

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Foundation Builds Wall of Faces

Madison, WI -- The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Foundation project "Faces Never Forgotten" needs help obtaining missing photos of Vietnam veterans from Wisconsin. These photos will help complete an electronic "Wall of Faces" in the new education center at the Vietnam Memorial Wall.

The Wisconsin Newspaper Association is collecting the photos from member newspapers and is providing missing photos to the VVMF as they are received. WNA is the first state newspaper association to lead this effort. Help us complete a great tribute to our veterans that can be emulated by other state associations.

Mayville publisher Andrew Johnson, who lost a son in Afghanistan in January, 2012, is leading the effort to involve local newspapers in obtaining photos of soldiers for the digital wall. He is also the National Newspaper Association (NNA) Region 6 Director, representing the interests on community newspapers on a national level. While attending meetings in Washington, he learned about the new Education Center at the Vietnam Memorial Wall which will contain the electronic 'Wall of Faces' corresponding to the names on the wall. So far, the VVMF has collection 34,000 of the photos needed and still needs to find approximately 24,000 more. More information about this project can be found at www.vvmf.org.

The WNA has contacted each state newspaper with names and identifying information, asking for photo submissions at a local level for those missing from the wall. They have received dozens of responses. In addition, some newspapers have published articles about the effort, prompting members of the public to submit dozens more directly to the wall. We are hoping to continue and strengthen the effort to locate missing Wisconsin soldiers' photos.

Please check the wall's website for friends and loved ones, and help with the effort to supply faces, that they may be "Never Forgotten". Simply go to <http://www.vvmf.org/Wall-of-Faces/> and search for a name. Submit digital photos, or send to your local newspaper for submission. Johnson adds:

I am asking every newspaper association and newspaper in the United States to join in the effort in finding the missing photos of our hero's listed on the Vietnam Memorial Wall starting this Memorial Day.

We want to get the photos to VVMF by November 11, 2014 or Veteran's Day. It is the very least we can do to show our honor and love for these American soldiers. - Andrew Johnson

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