



FACT SHEET

*The purpose of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund is to establish a national memorial in Washington, D.C., in honor and recognition of all American veterans of the Vietnam war, and especially those who gave their lives.

*The memorial will make no political statement about the war. Rather, it is hoped that the memorial will further the reconciliation and reunification of the country after the divisions caused by the war. It will provide a means for all Americans, regardless of differing opinions regarding U.S. policy in Vietnam, to unite in acknowledging the sacrifice of those who served there.

*The land for the memorial is being provided by the U.S. Government, but all costs of design and construction will be financed by the VVMF with funds raised through public subscription.

*On July 1, 1980, President Carter signed into law Senate Joint Resolution 119, which provides a two acre site for the memorial in Constitution Gardens near the Lincoln Memorial. This legislation was introduced on November 8, 1979, by Senator Charles McC. Mathias of Maryland, and was co-sponsored by all 100 senators. The companion proposal in the House of Representatives was co-sponsored by 196 congressmen.

*The VVMF's design concept for the memorial calls for a landscaped design in a garden setting. The design will integrate sculpture symbolizing the experience of Americans who served in Vietnam as well as the inscription of the names of all of the 57,661 Americans who died there. The VVMF will conduct a national competition to select the designer.

*The founders, officers, and directors of the VVMF are Vietnam veterans who, with one exception, are serving without salary. The effort is supported by a volunteer staff of attorneys, business people, and consultants. The sole salaried staff member is the executive director.

*The VVMF is not a veterans membership organization and will not have a perpetual existence. Once the memorial is built and its maintenance provided for, the VVMF will cease to exist.

*The Vietnam Veterans Memorial effort will require extensive funds, currently estimated at two and a half million dollars. It is hoped that the memorial will be built with contributions from as many individuals, organizations, and companies as possible. Total contributions have exceeded \$325,000.

*The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc. was incorporated as a nonprofit, charitable organization on April 27, 1979, in Washington, D.C. The Internal Revenue Service has ruled that the VVMF is exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the tax code. All contributions may be deducted from the contributor's federal income tax.

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