
We Honor Veterans Newsletter - Special Announcement

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Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall in Maryland

The Traveling Memorial Wall is a 3/5 scale of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington DC; it stands six feet tall at the center and covers almost 300 feet from end to end.

This Traveling Memorial stands as a reminder of the great sacrifices made during the Vietnam War. It was made for the purpose of helping heal and rekindle friendships and to allow people the opportunity to visit loved ones in their hometown who otherwise may not be able to make the trip to Washington.

The Traveling Wall will be in New Windsor, Maryland October 9-13, 2025. Below is the information you will need to plan your visit to see this memorial and to hear nationally known speakers who served in Vietnam. Plan to come early to visit the numerous veteran related displays and service organizations.

THE VIETNAM TRAVELING MEMORIAL WALL

New Windsor Fire Department Carnival Grounds, 101 High Street New Windsor, Maryland 21776

Free Admission – Open to Public 24 Hours – Handicap Accessible – Free Parking

CEREMONIES WITH GUEST SPEAKERS:

Thursday, October 9th

- 5:00pm – **Voice of Veterans** Live Concert
- 6:00pm – **Opening Ceremony**
 - Col Harvey Barnum, Jr., USMC (Ret) - MOH Recipient
 - LtCol Oliver North, USMC (Ret) - TV Host, Author, Military Historian

Friday, October 10th

- 6:00pm – **Agent Orange Awareness Night**
 - Col John C. Astle, USMC (Ret) – Combat Helicopter Pilot
 - LTC George Forrest, US Army (Ret) – Fought in the Battle of Ia Drang
 - Clark Beall, Former USMC – Agent Orange Survivor

Saturday, October 11th

- 10:00am – Huey Fly In & Landing (*Rain Date Sunday, October 12th*)
- 6:00pm – **POW/MIA Remembrance Night**
 - Cdr Everett Alvarez, Jr., USN (Ret) – the 1st shot down & 2nd longest POW
 - Col John Fer, USAF (Ret) – Maryland POW

Sunday, October 12th

- 6:00pm – **Closing Ceremony**
 - MG, Janeen Birckhead, MD Adjutant General
 - Michele Holcomb, WAC, Army Nurse Corps, formerly from Maryland
 - Nikki Hayhurst, WAC, Clerical Clerk, Aviation Office, Vietnam

Monday, October 13th

- 11:00am – **Official Closing of the Wall**

Note: for updated information and schedule changes, go to [Babylon Vault Company – New Windsor, Maryland](#)



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If you would like to learn how to become a volunteer, contact Gilchrist at kmcdonnell@gilchristcares.org.

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