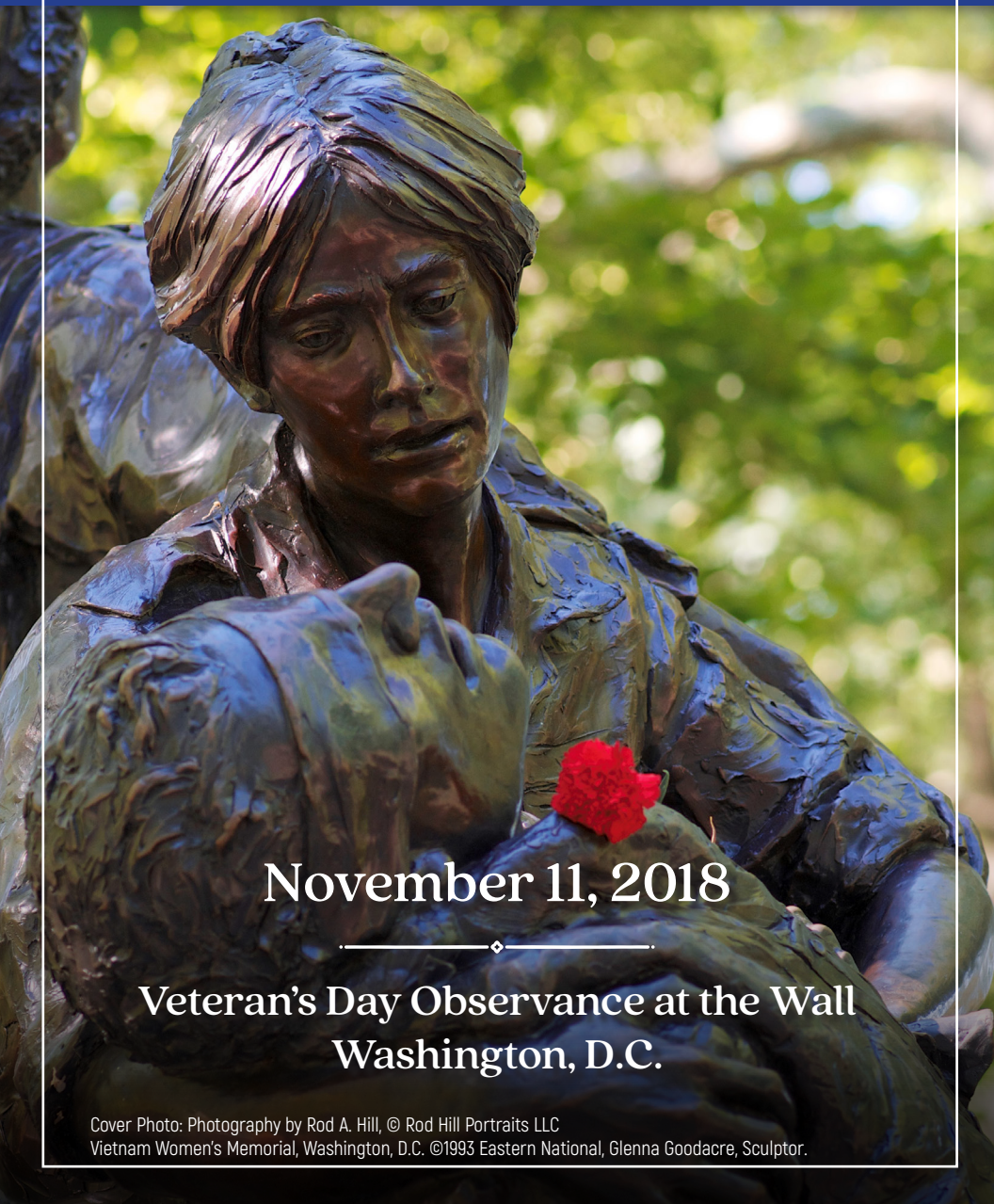


VIETNAM WOMEN'S MEMORIAL

Twenty-Fifth

ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION



November 11, 2018

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Veteran's Day Observance at the Wall
Washington, D.C.

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WELCOME LETTER

Dear Friends,

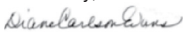
Twenty-five years ago, we dedicated the first monument on the National Mall to honor American women's patriotic service, achievements, courage, and sacrifice. The Vietnam Women's Memorial brings reconciliation and healing for all veterans, their families, and the nation. Women's contributions no longer hide in the shadows but inspire us today.

We are most grateful to designer and sculptor Glenna Goodacre, who describes the humility and deep satisfaction she feels at having shaped "the clay which might touch the hearts and heal the wounds of those who served...I can only hope that future generations who view the sculpture will stand in tribute to these women who served during the Vietnam era."

More than 265,000 women served during the Vietnam era in professional, technical, and leadership roles. We needed them. We are proud of them. Today, we see growing numbers of women who follow in their footsteps and dedicate their lives to service in the military or in support of our Armed Forces. We salute the patriotic women who served before us, with us, and those currently serving our nation.

On behalf of the Vietnam Women's Memorial Advisory Group and Eastern National, I thank you for being with us today, and for your enduring support.

Sincerely,



Diane Carlson Evans

Founder, Vietnam Women's Memorial

Chair, Vietnam Women's Memorial/Eastern National Advisory Group



Left: Vietnam Veteran Sharon Bystrom, touches a name, with her sister veterans reflected in the "Wall". Right: Diane Carlson Evans with the Vietnam Women's Memorial Statue



ANNUAL VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE AT THE WALL



Prelude Music	"Dances with Wolves" Composed by John Barry
Opening Remarks	Jim Knotts, VVMF President and CEO, Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund
Master of Ceremonies	Diane Carlson Evans Founder Vietnam Women's Memorial
Invocation	Chaplain Linda Pugsley Doctor Biblical Studies; Flight Nurse, USAF Vietnam
Presentation of Colors	Joint Forces Color Guard Military District of Washington
Pledge of Allegiance	
National Anthem	Kera O'Bryon Emmy Nominated Actress and Singer
Welcome	Patty Trap Acting Superintendent NM&MP
VVMF Speaker	LCDR Kim Mitchell, USN (Ret)
Salute to the Vietnam Women's Memorial	Col. Jane Carson, USA (Ret)
Music	"Til the White Dove Flies Alone" Sung by Kera O'Bryon, Written by Rod McBrien Theme of 1993 Dedication
Salute to the Vietnam Women's Memorial	Allen Hoe Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army
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"Amazing Grace"	Chris Jackson, Bagpiper
TAPS	Military District of Washington

Speakers Subject To Change



VIETNAM WOMEN'S MEMORIAL: THANK YOU

Thank You! From The Vietnam Women's Memorial Foundation

The Vietnam Women's Memorial Advisory Group is grateful to Eastern National, the National Park Service and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund for its assistance in making this ceremony possible. We extend our heartfelt "Thank You" and acknowledge the volunteers, organizations, and individuals who have faithfully supported the Vietnam Women's Memorial and the 25th Anniversary Commemoration with their gifts of time, talents, and dollars. We especially appreciate and thank Kera O'Bryon, an Emmy nominated actress, singer, and voice talent who has graciously donated her time once again to perform during the commemoration activities. We'd also like to thank Rod Hill, Navy Veteran, for providing the cover photography for this program and other Vietnam Women's Memorial materials. We extend our warmest gratitude to the participants of the 25th Anniversary Candlelight Ceremony and Storytelling Program at the Vietnam Women's Memorial, and the 1:00 pm ceremony today at the Wall.

To learn more about the Vietnam Women's Memorial, its history, its legacy and our biannual storytelling events, please visit www.VietnamWomensMemorial.org.



Top left: Former 1st LT Ann Cunningham, Army Nurse Corps during - TET at the 12th Evacuation Hospital, Cu Chi Vietnam. Two tour operating room nurse. Top right: Barb Lilly and Emily Strange, American Red Cross Donut Dollies. Bottom: Women who served gathered around the statue during the 20th Anniversary commemoration in 2013



FEATURED SPEAKERS



Master of Ceremonies

Diane Carlson Evans, Founder Vietnam Women's Memorial

As a former Captain in the Army Nurse Corps who served in Vietnam in 1968 and 1969, Diane Carlson Evans had a profoundly personal interest in the recognition of women veterans. Working in surgical and burn units, her first-hand knowledge of the casualties of the Vietnam war and the sacrifices of the women who volunteered to leave the comforts of home to support their fighting brothers in a foreign land, led her on a ten year mission – during which she had to convince government agencies, Congress, journalists and the public that building a Vietnam Women's Memorial was a necessary part of the healing process for female war veterans.

Ms. Evans was the first woman in American history to spearhead a campaign to place a national monument in the nation's capital that recognized the contributions of military women to their country, as well as civilian women's patriotic service. The Vietnam Women's Memorial is an everlasting tribute to the 265,000 women who served during the Vietnam War.

She lives today in Helena, Montana with her husband, a Vietnam era veteran of the U.S. Army Medical Corps.



Welcome

Patricia Trap, Acting Superintendent National Mall and Memorial Parks

Since May, 2018, Patricia Trap (Patty), has been deeply honored to serve as the acting Superintendent of the National Mall and Memorial Parks. Graduating from Michigan State with a degree in park management, Patty began her NPS career as a law enforcement ranger at several parks including Grand Teton, Joshua Tree, Yellowstone, Mount Rainier and Lake Mead. Obtaining a Master's Degree in Landscape Architecture/Planning, she went on to hold permanent positions as a project manager at the Denver Service Center, than returning to senior level park management positions as Superintendent at Mesa Verde, Yucca House, Natural Bridges, Hovenweep, Salem Maritime, Saugus Ironworks. One of her principal duties is to hire, develop and grow great Park leaders.



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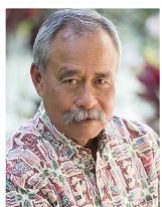


Salute to the Vietnam Women's Memorial Colonel A. Jane Carson, USA (Ret)

Amelia Jane Carson joined the US Army Nurse Corp in 1962 and served our country for 27 years. She served in a variety of positions to include Head Nurse, Chief Nurse, Section Supervisor, Personnel Management Officer in the Office of the Army Surgeon General and Office of the Inspector General. She retired in 1989 as a Colonel.

COL Carson volunteered to go to Vietnam because, as she states it, "our soldiers were there so that is where I needed to be".

In 1985, She joined the founder of what was then known as the Vietnam Women's Memorial Project, Diane Carlson Evans, in the grassroots effort to place a memorial on the National Mall to honor the service and sacrifice of the military and civilian women who served throughout the world during the Vietnam War. COL Carson was a member of the Board of Directors until 2003.



Salute to the Vietnam Women's Memorial, Allen Hoe, Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army

Allen Kale`iolani Hoe, a keiki`o ka`aina, descends from the ancient warrior chiefs of Hawaii, blended with ancestors of New England, California, Ireland, Scotland, England, Germany, China and Japan. He and wife Adele S. Cabos are the proud parents of sons, 1st Lt. Nainoa Kealiihokuhelelani Hoe, 3/21 Inf., 1/25 Infantry Division, who gave

his "last full measure of devotion" on 22 January 2005 in Mosul, Iraq; and SSG Nakoa Kealiimakanihoolua Hoe, Scout Platoon. 100th Bn 442nd Infantry. OIF.

Hoe is a combat veteran having served in the U.S. Army; Vietnam, 1967/68; earning the Combat Medics Badge, Purple Heart Medal & Bronze Star Medal; He served with the 196th Light Infantry Brigade, with the Recon Platoon, 2nd Battalion 1st Infantry Regiment; AMERICAL Division, 23rd Inf.

Allen Hoe currently serves as the Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army. He has served as a prominent member of many organizations dedicated to veterans' affairs, including the Department of Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee on the Readjustment of Veterans. Mr. Hoe is a Director on the Vietnam Women's Memorial Advisory Board.



SCULPTOR GLENNA GOODACRE

A Message from Glenna

My Dear Vietnam Women's Memorial
Friends,

I'm thrilled to congratulate you on the 25th anniversary of your memorial dedication in Washington. Illness prevents me from attending the celebration in person, but I am certainly there in spirit! I can't express how proud I am to have been a part of your remarkable accomplishments over the past decades. Inspiring so many veterans and visitors, the Vietnam Women's Memorial has been my most gratifying commission. I've received countless letters, snapshots, and notes about the Memorial—each one a precious gift. The response to my work is what a public art creator would hope for in her wildest dreams. My humble sculpture has helped to bring women veterans and women in general into the 21st Century as a force to be reckoned with!

My very best wishes to you all,



Glenna Goodacre is world-renowned, award winning sculptor and is one of a small number of independent artists to have her artwork minted on a U.S. circulated coin, the gold-colored Sacagawea dollar issued in 2000.



STORYTELLING

In Their Own Words: Storytelling at the Vietnam Women's Memorial

Join us every Veterans Day and Memorial Day to honor the service and experiences of Vietnam era women veterans. Women veterans, family members, and friends who were touched by that war gather to heal, connect, and share their powerful experiences in their own words.

Storytelling events are hosted by Eastern National, in coordination with the National Park Service and the Vietnam Women's Memorial Advisory Group.

To learn more about upcoming events and to hear stories from past participants visit www.vietnamwomensmemorial.org.



Attendees of past Storytelling events.

Securing the Legacy of the Vietnam Women's Memorial

In 2015, The Vietnam Women's Memorial Foundation board of directors entrusted Eastern National with its long-term goal to continue the legacy of the Vietnam Women's Memorial by honoring all the military and civilian Vietnam-era women who served, educating the public and facilitating research. Eastern National is proud to help share the important story of women who served around the world in the Vietnam era.

As the Chair of Eastern National's Board, George Minnucci shared, "We will always be mindful of the commitment the Foundation has shown in their efforts to preserve and promote the legacy of the military and civilian women who demonstrated selfless dedication to duty during the Vietnam era."

Learn more about Eastern National at easternnational.org



Lee Petty (left) and Nick Miano of Eastern National.



VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL FUND

A Message From Jim Knotts, President and CEO

On behalf of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, I'd like to congratulate the Vietnam Women's Memorial Advisory Board and Eastern National on 25 years of leading the efforts to recognize the contributions of military women to our country. We are pleased to be a partner in today's ceremony commemorating the 25th anniversary of the dedication of the Vietnam Women's Memorial.

The women who volunteered to serve during the Vietnam War played a crucial role and brought compassion to those they cared for and support to their fellow service members. Today, we'll hear stories of their service and be reminded about why we should honor all who serve and sacrifice in our nation's armed forces.

Since the dedication of The Wall in 1982 and along with the dedications of the Three Servicemen Statue, the Vietnam Women's Memorial and the In Memory plaque – all those who served and sacrificed in Vietnam are commemorated here. This is the place our nation has set aside to honor those who served and sacrificed in the Vietnam War. 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. As part of that mission, VVMF provides educational tours both at The Wall in D.C. and at The Wall That Heals sites across the country. Young students are always interested to learn about the roles that female service members played in Vietnam and hear about the eight women listed on The Wall.

The Wall was built on a promise to "never forget." You have our commitment that we will continue to engage visitors and work to ensure that current and future generations learn about the roles of women in Vietnam and why all service members should be recognized for their service and sacrifice.



Jim Knotts

President and CEO

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund

Veteran, Operation Desert Storm

The Women on the Wall



VVMF: THE WALL THAT HEALS

In 2018, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) unveiled an all-new The Wall That Heals exhibit that includes a three-quarter scale replica of The Wall that is 375 feet long and stands 7.5 feet tall at its highest point.

The Wall replica travels in a 53-foot trailer that transforms into a mobile Education Center which includes digital displays that are customized for the local area where the exhibit is on display. Visitors can see photos of local service members on The Wall as well as those who died after the war and have been inducted into VVMF's In Memory program. Displays also include items representative of those left at The Wall in Washington, D.C. as well as a timeline of "The War and The Wall" and a map of Vietnam. As part of VVMF's mission to ensure that current and future generations understand the impact of the Vietnam War and era, VVMF staff are available to give guided tours of the exhibit to school and community groups when it's on display.

The 2018 tour is wrapping up in Franklinton, Louisiana on November 18th and our 2019 tour schedule will be released shortly. We hope you'll come out and join us at a The Wall That Heals stop next year.

For more information on The Wall That Heals, please visit: www.vvmf.org/twth.



VVMF: IN MEMORY

WAS YOUR VIETNAM VETERAN'S LIFE CUT SHORT AFTER THEY RETURNED HOME?

Since the Vietnam War ended, thousands of Vietnam veterans have died each year due to Agent Orange exposure, PTSD/suicide, cancer and other causes related to their service. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund's (VVMF) In Memory program honors those who returned home from Vietnam and later died.



The plaque on the grounds of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial site in Washington, D.C. that honors these veterans was dedicated in 2004. It reads: 'In Memory of the men and women who served in the Vietnam War and later died as a result of their service. We honor and remember their sacrifice.'

Applications are now being accepted for Vietnam veterans to be honored at the 2019 In Memory ceremony where each honoree's name will be read aloud. Through a simple application process, you can have your loved one honored – at no cost to you. In Memory is possible because of VVMF's generous supporters.

More than 3,600 veterans have been added to the In Memory Honor Roll since the program began.

To see all the honorees and learn more about the program and how to apply, please visit: www.vvmf.org/inmemory.



Vietnam Women's Memorial

The continued stewardship of the Vietnam Women's Memorial and its mission to honor the legacy women veterans in the Vietnam era is made possible by Eastern National and the National Park Service. Storytelling Programs are held each Veterans Day and Memorial Day at the Vietnam Women's Memorial on the National Mall. To learn more about the memorial, its educational programs, and research on women who served during the Vietnam era, please visit:

www.vietnamwomensmemorial.org.

To learn more about the founding of the Vietnam Women's Memorial, please visit:
www.dianecarlson-evans.com

To donate to support programs at the Vietnam Women's Memorial, please write to:

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The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund and the National Park Service have co-sponsored observances on Memorial Day and Veterans Day at The Wall every year since its dedication in 1982.



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