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By Ray Luttig—The Washington Post
Vietnam Veterans Memorial designer Maya Ying Lin at meeting yesterday.

Vietnam Memorial Changes Clear Last Major Hurdle

By Benjamin Forgey
Washington Post Staff Writer

The Commission of Fine Arts yesterday unanimously approved the addition of a flagpole and a sculpture of three infantrymen to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Constitution Gardens, but demanded that the proposed locations for the added elements be changed.

Approval of the additions by the commission was the last major legal hurdle for proponents of changes in the controversial memorial.

The sculpture should not be allowed to "shiver naked out there in the field," said commission chairman J. Carter Brown, referring to its proposed location in an open area approximately 170 feet from the apex of the angle formed by the long walls of black granite in Maya Ying Lin's

original, competition-winning design.

Instead, Brown proposed that the flagpole, sculpture and third proposed element—an alphabetical "locator" for the names of the American war dead that are engraved in chronological order of their deaths upon the walls of the nearly completed V-shaped memorial—be grouped together in a different location to "help enhance the entrance experience of the memorial."

"We're feeling very positive," commented Jan Scruggs, president of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, immediately after the vote, which came at the end of a long, intense afternoon session conducted before an overflow crowd of more than 200 in the Cash Room of the Treasury Department. "We got the

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By Ray Lustig—The Washington Post

Edward Durell Stone Jr., left, and John S. Chase, members of Commission of Fine Arts, inspect model of sculpture whose addition to memorial was cleared yesterday.



J. CARTER BROWN

...proposes new location for additions



FREDERICK HART

...sculptor calls decision "Solomon-like"

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Vietnam Vets' Memorial Design Changes Cleared

MEMORIAL, From A1

essential approvals that we wanted—the flag and the statue,” he said, “and now we can begin the process of getting Vietnam veterans moving behind the memorial again.”

Donald Paul Hodel, undersecretary of the Interior, testified before the seven-member commission that the department would grant a permit to dedicate the memorial only if “the compromise design is approved.” After the meeting, in spite of the conditions attached to the commission’s approval, Hodel said that “it looks good for the dedication—we’re very pleased and would like to commend the commission for its work.”

Maya Lin’s reaction to the change in location was, she said, “relief, in a small sense.” The young designer, who won the competition for the memorial while an undergraduate student at Yale University, said she was most concerned that the new elements “not interrupt the memorial.” “I don’t know where they will end up,” she continued, “but care will have to be taken so you don’t have three isolated elements floating in space.”

Frederick Hart, sculptor of the statue, called the commission’s decision “Solomon-like” in an interview with the Associated Press.

In his remarks prior to the vote, Brown suggested that a “natural entrance” to the memorial, and therefore presumably a location the commission would favor for the cluster of additions, is near the western end of the memorial wall—a location nearer to the Lincoln Memorial than the proposed site—and not in direct line with the wall itself.

Brown said the commission could consider a revised proposal from the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund for grouping the three elements at its next regular meeting on Nov. 10, which is the opening date of a five-day National Salute to Vietnam Veterans to take place in Washington. Commission member Walter Netsch said the commission would be willing to call a special session to consider an alternative proposal on the location of the new elements. The proposed additions will be considered by the National Capital Planning Commission on Oct. 21.

Lin’s original design, selected by a jury from more than 1,400 entries to the competition, foresaw the walls rising gradually from the ground in the glade near the Lincoln Memorial to a height of 10 feet at the apex.

The additions were a compromise worked out in sessions sponsored early this year by Sen. John W. Warner (R-Va.), after considerable discontent with Lin’s design surfaced among veterans’ groups. This compromise plan placed the flag behind the walls about 40 feet from the apex and put the sculpture in the glade in front of the walls, about 170 feet away from the angle.

A parade of witnesses expressed passionate approval of the design changes at equally passionate opposition at the commission meeting yesterday before the decision was reached. The meeting was interrupted at dusk as the commission members were whisked by van to visit the memorial site, where eight-foot-high Styrofoam mockups of Hart’s statue had been placed in the glade. The dramatic vote was taken when the commission returned from this trip through the rainy streets.

Rep. Don Bailey (D-Pa.), a combat officer in Vietnam, appeared before the commission to plead for the inclusion of Hart’s statue and the flag. “You had to have a reason why you were going to tell a kid to do something that might take his life,” he said, “and that is what that flag and that statue represent to us.” Many other witnesses, some representing national veterans groups, echoed these sentiments.

Most of the witnesses who opposed the changes in the design did so on esthetic grounds. “Esthetics alone matters here today,” said Michael Straight, a World War II bomber pilot and former deputy chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts, who testified that the two concepts—Lin’s abstract walls and Hart’s realistic sculpture—“cannot be melded.”

Robert M. Lawrence, president of the American Institute of Architects, protested that the proposed change “is not a modification [of] or an addition to the original competition-winning design. It is a new design altogether . . . We should not allow a patched-up, modified, compromised memorial to be built.”

When the day was done it turned out that the commission agreed, up to a point. “We wanted to clear those elements out of interfering with the experience” of the memorial as Lin had designed it, Brown said. “We wanted something that pleased all Americans, not just a group of veterans, although we recognized the need for healing and recognition and all of that. But it was up to us to take the long view.”

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 3, 1983

Miss Rosemary Christian
8729 Caswell Road
Byron, N. Y. 14422

Dear Miss Christian:

Your letter telling of the fund raising to send your gold star parents to see the Vietnam Veterans Memorial was very heart warming. On behalf of the President, I want to thank you for taking the initiative to arrange this trip for them.

We do not have adequate staff at the White House to assist your group when they arrive. However, we have arranged with the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund to have two of their officers meet you at the site and point out the names of the boys from your community who lost their lives.

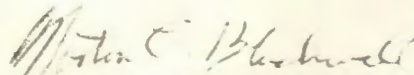
I have sent a copy of your list and letter to the Memorial Fund. I would suggest you write or call Karen Bigelow. Her telephone number is (202) 659-2490. Her address is:

1110 Vermont Avenue
Suite 308
Washington, D. C. 20005

Karen can give you the names of the escorts and arrange with you where and when to meet them. At that time they can answer any questions the group has about further work at the Memorial and what else to see in Washington.

Again, congratulations to a really caring community.

Sincerely,



Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

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I certainly would appreciate any help you can give me to make this trip memorable.

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Karen 6 59-24 90 Fund
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will try to get
someone to call

Schedule: March 12th

6:15am Breakfast - Holiday Inn

7:00 Leave Batavia

8:45 Leave Buffalo Airport

9:43 Arrive in Washington, DC.

March 13th

5:50pm Leave Washington, D.C.

7:40 Arrive in Buffalo

9:30 Arrive at Holiday Inn, Batavia

Tribute list of Vietnam Veterans

Attica

Sp.4 Thomas Beglinger
Pfc. Patrick Fitzgerald
CPL Walter Brooks
CPL Carl Smith

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Pfc. Richard Laird
st Lt. Donald R. Judd

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CPL Gary Doctor

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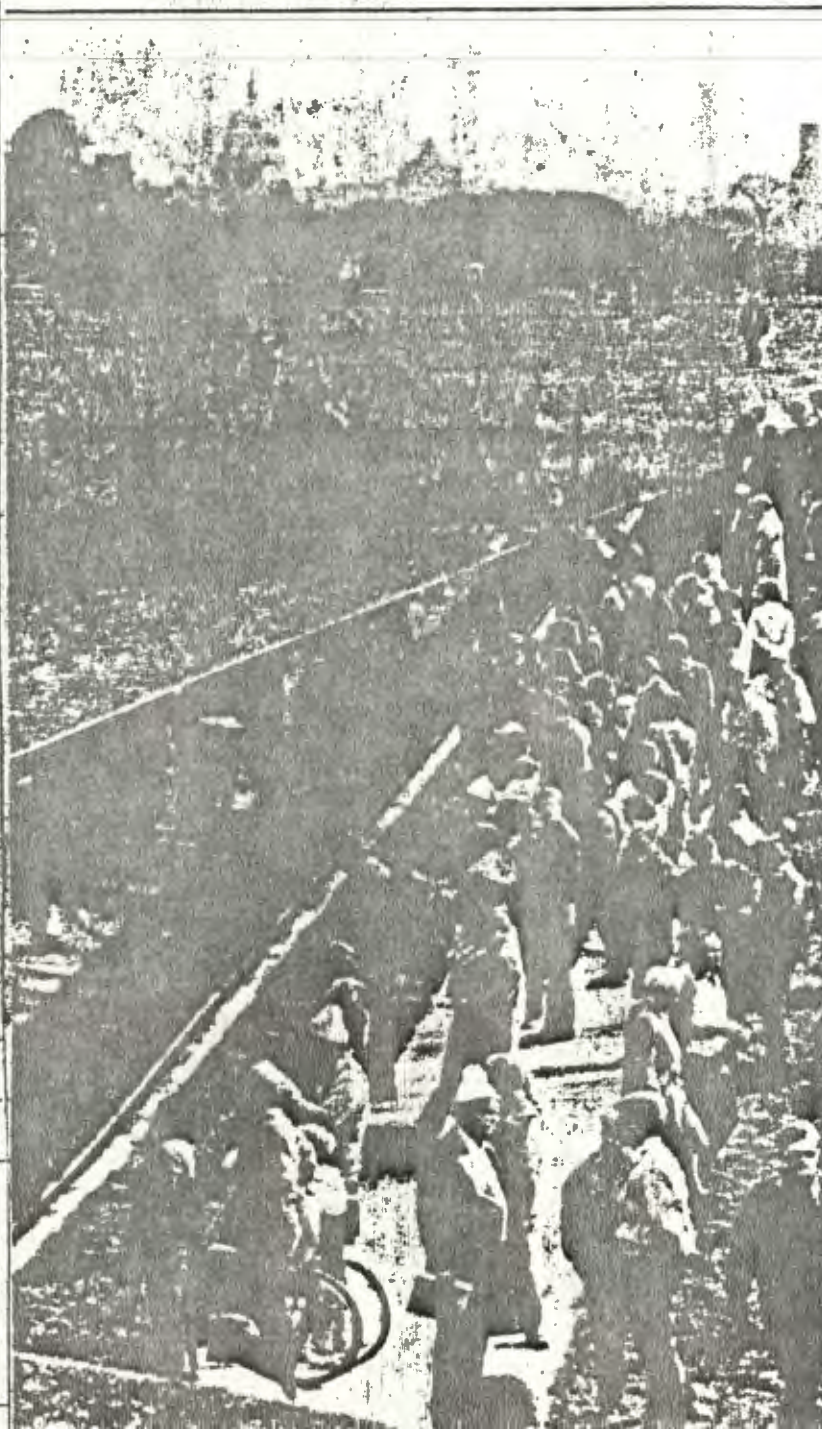
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Corfu

Pfc. Clifford Logsdon



Darien Center

HN Thomas Welker
East Bethany
Pvt. Harold Nadeau

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Sp.4 George Fry

Indian Falls

Sp.4 Clarence J. Hall

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Please help us with our fund drive to send 38 parents of fallen Viet Nam Veterans to the Viet Nam monument in Washington, D.C. in March 1983.

Contributions may be deposited into the Viet Nam Veteran Special Tribute Fund at any of the following area banks:

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In Batavia: M & T Bank

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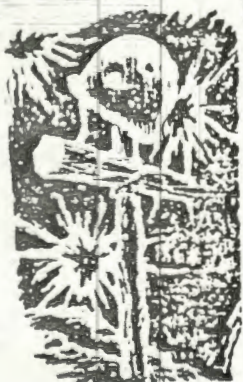
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In Corfu:

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NOW ALL WE NEED IS YOU.....



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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

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February 1, 1983

Mrs. Helen Scharf
Chairman
National Capital Planning Commission
1325 G Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20576

Dear Madame Chairman:

On behalf of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF), we are submitting under separate cover three (3) option site plans for the location of the sculpture and flag staff additions to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

We have reviewed and approved all three of these proposed options. We would appreciate the Commission's review of these design refinements at your earliest convenience.

As you may be aware, we strongly endorsed the original submission by VVMF in testimony before the Commission of Fine Arts on October 13, 1982. This original submission is included in the three options being forwarded for your Commission's consideration. This so-called Bailey option for placement of the statue and flag staff fully meets the commitment we made to reach a compromise on this issue. We believe that this option truly honors all those who served their Nation in the Vietnam War. We respectfully request that the Commission consider the heartfelt views of Vietnam veterans when reviewing the aesthetic and architectural concerns over placement of these elements at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

Thank you for your and the Commission's continued cooperation and interest in this extremely important matter.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
SECRETARY



United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

February 1, 1983

Mr. J. Carter Brown
Chairman
Commission of Fine Arts
708 Jackson Place
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Mr. Chairman:

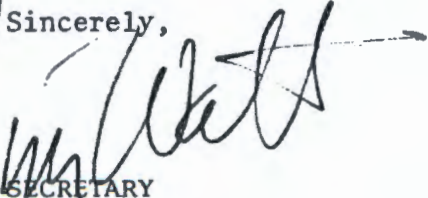
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We have reviewed and approved all three of these proposed options. We would appreciate the Commission's review of these design refinements at its meeting on February 8, 1983.

As you are aware, we strongly endorsed and supported the original submission by the VVMF in testimony before your Commission on October 13, 1982. This original submission is resubmitted to the Commission as the so-called Bailey option. We feel that this option for placement of the statue and flag staff fully meets the commitment to reach a compromise on this issue. We believe that this option truly honors all those who served their Nation in the Vietnam War. We continue to act in good faith in this endeavor and request that the Commission not overlook the feelings of Vietnam veterans in consideration of aesthetic and architectural concerns.

Thank you for your and the Commission's continued cooperation and interest in this extremely important matter.

Sincerely,



SECRETARY



THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON

February 1, 1983

Honorable Charles McC. Mathias, Jr.
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Honorable John W. Warner
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

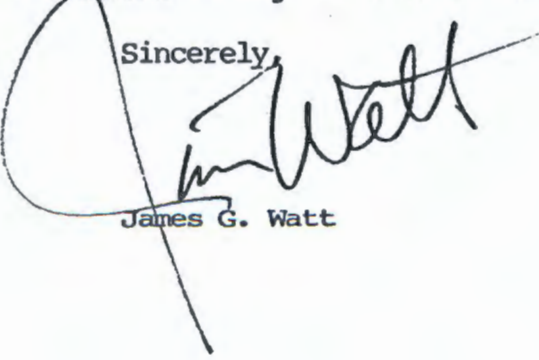
Dear Mac and John:

Thank you again for creating the political consensus that will allow us to move to the final phase of the establishment of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. You have played a critical role in bringing together all of the interests of this matter.

As you know from our private conversations, I have faithfully refrained from inserting my personal views on the decision as to the design or placement of the memorial features. Rather, I have simply sought to present the consensus point of view.

I am following your suggestions and those of my Committee Chairman, Morris Udall, in presenting options to the Commission on Fine Arts and the National Capital Planning Commission. It is my hope that they will resolve the issues dealing with the location of the flag and statue in a manner that will find satisfaction to all those veteran groups and other interested Americans who want to memorialize those who lived as well as died on behalf of America during the Vietnam conflict.

Sincerely,


James G. Watt

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

January 11, 1983

The Honorable James G. Watt
Secretary
Department of the Interior
18th and C Streets, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Mr. Secretary:

We appreciate your meeting with us recently regarding the addition of the sculpture and flag staff to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

As we discussed, it is in the best interest of all parties, including the Administration, the Veterans community, the arts community, and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, to resolve this matter as expeditiously as possible. One course of action suggested in our meeting -- to submit a number of options to the Commission on Fine Arts (CFA) for consideration -- appears to be reasonable and advantageous for all. In this regard, we have requested the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) to forward to you two proposals, in addition to that of December 8th, for locating the sculpture and the flag staff. VVMF has indicated its willingness to comply with our request and we understand that the two additional options will be forwarded to you shortly.

One of the two additional options will be that proposed by former Congressman Donald Bailey and his associates. The second option will be one suggested and supported by the American Institute of Architects. The VVMF proposal of December 8th is, we are advised, supported by the major veterans' organizations who helped raise the funds for the Memorial.

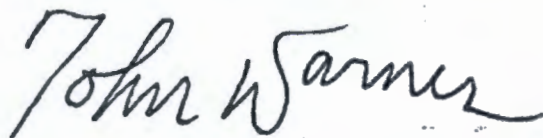
It is inevitable that on matters of aesthetics reasonable persons may disagree, which is the situation at hand. There is general consensus, however, on the appropriateness of adding the sculpture and flag staff to the memorial site; we strongly support this consensus. The three proposals represent a range of opinions as to the most appropriate locations for these elements. We believe that consideration of all three options by the Commission on Fine Arts, one of the governmental entities mandated to consider these matters, in an open public meeting is the best way for all opinions to be heard. Our support for this course of action is conditional on your approving and forwarding to the Commission on Fine Arts all three VVMF proposals as a set of options.

The Honorable James G. Watt
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The process established for determining appropriate designs and locations for public monuments has worked well over the years. The experience of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial has shown the strength and adequacy of that process. We are confident that it will expeditiously resolve the difficult questions before us.

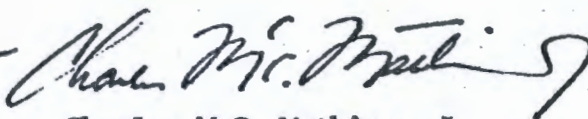
It was deeply moving to see the positive response of the American people to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial during the National Salute to Vietnam Veterans and the dedication ceremony. It is incumbent upon us to put these remaining questions to rest so that all the good feeling engendered by these events will not be diminished.

With best wishes,



John W. Warner
United States Senator

Sincerely,



Charles McC. Mathias, Jr.
United States Senator

Changes in IRS code

that would clarify & make
more easy the instructions on
grants to lobbying - changing
also at Treasury

- Honorary Co Chairmen -
of Events

Wed Nov 10 -

10am Natl Cathedral Candlelight
Vigil round the clock reading
of 58,000 names on the memorial
till Friday

8 PM - Constitution Hall.

afterward Cant party A.L. is
going to present money to VV Mem Fund.
large percentage of wives & parents

Nov 11 2 - 9pm - Unit ^{all day Friday} ~~Memorial~~
at Sheraton Wash, Capital Hilton
Hotel Wash & Mayflower.

8 P.M. Veterans Day Concert
U.S. Army Band Departmental Auditorium
open to public.

Nov 12 ^{Friday} - 3 P.M. to 8 P.M.

Hubert Humphrey Bldg. Gold
Star Open House - Gold Star
matrons + VV M F
open ^{house} for families for those
missing + killed in Vietnam

Sat Nov 13 - 10 am to 12:30

Welcome Home parade
250,000 thousand people
down Constitution Ave.
special seating for V.I.Ps.

2:30 dedication of memorial
Constitution Gardens adjacent
to Lincoln Memorial

Nov 14 Sun Nationwide
religious services in Wash
Natl Cathedral 11 am
Eucharistic religious services
prayer for veterans & reconciliation
of all divisions caused by Vietnam War

August, 1982

NATIONAL SALUTE TO VIETNAM VETERANS
November 10 - 14, 1982
Washington, D.C.

Wednesday, November 10

- 10 am - 4 pm Friday, Nov. 12. Candlelight Vigil
Round-the-clock reading of the nearly 58,000 names of those killed or missing in Vietnam. National Cathedral, Wisconsin and Massachusetts Avenues, N.W.
- 8 pm Entertainer's Show
DAR Constitution Hall, 1776 D Street, N.W.

Thursday, November 11, Veterans Day

- 12 am - 7 am; 10 am - midnight. Vigil continues
- 11 am Veterans Day Ceremony, Arlington Cemetery
(Hosted by the Veterans Administration and the Congressional Medal of Honor Society)
- 2 pm - 9 pm Unit Reunion Registration. (Army: Brigade or Division; Marines: Regiment; Navy: Ship or Detachment; Air Force: Wing Level; Coast Guard: Squadron)
Exhibit Hall C, Sheraton Washington Hotel, 2660 Woodley Road, N.W. (Woodley Park-Zoo Metro stop; Red Line) and satellite areas to be announced later
- 8pm Veterans Day Concert, U.S. Army Band
Col. Eugene Allen, USA, Leader-Conductor; Free to Public
Departmental Auditorium, between 12th and 14th, Constitution Avenue, N.W.

Friday, November 12

- 12 am - 7 am; 10 am - 4 pm. Vigil continues
- 9 am - 9 pm Unit Reunion Registration continues
- 10 am - 6 pm Veterans Organizations Welcoming Programs
 - All day programs sponsored by veterans organizations and military related associations. Schedule of times and locations available later.
 - Open House for Families
3 pm - 8 pm. Sheraton Ballroom, Sheraton Washington Hotel. Open house for families of those killed and missing in Vietnam. Hostesses: American Gold Star Mothers.
- 6 pm - 12 am Veterans Organizations Receptions

Saturday, November 13

- 10 am - 12:30 pm Parade in Tribute to Vietnam Veterans
Vietnam veterans, military contingents and others march by state down Constitution Avenue toward the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.
- 2 pm - 8 pm Activities to be announced.

Sunday, November 14

- Nationwide Religious Services and prayers in remembrance and honor of all Americans who served in Vietnam. In Washington, D.C., at the National Cathedral, Wisconsin and Massachusetts Avenues, N.W., an 11 am Eucharist service that will remember all veterans and pray for the reconciliation of divisions in our nation caused by the Vietnam war.

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October 28, 1982

The National Salute to the Vietnam Veterans is a proud and overdue occasion that presents all Americans with an opportunity to reaffirm their heartfelt gratitude for the courage and devotion of the men and women who served this nation at a time of great trial and uncertainty.

The Vietnam conflict is an important and lasting part of the history of our country, and it will always remind us of the dedication of the young Americans who left their homes and families to defend freedom under difficult circumstances. They have earned the undying esteem and respect of all thoughtful and freedom-loving Americans for their overriding devotion and sense of duty to our nation.

This country will always be deeply thankful for the inspiring demonstration of valor repeatedly displayed in the distinguished performance of their duties by those who served in this struggle. This National Salute expresses only part of what America feels, but it is significant for the breadth and depth of support shown by so many who have joined to make this week meaningful and lasting.

To those who answered their nation's call, to those injured in the conflict, and to those who are no longer with us to share this occasion, we reach out with honor and aching hearts for their sacrifices and their willingness to risk everything to be faithful to this land they loved. As National Honorary Co-Chairmen of this project, we welcome your participation in the programs and events which will allow each of us in a small but important way to show our loyalty in return to America's Vietnam Veterans.

NANCY REAGAN

RONALD REAGAN

Sent to:

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Vietnam Veterans Memorial
Fund
110 Vermont Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005

Call when signed to have picked up: 659-2490/790-5500/
845-0861.

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cc: K.Osborne/D.Livingston/E.Hickey/M.Blackwell/CF

DUE: OCT. 27 -- EVENT: NOV. 10



Dear Friend:

At last! The day we've all been waiting for -- the time when our fellow Americans who served in the Vietnam war get their deserved thanks from a grateful nation -- is almost here. Thanks to your generous support and that of nearly half a million other caring and patriotic individuals, we are well on our way to seeing our dream of a national Vietnam Veterans Memorial become a reality.

I know you haven't heard from us for awhile, so I'd like to take this opportunity to give you a progress report on the construction of the memorial you helped build. In addition, I'd like to tell you about an exciting event to honor our Vietnam veterans that will take place in Washington, D.C. in November. Please read on for the details ...

On March 26, 1982, ground was broken for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in a moving ceremony with 123 Vietnam veterans (representing all 50 states) and dignitaries simultaneously turning spadefuls of earth along the chevron-shaped outline of the future memorial. We were able to break ground at that time because of the heartwarming and generous response from many of you to our most recent mailing. Thanks again!

Since then, progress has been swift:

- * the earth was excavated immediately after groundbreaking
- * the granite was cut and polished in Barre, Vermont
- * the memorial shape was cut out of the earth and a storm drainage system was built
- * On July 1, VVMF announced it had selected Frederick Hart (the highest ranking sculptor (third place) in our national design competition) to design the sculpture for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial
- * the concrete walls and base of the memorial were completed on July 7
- * inscription of the nearly 58,000 names of those killed and missing began in Memphis, Tennessee (using a specially designed photo stencil method) in early July

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purposes of identification only

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc.

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- * On July 21, the first inscribed panel bearing the names of 665 individuals was unveiled on the memorial site with local families whose sons' names appeared on the panel in attendance.

I don't have to tell you how exciting this is for all of us at the Fund. We are especially grateful to the American people for answering our call for help. I know you'll be proud to see this beautiful memorial when it's finished, which it will be (except for the statue) by the first of November. Here's what we still have to do: we are continuing to install inscribed granite panels on the memorial walls; in September we will begin landscaping activities. In early October we hope to begin sodding the memorial grounds and finish planting the trees. By November 1, we expect to have all the inscribed panels installed and all construction complete.

Now that I've brought you up to time in November, let me tell you about the big event that will take place then. As you know, the purpose of our national memorial is to honor all Americans who served in the Vietnam war. Therefore, to celebrate the memorial's purpose and progress, we are sponsoring a National Salute to Vietnam Veterans. Scheduled for November 10 through 14, in Washington, D.C., it features entertainment (with Jimmy Stewart as Master of Ceremonies!); military unit reunions for Vietnam veterans; a candlelight vigil to remember those who died and remain missing; a parade in tribute to veterans of that war; and nationwide religious services in honor of all who served in Vietnam. A schedule of events is enclosed for your review.

An important component of our National Salute are the religious services we hope will be scheduled throughout the nation during the weekend of November 12-14, 1982. But to be successful, we need your help. We've already contacted the religious leaders of America to ask them to encourage their members to hold special services and prayers for those who served in Vietnam. To make sure your place of worship participates, ask that a special time be reserved for services and activities from November 10 to 14, to remember our fellow Americans who answered their country's call to duty during the Vietnam war.

Enclosed in this package is some information that I believe will be of interest to you. First, besides the schedule of events for National Salute Week, you'll find a form for unit reunions/registration and information about the parade for Vietnam veterans (so you can pre-register). Second, we'd really like to know if you will be able to participate in this historically important event, so we've enclosed a response card that asks a few questions. (Please send this to us if you are coming (or want to buy a Souvenir Program) and tell us where you will be staying.) The enclosed list of hotels (many of them giving super-discount rates for National Salute attendees) should help you make accommodations.

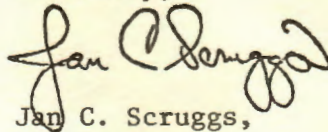
Finally, you'll find a brochure that describes official VVMF souvenir items -- made of the same beautiful granite that forms the mirror-like face of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. We know many of you will wish to have a memento of the memorial stone that will honor forever those Americans who served in the Vietnam war.

This will be our last written report to you, our special donors, who have made the memorial possible. To see the fruits of your efforts, we hope you will join us for the National Salute to Vietnam Veterans in the nation's capital in November. Even though the memorial won't be officially dedicated at that time (it can't be until the flag and bronze statue are in place), the memorial will be "open" and you will be able to visit it and find a name of a lost loved one or friend on the inscribed walls. You'll also be able to see a model of the statue that will become a part of the memorial.

The dream I had -- the dream many of us had -- three years ago is about to become a reality, thanks to you. You can be very proud of the part you have played in building this long overdue tribute to all who served in the Vietnam war.

On behalf of all of us at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, I wish to thank you again. May God Bless You for your caring and for your gifts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jan C. Scruggs", written in a cursive style.

Jan C. Scruggs,
President

P.S. No doubt many of you would like to participate in or attend the vigil. If so, please call VVMF for additional details, (202) 659-2490 or (202) 659-9740. See you in November!

JCS/rm

Hotel	Address	Phone	Single Occup.	Double Room (2 per.)	Triple Room (3 per.)	Special NSVV Rates Single/Double
Presidential Gardens Hotel*	Mt. Vernon Ave. & Russell Rd., Alexandria, VA 22305	836-4400	32.00	36.00	40.00	
Presidential Hotel	900 19th St., NW 20006	331-9020	28.00	36.00	50.00	
*Quality Inn-Central**	1190 N. Courthouse Rd., Arlington, VA 22201	524-4000	35.00-59.00	42.00-66.00	49.00-73.00	35.00-35.00
Quality Inn-Iwo Jima*	1501 Arlington Blvd., Arlington, VA 22209	524-5000	37.00-60.00	41.00-60.00	65.00	
*Quality Inn-Leesburg	1100 Club House Dr., Leesburg, VA 22075	777-1910				35.00-35.00
*Quality Inn-Pentagon City**	300 Army Navy Dr., Arlington, VA 22202	892-4100	61.00-69.00	69.00-77.00	74.00-82.00	40.00-40.00
Ramada Inn-Calverton**	4050 Powder Mill Rd., Beltsville, MD 20705	572-7100	46.00	51.00	56.00	
*Rockville Town Centre Inn**	254 N. Washington St., Rockville, MD 20850	424-0100	43.00-48.00	51.00-53.00	58.00-68.00	33.00-37.00
*Rosslyn Westpark (Best Western)**	1900 N. Ft. Myer Dr., Arlington, VA 22209	527-4814	59.00-85.00	65.00-75.00	70.00-80.00	40.00-40.00
*Sheraton Hotel & Exhibition Center**	8500 Annapolis Rd., New Carrollton, MD 20784	459-6700	47.00-55.00	53.00-61.00	53.00-81.00	39.00-39.00
*Sheraton Inn-Washington-NW**	8727 Colesville Rd., Silver Spring, MD 20910	589-5200	54.00-60.00	60.00-68.00	66.00-72.00	40.00-40.00
Sheraton Intl. Conference Center**	11810 Sunrise Valley Dr., Reston, VA 22091	620-9000	62.00-68.00	70.00-78.00	84.00-92.00	
*Sheraton National Hotel**	Columbia Pike & Washington Blvd., Arlington, VA 22202	521-1900	82.00-76.00	72.00-88.00	82.00-96.00	45.00-45.00
*Sheraton Potomac Inn**	Rte. 270 at Shady Grove Rd., Rockville, MD 20850	840-0200	60.00-70.00	72.00-82.00	84.00-94.00	
Springfield Hilton**	6550 Loisdale Rd., Springfield, VA 22150	971-8900	44.00-60.00	62.00-98.00	80.00-116.00	
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Washingtonian Hotel & Country Club	Rte. 270 at Shady Grove Rd., Gaithersburg, MD 20878	948-2200	38.00	38.00	40.00	
White House Motel*	9700 Lee Hwy., Fairfax, VA 22031	273-1160	29.00-32.00	32.00-37.00	37.00-42.00	

All addresses are Washington, D.C. unless otherwise noted. Area codes are: Washington, 202; Maryland, 301; Virginia, 703.

* Hotels giving special rates to National Salute attendees.

† All rooms are suites.

* Weekend packages available.

* Group rates available.

Washington, D.C.:

Getting Here

Distance and air time between Washington, D.C. and major American cities:

Auto Miles	Air Time	Auto Miles	Air Time
Atlanta 630	1:42	Los Angeles 2644	3:50
Boston 437	1:08	Miami 1105	2:09
Chicago 712	2:08	New Orleans 1099	2:20
Cleveland 351	1:07	New York 229	:50
Dallas 1372	3:47*	Salt Lake City 2111	4:30*
Denver 1696	4:20	Seattle 2748	4:30
Detroit 511	1:18	St. Louis 801	1:50
Kansas City ... 1048	3:00*		

*Time includes one stop en route

By Rail

Amtrak service from all points arrives here at historic Union Station near the U.S. Capitol Building. This is a connection point for Metro rapid rail with station stops in Washington, Virginia and Maryland. Amtrak, Suite 1301, 1000 Connecticut Avenue, N.W. 383-3067.

By Bus

Either Greyhound or Trailways will bring you into downtown Washington, D.C. Between the two major carriers, there is service nearly every half hour.

Greyhound 1110 New York Avenue N.W., (301) 565-2662

Continental Trailways 12th and New York Avenue N.W., 737-5800

By Air

The greater Washington area is served by three conveniently located major airports.

National Airport is located in Northern Virginia, 15-20 minutes from the center city. Limousine service to central hotels is approximately \$4.00 and cab fare is \$7.00. Information number at the airport: (703) 557-2045.

Baltimore Washington International Airport is located near Baltimore, Maryland, approximately an hour's drive from downtown Washington, D.C. Airport limousine service is in the \$8 range. Cab fare is up to the individual driver since there are no set fees. Negotiate fare ahead of time (\$40 range is average). Information number at the airport: (301) 859-7111.

Dulles International Airport is located in Chantilly, Virginia, 35-40 minutes from downtown Washington, D.C. Limousine service to downtown hotels is approximately \$8. Approximate taxi fare is in the \$28 range. Information number for the airport: (703) 471-7596.

Travel within the city is easy on the Metro (subway). Directions on how to use it will be available in your hotel room and at National Salute activities.

Taxis are plentiful and inexpensive. They operate on a zone system and not with meters. Rates begin at \$1.70. There is a \$.65 rush hour charge and \$.75 fee for each additional passenger. The D.C. Hack Bureau phone number: 727-5401.

Parking regulations are strictly enforced in the city of Washington, D.C. If your car is creating a serious safety hazard or impeding traffic, it may be towed to a city impoundment lot. Release of your vehicle may be obtained by a payment of a \$50 fee in cash, money order, credit card or personal check. Parking enforcement number: 727-5000.



★Hotels giving special rates to National Salute attendees.

NATIONAL SALUTE TO VIETNAM VETERANS
Washington, D.C. November 10 - 14, 1982

Unit Reunions/Registration

One of the highlights of the National Salute to Vietnam Veterans will be the opportunity to meet your buddies with whom you served in Vietnam but may not have seen since then. VVMF is providing a central location, at the Sheraton Washington Hotel (2600 Woodley Road, N.W.--Metro stop on the Red Line at Woodley Park - Zoo) for Vietnam veterans to register so they may locate one another during the National Salute. Computers are being used to assist in this important operation, and this registration system will be open from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday, November 11 (Veterans Day) and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday, November 12. To insure your name is entered, please pre-register!

In addition, we are contacting the associations of military units that served in Vietnam to encourage them to hold reunions during these two days for their members and others who served in the unit. These will be located in various hotels around the city. The time and place will be available at most hotels and at the Sheraton Washington (Exhibit Hall C).

To assist in locating your unit, you should go to the registration area that corresponds to your unit broken down in the following way:*
Army: Divisions and Brigades; Marines: Regiments; Navy: Ship and Detachments; Air Force: Wing Level; and Coast Guard.

At the unit reunion/registration area you will also receive information about National Salute activities; the Vietnam Veterans Memorial (including how to locate a name inscribed upon it); the various times and locations of veterans organizations' open houses; and the schedule for Vietnam military unit reunions sponsored by the respective associations.

It is extremely important that you REGISTER BY OCTOBER 20, 1982 so we can enter you into the unit reunion system. Fill out the form below and send it in the enclosed envelope to VVMF, 1110 Vermont Avenue, N.W., #308, Washington, D.C. 20005. Be sure to include where you are staying so others can find you during the National Salute. Thanks!

See you in November!

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ADDRESS _____ CITY _____
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DURING THE NATIONAL SALUTE, I WILL BE STAYING AT (ADDRESS & PHONE NO.):

FAMILY MEMBERS ACCOMPANYING ME (WHO & HOW MANY):

(Please complete the reverse side of this form if you are coming to the National Salute to Vietnam Veterans.)

NATIONAL SALUTE TO VIETNAM VETERANS
Washington, D.C. November 10 - 14, 1982

Tribute to Vietnam Veterans Parade

On November 13, 1982, a Tribute to Vietnam Veterans Parade will be held in Washington, D.C. on Constitution Avenue, between 7th and 17th Streets, N.W. The theme of the parade is "Marching Along Together Again" (i.e. Vietnam veterans marching together again, as well as a cross section of America marching with them).

This parade will feature large formations of Vietnam veterans, marching by state, supported by bands, floats, active duty military units, and groups of veterans from other wars. Highlights of the parade will include the participation of disabled Vietnam veterans, service organizations such as the American Red Cross and the U.S.O., massed colors and twenty-five Grand Marshals drawn from the ranks of Vietnam veterans in sports and show business, government, Vietnam Medal of Honor winners, and ranking officers and enlisted Vietnam veterans still on active duty.

Since the parade is being organized by states, each of the fifty-five governors (including territories) has been asked to appoint a single point of contact to handle National Salute matters, especially parade participation. In most cases, these individuals are the state Directors of Veterans Affairs.

The American Legion, V.F.W., AMVETS, and DAV have volunteered to help coordinate marchers and support groups that will appear in the parade. If you wish to participate in the parade, you should contact either the State Office of Veterans Affairs or the State Department of one of the above veterans organizations for specific information on state involvement in the parade.

If you have difficulty locating the person in charge in your state, contact K. Hunter, Parade Coordinator for the National Salute at (202) 659-2490.

The parade will begin at 10 a.m. and will continue through 12:30 p.m. Spectators will include Vietnam veterans, veterans of other wars, the families of those whose lives were lost in Vietnam, and the general public. At the end of the parade Vietnam veterans from among the spectators may fall in and march down Constitution Avenue toward the site of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

See you in November!

(Fill out only if you are coming to the National Salute to Vietnam Veterans)
YES! I plan to participate in the National Salute in November to honor and recognize our fellow Americans who served in Vietnam. I will be staying in Washington at (hotel name, address, and telephone number): _____

I'm arriving on (date): _____

Please help us help you by completing the following if it applies to you:

☐ I am a Vietnam veteran.

☐ A member of my family (name and relation: _____)
gave his life in Vietnam.

☐ I require special services: ☐ hearing impaired; ☐ sight impaired;
☐ wheelchair; ☐ other _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Complete and send in the enclosed envelope (don't forget to put a stamp on it) to:

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund
c/o NSVV
1110 Vermont Avenue, N.W., #308
Washington, D.C. 20005

☐ I won't be able to attend the National Salute, but I'd like to buy a Souvenir Program. Please send information about it.

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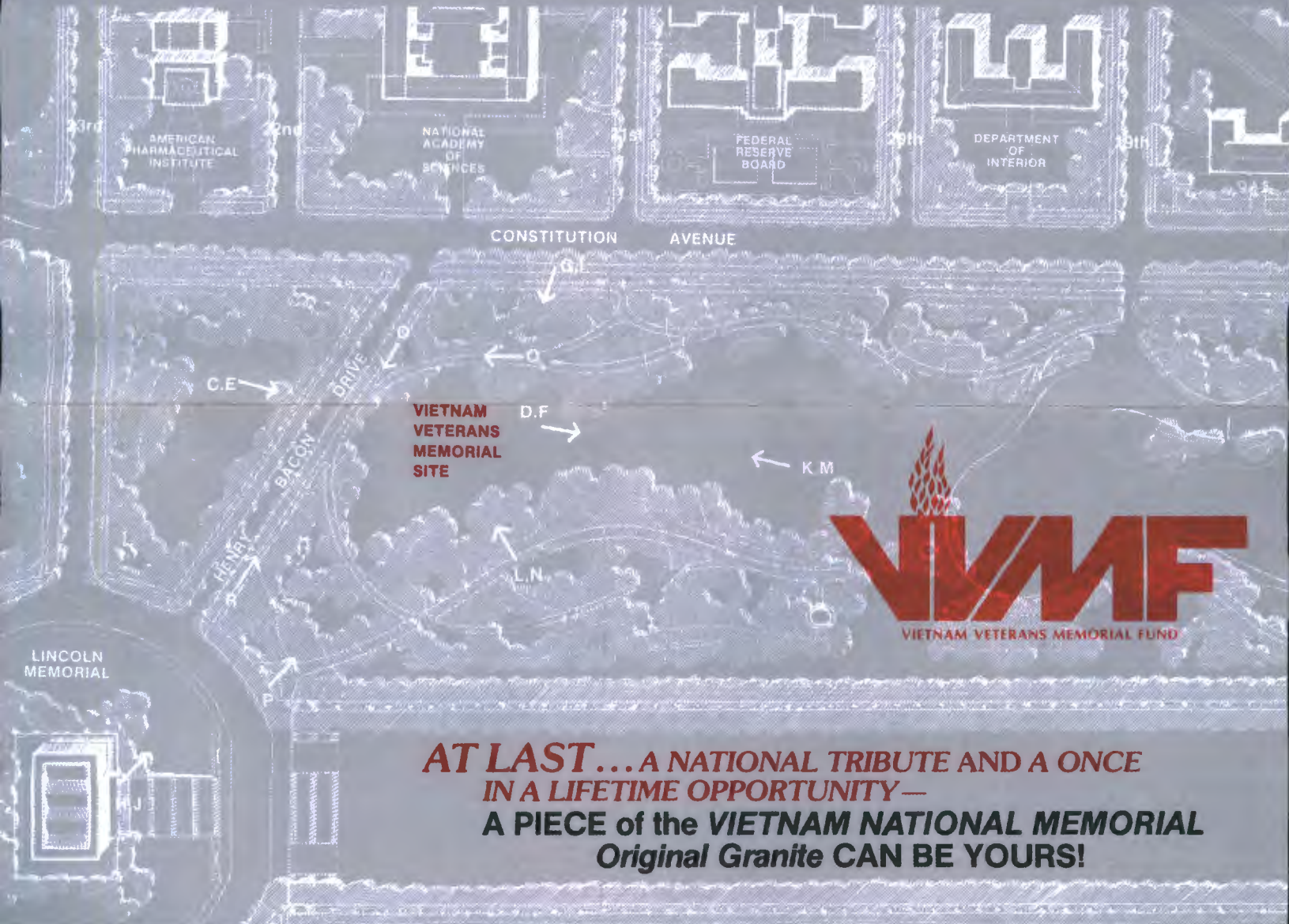
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Item A.

As suppliers of the black granite to be used in America's first and only National Vietnam Veterans Memorial, we are pleased and proud to make this unique offer to the loyal Americans who supported the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund.

Even now, as construction of the Memorial nears completion, our craftsmen in Vermont are cutting, polishing and engraving exquisite pieces of this black granite, which will be offered as mementos of the long-awaited Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

Imagine the joy you could give to the family or friend of a Vietnam veteran! Never in our history has there been such an outpouring of support for a national memorial—a memorial to the fine men and women who served their country proudly in Southeast Asia.

Because of your special relationship with the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, we felt that these limited edition souvenirs should be offered to you first.

Since we don't know how many items we'll be able to produce, we urge you to send in your order today because these beautiful mementos

will be sold on a "first come, first served" basis. Date of receipt of order will be the determining factor.

For the first time ever, the public has an opportunity to own a piece of the actual material used in a national memorial.

Don't miss this chance to have a lasting keepsake of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial being constructed now in Constitution Gardens, Washington, D.C.



Item B.



Item C.

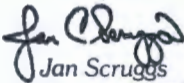
The mementos offered here carry the official endorsement of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund Committee.

Since a portion of the proceeds from each sale will go directly into a trust fund established to cover the maintenance costs of the memorial, you will also be contributing to the Fund.

Dear Fellow American:

I have endorsed this project as another way of keeping alive the spirit and memory of all Americans who served in Vietnam.

Rest assured that these quality mementos will be delivered to you in a timely manner.

Gratefully,

Jan Scruggs
President, VVMF



Item D.

TO ORDER:

Detach the order form on the back panel of this brochure... Complete the form and mail it along with your check or money order in the enclosed POSTAGE PAID envelope. If you prefer to charge your purchase, you must fill in the number and expiration date of your VISA or MASTERCARD charge and sign your name where indicated.

Item A.  \$15.00 + \$1.25 for postage & handling. A 3½" diameter black granite disc emblazoned with a decal depicting the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Constitution Gardens.	Item B.  \$25.00 + \$1.40 for postage & handling. A 4½" diameter black granite disc with an actual carved etching of an eternal flame, the logo of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Washington, D.C., 1982, is also engraved.	Item C.  \$40.00 plain/\$50.00 with name engraved + \$3.00 for postage & handling. A pen set which features a decal depicting the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. It can be personalized with any inscription, be it your name or that of a loved one who served.	Item D.  \$250.00 + \$7.00 for postage & handling. An 18" x 10" black granite panel which features an engraving of the memorial on the stone.
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VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL MEDALLIONS IS A PROJECT OF ROGAN GRANITINDUSTRIE
RR1, Box 18A, Chicago Heights, Illinois 60411



July 28, 1982

Dear Friend of the VVMF:

This has been a long and difficult project, but due to the volunteer efforts of people like you, the national Vietnam Veterans Memorial is now under construction. There have been some difficult times along the way, but you have always given freely of your time and energy in order to make this memorial a reality.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to a tour of the construction site for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial at 21st and Constitution Avenue.

The concrete backing for the memorial has been constructed and the granite walkway in front of the memorial is now being installed. Recently the first panel, displaying the names of 665 Americans killed in Vietnam, was set in place on the memorial.

I hope that you can attend our tour of the site on Saturday, August 7, 1982 at 12:00 noon. It will be good to see you again and to show you the results of your hard work on behalf of Vietnam veterans. Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP before August 6.

My best regards,

Sincerely,

Jan C. Scruggs
President

JCS/rm

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Dear Friend of the VVMF:

I look forward to seeing you at the site of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on Saturday August 7, 1982. I am writing to provide you with some further information on the site visit and an alternative date in case of rain.

You may come to the site at either 10:00 a.m. or 12:00 noon on August 7, 1982. In case of rain the site tour will be on August 8, 1982 at the same times. This will be a family affair, so please feel free to bring your spouse, children, boyfriend or girlfriend or whoever. Please dress informally and be sure not to wear dress shoes because the landscaping on the site has not yet been completed.

It will be good to show you the results of your hard work in helping to make the national Vietnam Veterans Memorial a reality. Please RSVP with the number of people that you will bring before August 6, 1982.

My best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Jan C. Scruggs
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SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

September 29, 1982

TO: WILLIAM K. SADLEIR, DIRECTOR
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

FROM: ELIZABETH H. DOLE

REQUEST: Participation by President and Mrs. Reagan in the National Salute to Vietnam Veterans candlelight vigil.

PURPOSE: To enable the President and Mrs. Reagan to light the candles, which will officially begin the three-day observance of National Salute to Vietnam Veterans. Additionally, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund would like to present Mrs. Reagan with an award for her outstanding service in assisting in the fund-raising drive and as a member of The National Sponsoring Committee.

BACKGROUND: The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund will be sponsoring The National Salute to Vietnam Veterans, which will take place in Washington, D.C. from November 10-14, 1982, is a national celebration to pay tribute to those who suffered during the Vietnam War. The highlight of the celebration is a candlelight vigil which will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 10, and continue through Friday. Event planners expect over 100,000 veterans, families of those who lost their lives or remain missing and others. Rather than visit the Mall and incur those attendant problems, it was felt a ceremony with a representative group in the Rose Garden would be preferred.

This is not the dedication ceremony for the monument.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: None.

DATE AND TIME: November 10, 1982 - 10:00 a.m. DURATION: 20 Mins.

LOCATION: Rose Garden

PARTICIPANTS: Representative group (300) of participants in the National Salute to Vietnam Veterans.

REGRET

Date

9/30/82

WKS

At to this format. We are trying to come up with another. Any suggestions?

OUTLINE OF EVENT: -- Presentation of award to Mrs. Reagan.
 -- Mrs. Reagan's acceptance remarks.
 -- Presidential remarks.
 -- Lighting of the vigil candles.

REMARKS RQUIRED: Brief acceptance remarks by Mrs. Reagan.
 Brief Presidential remarks.

MEDIA COVERAGE: Full press coverage.

RECOMMENDED BY: Elizabeth H. Dole, James Rosebush

OPPOSED BY: None.

PROJECT OFFICER: Morton Blackwell.



**VIETNAM
VETERANS
MEMORIAL
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September 14, 1982

Mrs. Ronald Reagan
Attn: James Rosebush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mrs. Reagan:

I am pleased to tell you our plans for the **National Salute to Vietnam Veterans** are progressing along very well. As you are probably aware, this national celebration will take place from November 10 to 14, 1982 in our nation's capital. At that time, we expect hundreds of thousands of Vietnam veterans, the families of those who gave their lives or remain missing, and others will gather in Washington for what will surely be among the largest, most patriotic, and moving tribute that our country has ever witnessed.

A special highlight of the National Salute is the **candlelight vigil that will begin at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, November 10 and continue, round-the-clock through Friday, November 12.**

As the wife of the Commander-in-Chief and an active member of our **National Sponsoring Committee**, we would like to invite you to light the first candle at the beginning of the vigil, to appropriately open our National Salute to Vietnam Veterans. We can think of no finer tribute to those we will remember during this vigil than to have you participate in this special opening ceremony.

You have been a great supporter of this long overdue memorial to Vietnam veterans and your assistance to our fund-raising drive was a tremendous boost to our campaign. Because of your support we have an award that we would be most pleased to present to you whenever your schedule allows. I do hope that we will have the opportunity to meet you and to present this award very soon.

We appreciate your continued support and hope to hear from you very soon.

My highest regard,

Sincerely,

Jan C. Scruggs
President

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 7, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR ELIZABETH H. DOLE

FROM: MORTON C. BLACKWELL 
SUBJECT: Vietnam Veterans Memorial Ceremonies

This morning Cooper Holt, Executive Director of the VFW, visited me to warn of potential problems at the mid-November ceremonies relating to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. The principal event is scheduled to be a candlelight vigil (at the National Cathedral) starting on the evening of November 10 and running through November 12 with a parade scheduled on Saturday, November 13. After the parade it is hoped there will be a formal dedication of the memorial.

You will recall that the original design was strongly opposed by a number of veterans organization leaders and that a compromise was reached whereby the original design was to be augmented by a flagpole for the American flag and a "heroic statue".

In a compromise, largely arranged by Senator Warner and Rep. Phil Crane, the Memorial Foundation, the national veterans groups, the opponents to the original design, Secretary Watt, the National Capital Planning Commission, and the Commission of Fine Arts, all agreed in principle to the addition of the flag and the statue.

Secretary Watt and the Memorial Foundation have submitted to the Fine Arts Commission and the National Capital Planning Commission the specifics regarding the flagpole and the statue. The veterans groups strongly support the design. The statue is excellent.

Pursuant to the compromise, Secretary Watt has informed the two commissions by letter that he will approve the formal dedication of the memorial on November 13 provided the two commissions approve the design. If the commissions do not approve the design, there will be no dedication. Jan Scruggs of the Memorial Foundation states that in that case he does not plan ceremonies at the site, even though the names of the war dead have now all been carved in the marble on the site.

Cooper Holt this morning advised me that he has strong indications that some of the smaller but radical veterans groups, such as Vietnam Veterans of America and Vietnam Veterans Against the War, may attempt to tear down the fence around the site and "dedicate" the site on November 13 anyway.

Holt strongly suggests that the White House contact Carter Brown of the Commission of Fine Arts to urge him to be sure the statue and flagpole design are approved at the meeting on October 13.

Holt says that the veterans organizations are prepared to give strong testimony in behalf of the compromise design but up to 75 architects are planning to give testimony to the Commission against the addition of the statue and the flag. Only strong urging from the White House can assure that the compromise design will be approved by the Commission of Fine Arts. He anticipates no problems from the National Capital Planning Commission.

It should be noted that the Commission of Fine Arts and the National Capital Planning Commission both approved, in principle, the addition of a statue and the flagpole before the ground breaking ceremony last March.

Jan Scruggs of the Memorial Foundation says the Vietnam Veterans Against the War have told him they intend to "respect the dignity" of the event and would be in the parade which will precede the scheduled "dedication". Cooper Holt has indications that radical elements would use a cancellation of the "dedication" as an excuse for a protest at the site on November 13. I suggest it would be appropriate for a senior staff member to privately contact Carter Brown on this topic. His telephone number is 566-1066.



United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

September 29, 1982

Mr. Jan C. Scruggs
President
Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund
1110 Vermont Avenue, N.W.
Suite 308
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Jan:

Thank you for your submission of September 23 which outlines the design plans and specifications for the sculpture and the flag staff to be added to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. These elements were agreed to in the compromise struck under the leadership of Senator John Warner.

Based upon the commitments made in March 1982 and our review of your submission, I enthusiastically approve your latest submission. The addition of a heroic sculpture and our flag to the site will transform the design into one which honors both those who served our country and those who made the ultimate sacrifice. We must not forget that our objective is to build a fitting monument to honor thousands of men and women who served their country in Vietnam. Design aesthetics are a secondary concern.

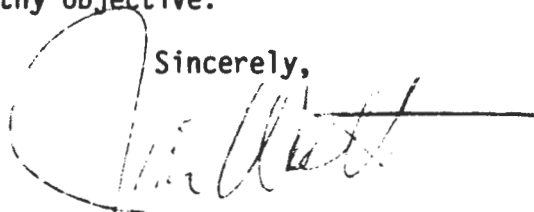
We have forwarded your submission and our approval to the National Capital Planning Commission and the Commission on Fine Arts for their review. Based on previous communications between my office and the Commissions, I have every reason to believe that your submission will receive timely approval from these entities. Be assured that I have committed the full weight of this Department to securing the necessary approvals for your latest submission.

I am also prepared to direct the National Park Service to issue the required permits for dedication of the memorial on November 11, 1982, if both Commissions approve the additions of the sculpture and the flag staff to the memorial at their scheduled October meetings.

Pursuant to the compromise struck last spring, it would be inappropriate to permit a dedication to proceed if either of these critical design elements were disapproved or located in such a fashion as not to have the wall, the flag, and the sculpture constitute a single memorial.

The men and women who served our country in Vietnam deserve a fitting memorial and I congratulate you on your organization's unstinting efforts to fulfill this worthy objective.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "J. Edgar Hoover", written over a horizontal line.

SECRETARY

cc: Senator John Warner
National Capital Planning Commission
Commission of Fine Arts
American Legion
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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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October 4, 1982

Mr. J. Carter Brown
Chairman
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708 Jackson Place
Washington, D.C. 20006

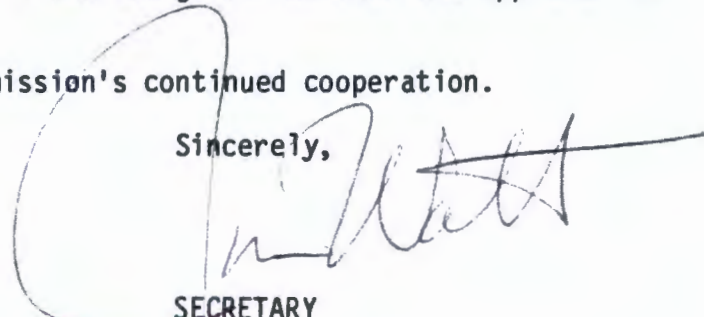
Dear Mr. Chairman:

On behalf of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc., we are submitting under separate cover a presentation model and site location for the proposed sculpture as well as siting for the location of a flagpole. We would very much appreciate the Commission's review of these design refinements at its meeting on October 13th.

I have enthusiastically approved these design refinements which are part of the careful compromise worked out among the interested parties last March and await the response from your Commission. We are prepared to render any assistance you may require to expedite favorable consideration of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund's submission. Lastly, we will issue the necessary permits for a dedication of the memorial on November 11, 1982, if the design refinements are approved in the interim.

Thank you for your and the Commission's continued cooperation.

Sincerely,



SECRETARY



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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

October 4, 1982

Mrs. Helen M. Scharf
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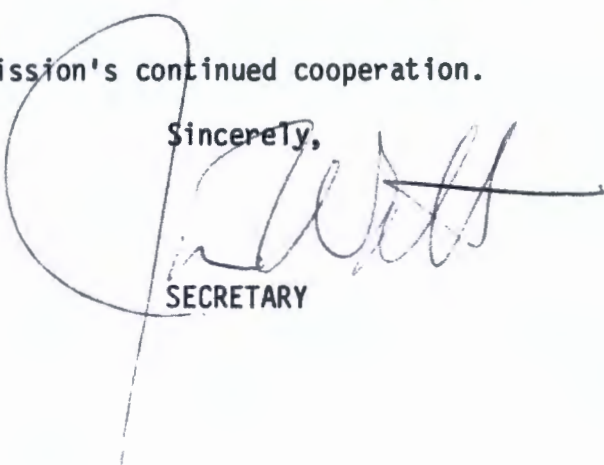
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SECRETARY

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 24, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR ELIZABETH H. DOLE

THRU: DIANA LOZANO
FROM: MORTON C. BLACKWELL 
SUBJECT: Vietnam Veterans Memorial

This morning I was invited over to look at the artist's model of the statue for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

Frederick Hart, the sculptor, has his studio in an office building on F Street. Attached is a Horizon magazine which includes an article on Page 28 about Hart. He has done important work at the National Cathedral.

I must say that the statue, a grouping of three Vietnam era soldiers, is outstanding. I think it highly unlikely, once the artist's conception is revealed to the public, there will be much difficulty in approving his rendering.

The group includes the first black soldier to be represented in any U. S. war memorial. It is a very clearcut, straightforward, and moving representation, without being pugnacious.

The model has been virtually completed but it has not been photographed. They did not want to invite premature criticism before it was ready to be unveiled.

Because the White House car I took over there had two drivers, I invited one of the sergeants, a Vietnam veteran, up with me to see the statue. He was as impressed as I and is quite enthusiastic. It looks like we have a winner here.

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 2, 1982

TO: Veterans and Service-related Groups

FROM: Morton C. Blackwell *MB*

RE: Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Last Saturday's Washington Post carried the story that Secretary Watt has referred to the Fine Arts Commission and the National Capitol Planning Commission the compromise plan for the design of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

This compromise was worked out through the leadership of Senator Warner and several other members of Congress. Supporters and opponents of the original design, after a very long session, agreed to certain changes. All present agreed to support these changes.

The newspaper story has been followed by some communications to Mrs. Dole and to me from veterans group leaders expressing fear that serious problems have developed. One telegram suggested that Secretary Watt has "raised another obstacle" to the construction of the memorial.

That is not the case. It was understood by all concerned that the approval of the compromise was subject to action of the Fine Arts Commission and the National Capitol Planning Commission. On receiving from the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Foundation last week the design reflecting the compromise, Secretary Watt promptly submitted the design to the two commissions which must approve it. The National Capitol Planning Commission is scheduled to meet on March 4 and the Fine Arts Commission on March 9. Secretary Watt sits on both commissions. He will urge both groups to approve speedily this compromise design.

I received a call from Jan Scruggs of the Foundation this morning. He expressed some embarrassment that supporters of the memorial are "hard to control" on this issue. He assured me that the actions taken by the Secretary are "justifiable" and "don't show any bad faith." Mr. Scruggs said "We believe he (Secretary Watt) will make good faith efforts" to win approval of this design which is now endorsed by virtually everyone on all sides.

The ball is now in the court of the two commissions. I am sure they would appreciate receiving advice on this matter from veterans and service-related groups.