

THE VIETNAM WALL HAS THE NAMES OF 1,210 MILITARY PERSONEL FROM ALABAMA WHO GAVE THEIR LIFE IN VIETNAM. THEIR NAMES ARE PERMANENTLY ETCHED ON THE WALL. NOW ITS TIME TO

REMEMBER THEIR FACES

ALABAMA VIETNAM WALL PHOTO PROJECT

Become part of it!!!

Of the 1,210 Alabama names on the Wall, most have photographs, but 207 do not. HELP FIND A PHOTO. Anyone can help!

How you can help

Spread the word, encourage other individuals & organizations to help. You'll be surprised what you'll learn about many of these heroes. We cannot forget their faces.

You'll need to be persistent and creative. There are many ways to pursue this. These are just a few ideas. Download "The Wall" app on your smartphone and/or visit <http://www.vvmf.org/>

We have a spreadsheet of those missing a photo. It includes names, birth date, hometown, county, branch of service, casualty date, and rank. One copy is alphabetical and the other is by county/city. Email JerryCherne@outlook.com for an updated copy. It's important to keep us updated.

You can view names, photos and information of those completed at <http://www.vvmf.org/> Go to Discover the Names, then select Wall of Faces. Enter a search name or select Advanced Search for more options.

More than one photo may be submitted. Photos can be uploaded to the VVMF website. They accept several formats and sizes. Or, you can send us the photo and we'll upload it. We believe the maximum is four. Other information can be submitted such as a letter from a loved one or Vietnam buddy, but at least one picture is needed.

More than half the states have completed their Photo Project and have a picture for every Vietnam KIA from their state. Of the more than 58,000 names on the Wall, less than 3,000 are without a photo, 207 are from Alabama. The photographs will not only be available for all time on the website but will also become part of the new underground museum being constructed adjacent to the Vietnam Wall Memorial.

Be creative and be persistent. Reach out to your contacts throughout the state. Anyone can assist!

Please be respectful if you call or speak to family members. Much time has passed but you never know about their memories.

How do you start?

- That is up to you. You can search the web for names, obituaries, news articles in local newspapers, etc.
- Search online telephone directories for similar names and start placing calls.
- Search school yearbooks if you can determine where he went to school.
- Search online obituary listings.
- Check local newspaper archives. Get local newspapers to run an article asking for help.
- If you belong to or want to join Ancestry.com, or a similar website, this can be a valuable resource.
- Get other individuals or organizations involved.
- *If you come up with an idea that works, share it with us and we'll distribute it!*

We have hometown information but that doesn't mean he was buried there, the family may have moved.

Find the place of burial:

One place to start is to find where he is buried. If you can find this, there must be someone who knows him or is related. (*Note: some of these websites require you to register, some have fees, while others are free.*)

Following are some burial or graveyard type websites that can be used for research.

<https://www.findagrave.com/>

Includes some photos of grave markers, it may provide burial location.

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2221801>

Similar to above

<https://www.facebook.com/FindAGrave/>

Similar to above

<https://www.deathindexes.com/cemeteries.html>

Online cemetery burial records and indexes. Includes links to similar websites.

https://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=8750&cj=1&netid=cj&o_xid=0000584978&o_lid=0000584978&o_sch=Affiliate+External

U.S. Veteran Gravesites. Fee

<https://gravelocator.cem.va.gov/>

If buried in a National Veterans Cemetery, this has good information. Managed by Department of Veterans Affairs.

Lastly, keep us informed as to which names you are working on and particularly if you locate a photo and submit it. We are just trying to avoid duplicating efforts. THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

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