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# Kentucky's Traveling Vietnam Wall Comes to State Capitol Rotunda

**FRANKFORT, Ky (March 7, 2018)** A Kentucky-specific replica of the Vietnam Wall will begin its traveling career at the State Capitol Rotunda Monday, March 12 at 2 p.m. (EDT)

The Traveling Kentucky Vietnam Wall displays the names of Kentuckians killed in the Vietnam War, taken prisoner or still missing. There are 1,105 names on the Traveling Kentucky Vietnam Wall. It is 9 feet tall and 18 feet long. Special guests for the unveiling ceremony are Lt. Governor Jenean Hampton, Attorney General Andy Beshear, Secretary of State Alison Lundergan Grimes, Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs (KDVA) Commissioner Benjamin Adams and KDVA Deputy Commissioner Heather French Henry.

The Traveling Kentucky Vietnam Wall will have no permanent home, but will travel throughout the Commonwealth, visiting every county.

“Our intent is to take it to the communities and the public who may not have the opportunity to visit the Wall in Washington, D.C., or one of the large Traveling Walls,” said Jack Mattingly, State Council President of the Kentucky Vietnam Veterans of America. “This Wall is dedicated to all Kentuckians and will provide all Kentuckians an opportunity to remember and pay homage to those who gave their all.”

Several veteran groups joined forces to raise the funds to build the Wall two years ago. The Kentucky Veterans Trust Fund granted \$21,000 of the \$29,000 total, and other funding sponsors include Eastern Kentucky Power Company, Humana, Marine Corp League Det. 858, Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) Kentucky State Council, VVA Chapter 1050, VVA Chapter 1051 and VVA Chapter 1104.

To schedule an appearance or event with the Wall, call or write to Jack Mattingly (P.O. Box 675, Harrodsburg, KY, 40330 / 859-734-0217 / [www.vvakystatecouncil.org](http://www.vvakystatecouncil.org).)

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