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*THE AMERICAN VETERANS  
TRAVELING TRIBUTE  
and the  
TOWNSHIP OF HAMPTON  
Present the*

**TRAVELING VIETNAM  
MEMORIAL WALL  
June 29 - July 4, 2017**

# Schedule of Events

## Wall Arrives in Hampton .....June 28, 2017

- Escorted from Turnpike Exit 39 down Route 8 to Park .....(1-2:30pm)

## Opening Ceremony (Honor, Respect, Remember) .....June 29, 2017 (7:00pm)

- Introduction .....*Victor Son, Council President*
- Singing of Star Spangled Banner .....*Suzanna Krispli*
- Recognition of Hampton Legion Post 296 .....*Mark Heiber*
- Invocation .....*Chaplin Harry Van Riper, Bakerstown Legion Post*
- Missing Man Table Ceremony (moment of silence)
- Guest Speaker .....*Robert Munhall*
- Bell Ceremony
- Echo Taps

## July 3rd Community Day Ceremony .....July 3, 2017 (6:30pm)

- Hampton Community Band
- Welcoming Remarks .....*Victor Son, Council President*
- Singing of Star Spangled Banner .....*Suzanna Krispli*
- Invocation .....*Rev. Daniel Hendley, North Park EPC*
- Recognition of Vietnam Veterans Present
- Guest Speaker.....*Thomas Gleason*
- Bell Ceremony
- Echo Taps

## July 4th Closing Ceremony .....July 4, 2017 (Noon)

- Star Spangled Banner
- Closing
- God Bless the USA (*Lee Greenwood*)

*(Memorial is open to the general public 24 hours per day from 7:00pm, June 29th thru July 4th at noon)*



# About the Vietnam Memorial

## WHO FORMED THE IDEA OF THE VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL?

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial was founded by Jan Scruggs, who served in Vietnam (the 199th Light Infantry Brigade) from 1969-1970 as an infantry corporal. He wanted the Memorial to acknowledge and recognize the service and sacrifice of all who served in Vietnam. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF), a nonprofit charitable organization, was incorporated on April 27, 1979, by a group of Vietnam veterans (John Wheeler, Chairman of the Board for VVMF, served in Vietnam as a captain at the U.S. Army headquarters from 1969-1970; Robert Doubek, VVMF Project Director, then Executive Director, served in Vietnam from 1968-1969 as an Air Force intelligence officer). Jan Scruggs (President of VVMF) lobbied Congress for a two acre plot of land in the Constitution Gardens. On November 8, 1979, significant initial support came from U.S. Senators Charles Mathias, Jr. and John Warner. Senator Mathias of Maryland introduced legislation to authorize a site of national parkland for the Memorial and Senator Warner of Virginia spearheaded the first significant financial contributions to the national fund raising campaign. On July 1, 1980, in the Rose Garden, President Jimmy Carter signed the legislation (P.L.96-297) to provide a site in the Constitution Gardens near the Lincoln Memorial. It was a three and a half year task to build the Memorial and to orchestrate a celebration to salute those who served in Vietnam.

## WHO DESIGNED THE WALL?

The Memorial was designed by an undergraduate at Yale University, Maya Ying Lin, who was born in Athens, Ohio in 1959.

## WHAT IS THE OFFICIAL NAME OF THE MEMORIAL?

The official name of the Memorial is the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. It is sometimes referred as VVM or “the Wall”. The figures called “The Three Servicemen” serve as a reminder that this is not a war Memorial but a Memorial to those who served in the war, both living and dead.

## HOW MANY NAMES ARE ON THE MEMORIAL?

58,272 names are listed on the Memorial of which 1,200 of these names are listed as missing (MIA’s POW’s and others).

