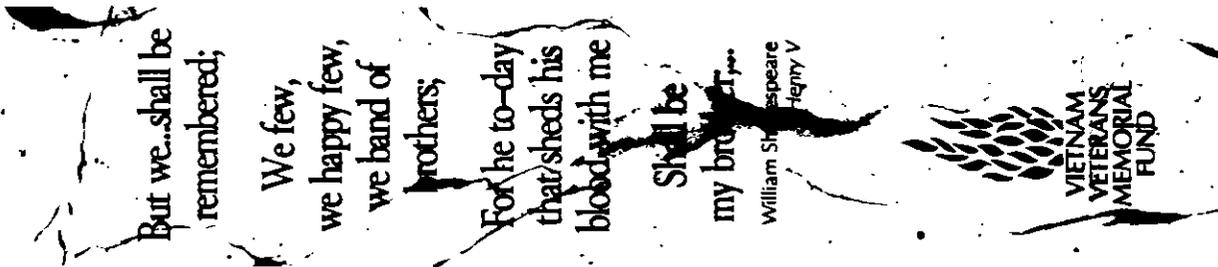




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Detach here. This bookmark will come in handy when you start reading the book.

Dear Jan,

Many thanks for sending me a free copy of your book, The Wall That Heals. I am looking forward to reading it.

To enable you to continue to maintain the Memorial and sponsor ceremonies honoring our nation's Vietnam veterans, I am enclosing my gift of:

\$10 \$15 \$25 \$50 \$_____ Other

If you are unable to send a generous donation at this time, perhaps you could manage \$2 or \$3 to help with printing and postage costs.

Your gift is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.
Please make check payable to VVMF. Thank you!

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Michael Cook



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Did you know . . .

- The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund was formed in 1979 for the purpose of building a national Memorial honoring the Americans who served in Vietnam. The Memorial was the idea of Jan C. Scruggs, an infantry veteran of that war, who wanted America to remember those who had served in our nation's longest armed conflict.
- The Three Servicemen statue was completed by Washington sculptor Frederick Hart and dedicated on November 11, 1984. On that date the Memorial was given to the U.S. Government.
- Under a Memorandum of Conveyance, VVMF continues to play a significant role with the Memorial. Some of the major responsibilities include: the addition of new names; hosting ceremonies, and providing funds to repair any damage to the Memorial.

A summary of the registration and financial documents filed by this organization can be obtained by contacting: in New York, Secretary of State, Office of Charities Registration, 162 Washington Ave., Albany NY 12231; in Maryland, the Secretary of State, State House, Annapolis, MD 21401; in Pennsylvania, residents may call the Pennsylvania Department of State at 1-800-732-0999; for West Virginia residents, the Secretary of State, State Capitol, Charleston, WV 25305; in Virginia, the State Division of Consumer Affairs, P.O. Box 1183, Richmond VA 23209; Washington State residents may obtain a copy of the last report filed with the Washington Secretary of State by calling toll free within Washington, 1-800-332-4483; in Florida, residents may call the Division of Consumer Services at 1-800-HELP-FLA; or by writing to VVMF, 1360 Beverly Road, Suite 300, McLean, VA 22101. Registration with any of the above government agencies does not imply endorsement by the state.



*Please read
the enclosed book*

Dear Friend,

I'm enclosing a copy of my book, The Wall That Heals, to help you understand why the Vietnam Veterans Memorial had to be built, and what it means to the American people.

What prompted me to write the book? Actually, I had a couple of reasons! I wanted to do something significant in this 10th anniversary year of the Memorial to honor my fallen buddies -- the guys who never made it back from Vietnam...

...but I also felt the need to share with other Americans some of the touching experiences that have taken place at the Wall.

Once you've read the book, I think you'll understand why the Memorial is also known as "the wall that heals."

For countless visitors, coming face to face with the 58,183 names engraved on the black granite panels is so overwhelming they can't help but release emotions that have been pent up inside them for years.

And that's a good sign! It means the beginning of the healing process that has eluded many of them for almost two decades.

As I look back over the past 10 years, I don't think there has been a time when the Memorial hasn't had a powerful, healing effect on someone. When you read The Wall That Heals you'll understand how important this memorial is to all Americans -- not just to Vietnam vets and their families and friends.

It is the most frequently visited monument in the nation's capital today. From the time it was dedicated on November 13, 1982, more than 25 million people -- an average of 2.5 million a year -- have flocked to Washington, D.C., to see and touch this magnificent structure. And there doesn't appear to be any let-up! After 10 years, it continues to be the most popular monument in our nation's capital.

Surprisingly, people visit the Wall at all hours of the day and night. (President and Mrs. Bush made a surprise visit at midnight this past Veterans Day.) It's not uncommon for someone to show up at the Wall in the wee hours of the morning. Usually, it's a family member who wants to be completely alone with the memory of a loved one.

If there were ever any doubts as to the need to build "the wall that heals," I am sure

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they have long since been dispelled. In fact, I think most Americans would agree that we owe it to all who served in Vietnam to preserve and protect the Wall and the hallowed ground upon which it stands. That's why we're asking for your support.

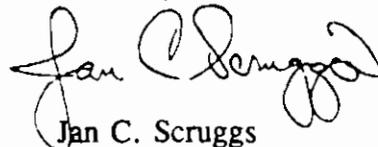
This year alone, in preparation for ceremonies commemorating our 10th Anniversary, we had to:

- lift the center panels of the Wall to clean the drainage basin.
- reset 20 to 30 walkway paving stones to prevent rocking and to eliminate clanking noises.
- reset all small walkway stones along the Wall's 492-foot length to correct a grade differential that was a tripping hazard.
- clean and recondition the Wall and flag lights.

I am asking you today to send a gift of \$10, \$15, \$25, \$50 -- whatever your means will allow -- so we can continue to maintain this precious national treasure in tip-top condition and still sponsor various ceremonies throughout the year, like the one we have planned for Veterans Day.

Please write out a check to VVMF now, while you're thinking about it, and mail it today. Again, thank you for caring.

Sincerely,



Jan C. Scruggs
President and Founder

P.S. The book is a free gift, so even if you can't contribute to VVMF, it is yours to keep. You are under no obligation to return it. Since the intent of the book is to educate the general public about the Wall and its healing powers, it would help if you would pass it along to a family member or friend.