

# VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL WALL

Source #3



The memorial cost \$8.4 million, or \$18.7 million in today's money. All funds were raised privately.  
**NO FEDERAL FUNDS WERE USED.**



The wall was designed by Maya Lin, a **21-YEAR-OLD** Yale undergraduate.



More than **120 MILLION** people have visited the memorial since it opened in 1982.



The deadliest day of the war was the first day of the Tet Offensive, with **245 DEATHS**. 1968 was the bloodiest year, with **16,592 DEATHS**.

The wall is **493 FEET LONG** and comprised of **142 PANELS**.

The shortest panels hold fewer than **10 NAMES**.

The names are grouped chronologically by the year the person was killed or reported missing.



Approximately **1,600 SOLDIERS** are still listed as POW/MIA.

The tallest panels hold more than **600 NAMES**.

There are currently **58,272** names on the wall, including 333 additions since 1982.

The first year listed is **1959** → The last year is **1975**

- ★ Enlisted men and women accounted for nearly **87%** of all deaths.
- ★ More than 900 service members died on their **FIRST DAY** in Vietnam.
- ★ More than 1,400 died on their scheduled **DEPARTURE DAY**.



**151 MEDAL OF HONOR** winners are listed



More than **150,000** items have been left at the wall.



**16 CLERGY MEMBERS** are listed, including two Medal of Honor recipients.



**8 WOMEN** are listed—all nurses—including Lt. Col. Annie Ruth Graham, who served in World War II, Korea and Vietnam.



**54 GRADUATES** of Philadelphia's Thomas Edison High School died, the most of any school in the country.

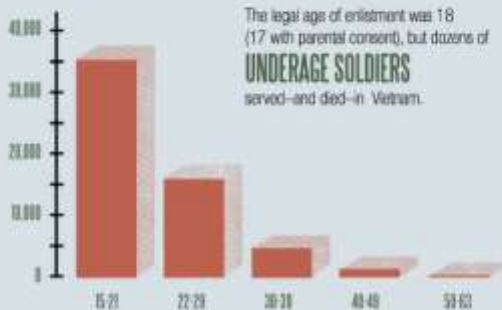


The most common surname is "Smith," with **667 NAMES**.

**SYMBOLS ARE USED BEFORE OR AFTER EACH NAME TO INDICATE THE PERSON'S STATUS**

- ◆ Confirmed dead
- + POW/MIA
- ⊕ Missing person is declared dead.
- ⊕ Missing person returns alive. *This has never been done*

# OF DEATHS



The legal age of enlistment was 18 (17 with parental consent), but dozens of **UNDERAGE SOLDIERS** served—and died—in Vietnam.

**31** sets of brothers and **3** sets of fathers and sons were killed.

