



Discover their stories. Honor their values.

ABOUT THE EDUCATION CENTER AT THE WALL

More than 25 years ago, Vietnam veteran Jan C. Scruggs took \$2,800 of his own money and set out to build a national memorial to all those who served and sacrificed during the Vietnam War. In 1982, after several years of effort and a mere seven years after the end of the war, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial was dedicated on the National Mall.

Now, Scruggs and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) are partnering with the National Park Service to build The Education Center at The Wall, an underground learning facility that will allow visitors to connect a face and a personal story to the more than 58,000 names on The Wall and honor all who have served in all of America's wars.

The Education Center was authorized by Congress and the president in 2003. Since then, site approval has been given to build the Center on a parcel of land near the Vietnam Veterans and Lincoln Memorials. The Center will be built underground, so it will not detract from the historic vistas of the National Mall.

The Education Center was conceived as a way to help put faces with the thousands of name on The Wall, to educate current and future generations about these honorable men and women who gave everything for their country, and to get a glimpse into the lives of these individuals. Exhibits will center around the seven values embodied by all American service members: loyalty, duty, respect, service, honor, integrity and courage. Exhibits will include:

The Wall of Faces showing large-scale photos of the fallen on their birthdays. A National Call for photos was launched in September 2009 to gather the more than 58,000 photos needed for this display. Visitors to *The Wall That Heals* may bring their photos and have them scanned on site.

The Collections Wall exhibiting some of the more than 100,000 items left in tribute at The Wall since 1982

Timelines of the Vietnam War and the creation of The Wall

The Legacy of Service an exhibit showing images of service members who served in all of America's wars.

Peter M. Holt, a Vietnam veteran and owner of the San Antonio Spurs, heads the campaign to build The Education Center at The Wall. **Gen. Colin L. Powell**, USA (Ret.), is the honorary chair. Actor **Tom Selleck** is the national spokesman. The capital campaign is reaching out to corporations, organizations, unions and individuals to raise the approximately \$85 million necessary to build the Center. Only when the money is raised can VVMF break ground. Estimates are that the Center could be built within two years of groundbreaking.