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The Vietnam Veterans Memorial

On November 10, 1984, the U.S. Postal Service issued the 20-cent stamp commemorating the memorial dedicated to the 2.7 million men and women of the armed forces who served in the Vietnam war, 1959-1975.

Located near Lincoln Memorial on the Mall in Washington, D.C., the Vietnam Veterans Memorial was a private effort, built with contributions from half a million individuals and groups on a site authorized by Congress. A young student of architecture, Maya Lin, submitted the winning design: a quiet park where a dark wall emerges gradually from the earth and bends at its center to form a sheltering area. The polished granite panels bear the names—more than 58,000—of all those who died or remain missing in the war.

In 1984 a bronze statue and a flagstaff were grouped in an entry plaza to the wall. The sculpture by Washington artist Frederick Hart depicts three young servicemen in battledress. On Veterans Day the Department of the Interior accepted the turnover of the completed memorial to the United States.

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