



**THE MOBILE VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL
AV WALL**

DID YOU KNOW?

There are 58,318 names on The Wall as of May 2018

1. Vietnam Era: 1 Nov 1955 – 15 May 1975 (by Congress in 1999)
2. Names added since 1986 – 379 (as of 2018)
3. At least one US Service member died in Vietnam every day from December 31, 1965 to December 9, 1970. A total of 1,804 days and 52,448 lives lost!
4. There are 8 Females on the Wall all Nurses (7,484 Military women served in Vietnam, 6,250 were nurses.)
5. There are 36 sets of Brothers on the Wall and 1 set of Step-Brothers
6. There are 3 Fathers/Sons on the Wall
7. There are 16 Chaplains on the Wall, 7 Catholic (2 Medal of Honor Recipients - MoH), 2 Jewish, 7 Protestant
8. There are 10 Nurses on the Wall; 8 Female, 2 Male
9. There are 1343 Army Medics on the Wall
10. There are 691 Navy Corpsmen on the Wall
11. There are 8 Coast Guard on the Wall
12. Earliest to Die – Richard B Fitzgibbon Jr (52E, 021), 8-Jun-56
13. Highest Casualty Day – 31-Jan-68: **246**
14. Highest Casualty Month – May-68: **2,416**
15. Highest Casualty Year – 1968: **16,916**
16. There are 76 Names on the Wall with ties to the Antelope Valley.
17. MoH – 160 on Wall, Total for Vietnam 260
 - a. Army – 174
 - b. Marine – 57
 - c. Navy – 15
 - d. Air Force – 14
18. Native Americans – 227
19. Oldest on Memorial – Frank Luther Huddleston (16E, 109), 12-Aug-02, 68 yrs old (added in 2003)
20. Oldest to Die (Inco) – Kenna Clyde Taylor (07W, 082), 21-Sep-70, 62 yrs old
21. Youngest – Dan Bullock (23W, 096), 7-Jun-69, 15.5 years old, Born: 21-Dec-53
22. 13 Soldiers on the Wall were 17 years old.

23. 3,135 Soldiers on the Wall were 18 years old.
24. 8,341 Soldiers on the Wall were 19 years old.
25. 40,394 Soldiers on the Wall were under 22 years old.
26. At least one Soldier was killed as the result of an attack by an Indochinese tiger - Francis Baldino (39W, 063), 14-Nov-68, At about 2145 hours PFC Baldino was acting as his patrol's RTO three paces behind the patrol leader when he was attacked and carried off, his body was recovered the next day.
27. 234 KIA Battle of the Ia Drang Valley: 14/18-Nov-65; Panel 3W, Line 48-100
28. Panel 1E covers period from 8-Jul 1959 thru 6-June 1965; Panel 1W covers 15-Apr 1972 thru 15-May 1975
29. 9 years covered on 1E. Other 9 years - 139 Panels
30. 1968 alone requires 74 of 140 panels - first 33E and last W35
31. Chester Melvin Ovnand died 9-Jul-59; his name is the second on the Wall, Panel 1E, Line 001. It was later discovered that his last name was misspelled and wrong middle initial; *Chester N Ovnard*. To correct the error his name was re-engraved on Panel 7E, Line 046. Where it was discovered his middle initial was again wrong: *Chester A Ovnand*! There has been no indication that his name with all the correct information will be re-engraved again.
32. All of the names on The Wall were read aloud – in chronological order – during dedication, on 10th (1992), 20th (2002), 25th (2007) and 30th (2012) anniversaries.
33. Larry E Smith and Larry E Smith are next to each other on Panel 14E, Line 109
34. There are five (5) Smith's in a row on Panel 38E, Line 14
35. Billie J Williams and Billie J Williams are next to each other on Panel 1W, Line 94; there is a Billy Joe Williams on Panel 11W, Line 119
36. Some Interesting Names on the Wall:
 - a. JACKIE *FRANKENSTEIN* Panel W59, Line 2
 - b. *ANDREW JACKSON* Panel 43E, Line 23
 - c. RANDOLPH *THOMAS JEFFERSON* Panel W52, Line 44
 - d. *RONALD I Mc DONALD* Panel W11, Line 3
 - e. *CAPT. FRANCIS B MIDNIGHT* Panel 25E, Line 34
 - f. *GEORGE PATTON* Panel 22E, Line 47
 - g. ARTHUR *JOHN RAMBO* Panel W16, Line 126
 - h. *ROYR ROGERS* Panel 8E, Line 116
 - i. *SGT. KENNETH E SARGENT* Panel 3E, Line 104
 - j. *WISELEE SMITH* Panel 27E, Line 18
 - k. *SIM SMEDDLEY STEVERSON* Panel 31E, Line 89
 - l. ABRAHAM *TRUJILLO-TRUJILLO* Panel W36, Line 24
 - m. *JUAN P VALDEZ* Panel 49E, Line 48
 - n. *GEORGE R WASHINGTON* Panel 35E, Line 36
 - o. *PENI UELI* Panel 4E, Line 75

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These facts were compiled from various source, every attempt has been made by AV Wall and PMAV to verify the information, we apologize for any inaccuracies. Please inform us of changes needed.