enhance the existing landscape where it is created. The eight elements are as follows:

1. An overall landscaped solution, emphasizing horizontal rather than vertical elements.

2. Trees and a spacious garden setting, inviting and hospitable to passers-by.

3. A suitable size, approximately two acres.

4. A system of chimes contained in low and/or scattered housings in order to create an aural effect, but no visual disruption.

5. A display of the names of all of the 57,000 who died in Vietnam.

6. A sculptural statement, in one or more pieces integrated into the garden design.

7. Artistic unity throughout the entire memorial.

8. Good taste.

The VVMF believes that a memorial designed in accordance with the foregoing elements will serve both the purposes of national recognition of the service of Vietnam veterans and of enhancement of the natural beauty of the national capital. We seek to create a memorial not to any war, battle, unit, or individual, but rather to the honorable service of the men and women who carried out their country's policy during a difficult period in its history. To carry out its healing purpose the Vietnam Veterans Memorial must be in harmony and not discord with its surroundings.

The VVMF seeks designation by Congress of a site for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in The Mall or Capitol area. We have surveyed various sites and believe that a location in Constitution Gardens adjacent to Constitution Avenue is most suitable. The prominence of such a site is in accord
Site Selection for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

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March 1980

with the significance of the war in U.S. history and with
the symbolic power needed to serve the purpose of recon-
ciliation of a divided nation.

The officers and directors of the VVMF are Vietnam
and Vietnam era veterans employed in professional positions
in the metropolitan area. They are supported by a volunteer
staff of attorneys and consultants. The Internal Revenue
Service has determined that the VVMF is exempt from Federal
income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue
Code.
March 10, 1980

Robert W. Doubek
Executive Director
Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc.
1025 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
Suite 405
Washington, D.C. 20036

Dear Mr. Doubek:

Enclosed is the preliminary and partial draft for the Memorial Site Alternatives Study. This draft contains final recommendations for the memorial's preferred "site area" as well as the analysis to support this recommendation. A further phase of alternatives analysis will determine the actual site within the now identified preferred "site area".

I would like to emphasize that these enclosed recommendations for a preferred "site area" have evolved utilizing siting criteria relevant to the VVMP's needs as well as the siting requirements of the agencies, commissions and committees responsible for review and approval of memorials in Washington, D.C.

As further and more specific site analysis is completed, it will be forwarded to you at that time.

Sincerely,

EDAW, Inc.

Joseph L. Brown
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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this study is to evaluate alternative sites for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial proposed for construction in or near the Monumental Core of Washington, D.C. This action would be authorized by Congress and carried out by the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc., with funds raised through public subscription. This memorial would be a national memorial to the American men and women who served in the Vietnam War.

The process to identify the preferred site(s) for the memorial includes the following major analysis steps:

- Document the proposed program concept for the memorial,
- Establish site goals, "site area" and actual site selection criteria,
- Identify alternative sites,
- Map alternative sites,
- Apply selection criteria to determine preferred "site areas,"
- Establish precise siting criteria,
- Within preferred "site areas" apply siting criteria to determine precise preferred site,
- Present alternatives evaluation in graphic and written form.

It would be noted that all decision criteria developed to date have been done so after a series of meetings and discussions with the relevant agencies, commissions and committees which are or charge with the review and approval of such memorials in Washington, D.C. These include, but are not limited to:

- National Commission of Fine Arts,
- National Capital Planning Commission,
- National Park Service,
- National Capital Memorial Advisory Committee.

In order to maintain this presentation brief, readable, and as useful for decision-makers as possible, only a summary of the above listed analysis steps and conclusions has been included within this report.

VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL
PROGRAM CONCEPT

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) is to erect in Washington, D.C., with funds raised through public subscription, a national memorial to the American men and women who served and died in the Vietnam War. The VVMF seeks to erect the memorial, at no expense to the United States or District of Columbia, upon a prominent site in or near the Nation's Capital Monumental Core.

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial is conceived as a means to not only provide a proper recognition of the service and sacrifice of Vietnam veterans by the American people, but to promote the healing and reconciliation of the country after the divisions caused by war. Through support of this project, all Americans regardless of differing opinions regarding U.S. policy in Vietnam, may unite in expressing their acknowledgment of the sacrifice of those who served there. The memorial will support the psychological readjustment of the veterans of the war, and will symbolize the experience of the Vietnam generation for all generations to come.

PROGRAM CONCEPT

The VVMF seeks Congressional designation of a site area for the proposed memorial in, or within close proximity to, the Monumental Core. The prominence of this site area is appropriate because of the significance of the war in U.S. history and the symbolic power needed to serve the purpose of reconciliation of a divided nation.

The VVMF's Design Concept for the memorial provides for a lower, landscaped solution emphasizing horizontal elements. The memorial is envisioned as a spacious garden setting of approximately two acres. The actual memorial would be contained on a smaller site within the larger two acre garden setting. Integrated into the artistic unity of the memorial garden would be a low-unobtrusive sculptural statement in one or more pieces symbolizing the experience of America's who served in Vietnam. As a special tribute to those who gave their lives, the names of all 57,661 would be displayed.
The memorial setting of "sense of place" would be a contemplative and pleasing environment, where one could enjoy walking through a seasonal garden or sitting and resting. The design would not dominate or interfere with the surrounding national memorials. Instead, the memorial would blend harmoniously with the surrounding environment and contribute to the quality of the Nation's Capital Monumental Core.

The memorial would provide a peaceful and serene opportunity for a contemplative visitor experience. The memorial would make no political statement concerning the war.

The VVMF believes that a memorial sited in or in close proximity to the Monumental Core and designed with the following guidelines would provide fitting recognition for the veterans of the Vietnam War while enhancing the natural beauty of the national capital.

VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL
"SITE AREA" SELECTION CRITERIA

Introduction

After several meetings and discussions with the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc. and the agencies and commissions relevant to the review and approval of memorials in Washington, D.C., a list of site selection criteria was developed which best reflects VVMF needs as well as these agencies' needs. The organizations and agencies which were contacted to insure their relevant criteria for site selection was included in this study are:

National Commission of Fine Arts,
National Capital Planning Commission,
National Park Service,
National-Capital Memorial Advisory Committee.

A description of each criteria subject is presented below.

CRITERIA 1.0: SITE SHOULD BE IN OR WITHIN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE MONUMENTAL CORE.

The significance of the proposed memorial required a prominent site area image. This would be effectively achieved in or within close proximity to the Nation's Capital Monumental Core.

CRITERIA 2.0: SITE SHOULD NOT CONFLICT WITH MAJOR HISTORIC MEMORIAL AXES OR VISTAS.

Site areas within the Monumental Core should not conflict with visual axes, radials, or grounds of

- The Washington Monument
- The White House/Ellipse/The Jefferson Memorial
- U.S. Capitol/Smithsonian Facilities/Lincoln Memorial/Wall 3rd to 14th Streets

Due to the historic significance of these vistas and grounds, any potential site areas that would occur on the grounds or conflict with vistas were given an absolute evaluation of no further consideration as a potential memorial site area. All other site area criteria are relative judgments of compatibility.
Land adjacent to site areas should have uses compatible with the design intent of a "garden like" memorial. For example, several playing fields adjacent to the site area would be compatible land uses.

Uses of adjacent land which are not compatible include:
- Land negatively impacted with transportation facilities.
- Urban areas significantly impacted by noise.
- Heavily utilized sport recreation areas.

**CRITERIA 4.0:** SITE SHOULD BE CONVENIENT TO TOURISTS VISITING NATIONAL MEMORIALS

Site areas should be located in close proximity to the existing memorials of the Nation's Capital, which millions of tourists visit each year.

**CRITERIA 5.0:** SITE SHOULD HAVE IMMEDIATE AVAILABILITY

To be consistent with the memorial design schedule, the availability of the site area and surrounding environment should not be dependent on future design improvements, building relocation/demolition, or use relocation.

**CRITERIA 6.0:** SITE SHOULD BE OF ADEQUATE SIZE

To fulfill the criteria described above (a contemplative visitor experience, within a garden like environmental setting, and suitable for a horizontal landscape solution), a potential site must be carefully sized. At this time, this size has been tentatively determined as follows:
- A focused, memorial area, that is 1/2 to 3/4 acre in size,
- A surrounding setting, including the actual memorial area sized above, of 1 3/4 to 2 1/2 acres in size.

Having examined a number of comparable situations, these sizing parameters seem adequate. The Declaration of Independence Signs Memorial in Constitution Gardens, the John F. Kennedy Grave and the Einstein Memorial are of comparable sizes and were investigated carefully to determine the appropriate size relationship between actual memorial area and setting area required.

The site area should be convenient and accessible to the pedestrian and tourmobile end, as well, without significant vehicular or parking conflicts.

**CRITERIA 7.0:** SITE SHOULD HAVE GOOD ACCESS FOR PEDESTRIANS, TURNOFFILE OR VEHICULAR SERVICE

**CRITERIA 8.0:** SITE SHOULD PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTEMPLATIVE VISITOR EXPERIENCE

To provide a contemplative memorial environment the site area should not be severely impacted by noise or continually disrupted by a constant sense of urban activities and presence.

**CRITERIA 9.0:** SITE SHOULD BE WITHIN A "GARDEN LIKE" ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

The memorial site's surrounding environment should provide a sense of enclosure with nature vegetation, and not be dominated by architectural elements.

**CRITERIA 10.0:** SITE SHOULD BE SUITABLE FOR A HORIZONTAL LANDSCAPE SOLUTION

The actual site and immediate surrounding area should be large enough to establish a low horizontal ground plane focus for feature areas. Most often this would eliminate developed urban sites which usually require vertical elements.
SITE AREA SELECTION REVIEW

The site selection process first reviewed available sites
within the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan area; (extending
from Washington, D.C. to Virginia and Maryland) which
would satisfy the initial Vietnam Veteran Memorial Fund
program concepts.

Specific “site area” selection criteria for the memorial
was then developed. A “site area” is an area of land
which could contain several actual memorial sites and is
defined by the generally known natural and land use
borders which shape a particular area of the city. These
“site area” criteria first established that due to the
national historic significance of the proposed Vietnam
Memorial, a prominent site would be required. Site selection,
therefore, focused toward the vicinity of the Monumental
Core of the city.

Focusing the site selection process within this vicinity,
the first issue considered size and availability. To
achieve the site criteria developed, it was determined that
a two-acre site area was necessary. (This is further
discussed in the site area criteria description section.)

Logically, the next question asked was where are those areas
large enough (approaching two acres) to site a memorial
with a park-like surrounding area. Fourteen possible site
areas were identified in or near the Monumental Core.

Once potential sites were identified these were related to
the site criteria on a matrix. Refer to the matrix figure.
The matrix enabled a straightforward, systematic analysis. All
of compatibility. Asking: is a potential site area compatible
with a given criteria? (See matrix.) Only criteria 2.0 which
states potential site areas cannot conflict with major historic
memorial axes or vistas, was given an absolute evaluation.
A site ‘was’ or ‘was not’ compatible with this criteria. If
a site area was in conflict with a major national memorial
or landmark this area was eliminated from further consideration
as a potential Vietnam Memorial site.

Conflicting with a major national memorial or landmark was
understood to be those site areas which would interfere
with planned historic visual axes or if the proximity of
a potential site area would disrupt the visual foreground
of a major national memorial or landmark. The specific
national memorials, landmarks, and historic visual axes
that should not be disrupted were identified as the following:

- The Washington Monument
- The White House/Ellipse/The Jefferson Memorial
- U.S. Capitol/Smithsonian Facilities/Lincoln
  Memorial/Wall from 3rd to 14th Streets.

Cumulatively, the design compatibility of a “site area” was
rated. A“site area,” depending on its high or low rating was
evaluated. A site was either an eliminated site area (vis-a-vis,
criteria 2.0), a potential site area, or preferred site area.

The “site area” analysis concludes, and the matrix presents
that, there are three site areas among fourteen, which rate
highest by satisfying planning criteria. Both the Lincoln
Memorial North and South site areas rate high in the matrix
analysis. The matrix rating identifies Constitution Gardens
as the most compatible or suitable area for the proposed
Vietnam Veterans Memorial.
Fund Set Up For Vietnam Memorial

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund has been incorporated as a non-profit organization to erect a permanent national memorial to those Americans who fought in Vietnam and particularly those who gave their lives. A joint resolution has been introduced into both houses of Congress which would authorize the use of two acres of parkland near the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., for the eventual construction of the memorial.

As conceived by the administrators of the Fund the memorial will be in a garden-type setting with the emphasis on blending with its surroundings rather than on massive statuary. Plans call for the display of all the names of the 57,000 Americans who gave their lives in Vietnam, sculpture of a type that will symbolize the experience shared by those who served in Vietnam, and a carillon (bells or chimes).

Jan Scruggs, president of the Fund and a Purple Heart veteran of Vietnam, has said, "the memorial will be a delayed victory parade for those who participated in the unpopular Vietnam War."

The speed with which the memorial can be built depends on the receipt of contributions. The Internal Revenue Service has ruled that all contributions to the fund are tax deductible. Anyone desiring to make a contribution can do so by sending it to: The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc., P.O. Box 37240, Washington, D.C. 20013.

7 March 1980

Mr. Robert Doubek
Executive Director
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Washington, D.C. 20036

Dear Mr. Doubek:

I am happy to inform you that our National Board of Directors, by unanimous vote, endorses the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc., as an organization worthy of the support of the Fleet Reserve Association. Accordingly, we will publicize the VVMF in our national publication as a public service as space permits. We are only too happy to join with the national and military associations in support of your efforts.

With very best wishes, I remain in Loyalty, Protection and Service,

ERVIN P. HARRIS
National President

[Signature]
THE CASE FOR A VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL IN WASHINGTON

On the same day that the President visited Bardstown, Kentucky, we got a phone call from Jan C. Scruggs of Columbia, Maryland. The connection is a little round-about, but the two events helped bring into focus a matter which has been troubling us for several months—the growing awareness that the Vietnam era veterans believe that they are, somehow, different and less well-regarded than the U.S. veterans of other wars.

Where does Bardstown fit into this picture? Well, in the network, announcers, in the rather typical and brittle arrangements of big city news reporting, the place selected for the president's visit in the warm days of July was "an obscure and unimportant little Kentucky coal mining town."

We have never been to Bardstown but we do remember being the recipients of Bardstown hospitality on a steamboat, hot day in 1969 on Trip 66 which was part of the Fire Support Base Dender complex in the southern part of the XXIV Corps area of operations in Vietnam. It was there that we found Battery C, 2nd Battalion, 138th Artillery, a crack 155mm self-propelled howitzer outfit from Bardstown, Kentucky. The young battery commander, who had joined the outfit at Fort Hood after the mobilization, talked about the "moral support" the battery got from the community it left behind.

"Bardstown," he moaned, "it must be a pretty good town."

We watched the TV newscasts and there was President Carter in Bardstown—and when we picked up the phone it was a fellow named Jan Scruggs, a former rifleman and mortar gunner, who is trying to rally support for a memorial to those who died in the Vietnam War—a memorial he and his earntees associates intend to have built on a full public view on a prominent site in the nation's capital. Why do they feel this is important? Is it important? Let Scruggs explain it in his own words.

"We are going to build a Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. as a matter of simple recognition of the sacrifice made by those who fought in Vietnam," he says.

"What is puzzling Vietnam vets? On the surface it would appear that veterans' interests are well represented in Congress and the Veterans Administration seems to be efficient and effectively organized to be of assistance. There is follow-up, on an individual basis, for beyond anything we knew after WWII or Korea."

"But if you listen carefully to Jan Scruggs you finally realize the core of the problem. He recalls—and obviously it still rankles—that when he and his platoon of returnees reached San Francisco they encountered youths their own age who greeted them with obscene gestures and curses. This led him to look into the psychological effects of Vietnam combat and he was subsequently invited to testify before a committee of the Senate.

He is convinced that service in the Vietnam War has caused psychological difficulties for many. Why? Because the Vietnam veteran is missing what Scruggs terms "national acknowledgment." For returning Vietnam veterans, there were no big welcome-home parades. Service personnel returning from Southeast Asia took their discharge and slipped quietly back, unnoticed, into civilian life.

"Even if the VA did do all the right things, this was procedure rather than praise. In the frenzy to get Vietnam behind us, we forgot to say thanks."

And when some voices were raised to say that the Vietnam vets were getting a raw deal from the public some of the reaction was swift, harsh—and surprising.

For example, a writer and educator named Mark Pinsky in the New York Times, blandly stated the viewpoint that, "The heroes of the Vietnam were not those who wept quietly and bravely..." the truth, unpleasant as it may be, is that the American heroes of the Vietnam war... were the civilians who, rather than serve, went to fall, went underground, went into exile. They were the GI's who deserted, who came home and joined Vietnam Veterans Against the War and told us what was happening."

Pinsky expresses scant sympathy for the plight of the Vietnam veteran. We doubt that a majority of Americans will agree with his philosophy. We believe that the innate decency of most Americans will, in the long run, prompt them to honor the men who have fought for the country, remembering always that the living also represent those who died.

The Vietnam War was indeed the most turbulent and divisive era in recent American history. It does not particularly do us credit to permit the political considerations of the issue to inhibit the Vietnam veterans as being different from other veterans.

What we would observe, from discussions with Jan Scruggs and others, is that a high percentage of Vietnam veterans do believe that instead of honor and gratitude their efforts were rewarded with at best stupidity and, from some quarters, abuse. Clearly this is inadmissible.

A Vietnam veterans memorial in Washington, on which would be inscribed the names of all those who died in Southeast Asia, would indeed mark a "crowning honor" for those who served in that tough and dirty war. Perhaps it will, as Scruggs and his compatriots hope, lead to a movement to erect such memorials out in the States. "Maybe," he says, "the generations which follow us will have a permanent reminder of how much a nation, however belatedly, cared for its sons and daughters who served during a most difficult and dangerous time."

If you happen to concur in these sentiments you are invited to get more information from The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc., P.O. Box 3698, Washington, D.C. 20013.

—Bruce Jacobs

NATIONAL GUARD
March 11, 1980

Mr. Robert M. Doubek
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Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc.
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Dear Mr. Doubek:

I understand that the Senate Subcommittee on Parks, Recreation, and Renewable Resources, chaired by Senator Dale Bumpers, will hold hearings on March 12, 1980, on S.J.Res. 115, to authorize the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc. to erect a memorial on public lands in the District of Columbia in honor and recognition of the men and women of the Armed Forces who served in the Vietnam War. While the Board of Directors of the Naval Reserve Association will not meet until March 28, 1980, so that a formal resolution of endorsement can not be adopted until that time, the Naval Reserve Association has publicized the efforts of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund in the March 1980 issue of our publication Naval Reserve Association News and has encouraged its members to contribute to this worthy undertaking.

As executive director of the NRA, I wish to state my belief that a memorial in the nation's capital to veterans of the Vietnam War, especially to those who gave their lives, is long overdue. The planned memorial will reaffirm this nation's gratitude to those of its citizens who with devotion to duty and disregard of personal comfort and safety anwered their country's call to service. The members of our association have through the years honored these principles, the importance of which, I am sure, will emerge more strongly than ever in the awareness of all of our citizens as this nation faces the challenges of the future.

I congratulate you on your efforts and wish you every success.

Yours truly,

[Signature]
James E. Forrest, RADM, SC, USN (Ret.)
Executive Director
The Navy League of the United States has encouraged its members to assist the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc., to erect a permanent national memorial who gave their lives.

- Use your own style and letterhead, and avoid form letters and petitions.
- State your case clearly and briefly.
- Advise them how the matter in question would affect you, your community, and your fellow citizens.
- Be firm but polite in stating your specific position, and ask only for practical action and a reply.
- Thank him or her when they do something helpful, and ask to be put on their newsletter list.

Proper addresses are:

The Honorable
(Representative's name)
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable
(Senator's name)
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

MEMORIAL

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc., organized to erect a permanent national memorial to those Americans who served in Vietnam and particularly those who gave their lives, is seeking contributions to help make the memorial a reality.

Senator Charles Mathias
1/17/March 1980
For those who fought

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc. was incorporated as a nonprofit charitable organization on April 27, 1979, in Washington, D.C. The organization was founded for the purpose of erecting a permanent national memorial to those Americans who served in Vietnam and particularly those who gave their lives. The memorial will be erected in the nation's capital through private donations.

Legislation has been introduced in both the House and Senate dedicating a site for the memorial near the Lincoln Memorial. The memorial itself will be a landscaped area in harmony with its surroundings and include a display of the names of the more than 57,000 Americans who died in Vietnam.

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc., does not plan a perpetual existence. Once the memorial itself has been built and its maintenance provided in perpetuity, the organization will cease to exist. The Internal Revenue Service has ruled that the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc., is tax-exempt. All contributions may be deducted from the contributor's federal income tax.

Receipt, deposit, and accounting of all contributions to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc., is the exclusive responsibility of the Riggs National Bank, Washington, D.C.

A nationwide fundraising effort is planned to accomplish our purpose. We need your help as soon as possible. Please use the form below to send your contribution.

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS CARD AND MAIL WITH YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO
The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc., P.O. Box 51840
Washington, D.C. 20013

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Please send me more information about the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund.
It's a Capitol Idea: Washington By-Line

Virginia Senator John Warner (R) and U.S. Senator Gary Hart (D-Colo.) have co-sponsored legislation by Pete Domenici (R-N.M.) to have the Vietnam Veteran Chapel in New Mexico accepted as a gift to the National Park Service. Domenici has had two previous legislative attempts. The fifty feet high winglike chapel was built over a period exceeding 10 years by a historian whose son was killed in Vietnam. Jack Anderson wrote about the chapel on 5/28/79, in the Baltimore News American. In a related development, the VVMF, Inc., formed to raise funds for a Vietnam memorial in Washington, D.C. and for the New Mexico Chapel has thusfar collected $188,300.

"It's not as easy as I once thought to raise a million dollars", admitted the VVMF president, Jan Scruggs. The VVMF was formed to provide a project that will enhance reunification and national reconciliation after the war. The monument planned for Washington, D.C. will symbolize a societal acknowledgement of the sacrifices made by Viet vets since it will be constructed through private contributions only. The group also intends for this project to focus attention on the more immediate needs of Vietnam vets.

"I see the unique interparty cooperation on behalf of the Viet Vet Chapel as an important step toward reconciliation" said VVMF president, Jan Scruggs.

The support of the chapel legislation by Senators Warner and Hart illustrates that acknowledging Vietnam veterans transcends party lines and reflects the growing bipartisan support of Vietnam vets.

The organizations which have given or plan to give the VVMF support through soliciting funds in their magazines include: The Reserve Officers Association of the United States, Marine Corps League, The Retired Officers Association, The Blinded Veterans Association, The National Association of Concerned Veterans, and the Marine Corps Reserve Officers Association. We have also received the support of the President of the American Gold Star Mothers, Mrs. Cupp. Thusfar, the traditional veterans' groups have remained uncommitted to assisting the VVMF.

The VVMF is appealing to the nation’s major accounting firms to donate their services to insure the integrity of the contributions. In a May 25th Press Conference, the VVMF requested the nation’s newspapers, radio and television networks to donate free advertising to the memorial fund. The Washington memorial will bear the name of each American killed in Vietnam.

Sen. Charles Mathias (R-Md.), second from the right, announces the introduction of a joint resolution in Congress authorizing the use of two acres near the Lincoln Memorial as a site for a memorial to Vietnam veterans. Sen. John Warner (R-Va.), far left, and Rep. John Paul Hammerschmidt (R-Ark.), are among 10 co-signers of the resolution. On the right is Jan Scruggs, president of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc., a non-profit group which is raising funds to pay the cost of erecting the memorial. TROA members were among the first to contribute to the fundraising campaign, launched in May, and have donated close to 20 percent of the $5,519 collected so far. Scruggs estimates $1 million needs to be raised and urges TROA members to send contributions to the Fund, c/o, P.O. Box 50096, Washington, D.C. 20004.
March 11, 1980

Robert W. Doubek, Executive Director
Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Fund, Inc.
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Suite 405
Washington, D.C. 20036

Dear Mr. Doubek:

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States fully support the early passage of S.J. Res. 119 introduced by the Honorable Charles Mathias, Jr. with more than 60 bipartisan cosponsors to authorize the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Fund, Inc. to erect a memorial.

As you know, the V.F.W. contributed $2500 to assist in establishing a landscape garden type memorial on a two acre site near the Lincoln Memorial known as Constitution Gardens.

Of the 1.85 million men and women of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, more than 500,000 or one-fifth of those who served in Vietnam or contiguous waters are included in our membership.

With best wishes and kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

HOWARD E. VANDEE CLUTE, JR.
National Commander-in-Chief

Senate Proposes Vietnam Memorial on Mall

LEGISLATION HAS BEEN INTRODUCED in the Senate to build a Vietnam War Memorial on a two-acre section of Constitution Gardens near the Lincoln Memorial. The bill was introduced by Sen. Charles Mathias (R-MD), and was quickly supported by a number of Senators including Sen. John Warner (R-VA), who has offered to help conduct the fund drive to obtain the $1 to $2-million necessary. The legislation presently has 43 cosponsors.

The driving force behind the plan is Jan C. Scruggs, a Vietnam veteran who is now the president of the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Fund which raises private donations for such monuments. He hopes such a memorial will end the "sharp division in our generation created by that unpopular war."

The memorial fund was organized last April "to be a symbol of reconciliation of our nation's determination to restore the unity that existed prior to Vietnam." The memorial on the Mall would be inscribed with the names of the 57,414 Americans who died in that war.

The resolution is presently before the Energy and Natural Resources Committee and according to Sen. Mathias, it could pass Congress this session. The Memorial could be built in two to five years, depending on the length of time it takes to raise the necessary funds.
Vietnam Veteran Memorial

The Vietnam Veteran Memorial Fund was incorporated as a non-profit organization in April 1978 to erect a permanent monument to those Americans who served in Vietnam, particularly to those who gave their lives. Mr. Jan C. Scruggs, president of the Fund, is a Vietnam veteran who served with an Army infantry company in which half the men were killed or wounded while he was there. He was one of those wounded, and has testified before the Senate on the problems of Vietnam veterans. Scruggs conceived the idea for a memorial after seeing the movie, The Deer Hunter, which he said "was very upsetting - like a fairytale for me."

Senator Charles Mathias Jr., has introduced a joint resolution authorizing the use of two acres on the Mall in Washington, D.C. for the memorial. The bill is sponsored by 26 U.S. Senators, including Barry Goldwater and George McGovern. Mathias feels that the memorial "will contribute greatly toward resolving the real and continuing problems in war as a result of that war. Its proximity to the Lincoln Memorial is also fitting, for not since the Civil War has the nation suffered wounds and stresses as grievous as those endured over Vietnam."

Tax-deductible contributions or requests for information should be directed to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc., P.O. Box 37390, Washington, D.C. 20004.

APPELIX D

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

October 16, 1979

Mr. Jan C. Scruggs, President
Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc.
P.O. Box 50095
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mr. Scruggs:

I am writing to express my support for your efforts to build a memorial in Washington, D.C. to veterans of the Vietnam War. Americans who were divided by that controversial conflict should be able to unite in paying tribute to the young men who were called upon to fight. Their sacrifices and suffering were as great as those made by American soldiers in other wars, and it is time the Vietnam veteran received the recognition that is due him. Your project will help put an end to a shameful neglect, and begin a reconciliation which is long overdue.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

William L. Armstrong

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Fiberglass Mesh Stress Tested

Fiberglass mesh impregnated with polyester resin, which starts out soft and sticky but becomes tough and rigid from the sun's radiation, may find many applications in the U.S. space program, such as construction of scale models.
Jan C. Scruggs, President
Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc.
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Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mr. Scruggs:

Thank you for contacting my office to provide me with an opportunity to express my support for the efforts of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc.

The establishment of a memorial dedicated to the members of the Armed Services who served in Vietnam has my full support. As indicated by its actions over the past few years, Congress is highly concerned for the welfare of Vietnam Veterans. These veterans most certainly deserve a commemorative indication of this Nation's appreciation for their sacrifices.

Best wishes for every success.

Sincerely,

Henry Bellmon

Jan C. Scruggs
Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc.
P. O. Box 50096
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mr. Scruggs:

Thank you for your recent correspondence concerning your efforts to establish a memorial in Washington for those who served in the Vietnam War.

Although it is my general policy not to lend my name to projects of this kind unless I will actively participate, I have long felt that a prominently placed memorial for Vietnam veterans in our Nation's Capital would be an excellent step toward healing the wounds of that divisive and tragic conflict. It is my understanding that all funds for the memorial will come from citizen contributions, and only site selection will require Congressional action. I applaud your initiative on this matter, and I wish you all success in your efforts.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Frank Church
Mr. Jan C. Scruggs  
President  
Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Fund  
Post Office Box 50096  
Washington, D.C. 20004

October 25, 1979

Dear Mr. Scruggs,

Many thanks for your thoughtfulness in letting me know of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund's plans to erect a memorial to Vietnam veterans in the District of Columbia and to contribute to the Vietnam Veterans Peace and Brotherhood Chapel in Eagle Nest, New Mexico.

I would like to congratulate your organization for its efforts to build a memorial to acknowledge the sacrifices made by Vietnam veterans and to focus attention on their needs, and for its goal of promoting greater national unity after the Vietnam conflict. I wish the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund great success in raising the necessary funds to make these memorials possible.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Alan Cranston  
Chairman

July 30, 1979

Mr. Jan C. Scruggs, President  
Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Fund  
P.O. Box 50096  
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mr. Scruggs:

Thank you very much for your thoughtful and informative letter concerning the objective of your organization to erect a national memorial in Washington commemorating and honoring those who gave their lives that the conflict in Vietnam might be favorably resolved.

It is and always has been my belief that there should be some sort of memorial to these people, and I am happy to lend my name in support of your cause. The construction of this memorial will serve not only as a remembrance of these people who lost their lives, but also as a focal point for all the American people, regardless of their ideological persuasion regarding the war, for remembering the tragedies wrought by this conflict, the lessons taught us thereby, and most importantly of all, the plight that the Vietnamese refugees themselves are now undergoing.

I believe in your cause, and I hope that if there is anything else I can do to be of help, you will not hesitate to contact my office.

With best wishes for success in your undertaking, I remain

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

United States Senator
October 1, 1979

Mr. Jan C. Scruggs
President
Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund Inc.
P. O. Box 50096
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mr. Scruggs:

Thank you for your recent letter bringing to my attention the efforts of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund Inc. to build a memorial in Washington, D.C. to those who served in the Vietnam conflict.

While the impact of this conflict on our nation was divisive, it is most fitting that this nation now remember those who served, especially those who died, in their country’s name. I commend you for your efforts and wish you every success in your endeavor. You can be assured of my most careful consideration of any legislation authorizing donation of land for this purpose.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

United States Senator

John Glenn

October 17, 1979

Mr. Jan C. Scruggs
President
Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc.
P.O. Box 50096
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mr. Scruggs:

I am honored to endorse the objective of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund to establish a lasting memorial in Washington to commemorate those American service members who gave their lives in the service of this nation during the Vietnam conflict.

It is time that this country recognize the great sacrifices endured by the men and women who lost their lives in that tragic conflict.

I am pleased to lend my name in support of your effort to erect a permanent symbol of this nation’s gratitude to those who honorably served in Vietnam.

With best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Gary Hart
U.S.S.
September 5, 1979

Mr. Jan Scruggs, President
Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund
P.O. Box 50096
Washington, D.C. 20003

Dear Mr. Scruggs:

Thank you for sending me information regarding the Vietnam Veterans War Memorial that you are planning to erect in the Nation's Capitol.

I wholeheartedly support such an endeavor as a proper tribute to the men and women who gave so much in the Vietnam conflict. It is high time that all Americans recognize this painful chapter in our history and the extreme sacrifice that was made in the face of adversity.

I believe your cause to be a commendable one and hope that your organization is successful in its endeavor to build a fitting memorial.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

S. I. Hayakawa

SIH/pha

July 25, 1979

Mr. Jan C. Scruggs
President
Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc.
P.O. Box 50096
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mr. Scruggs:

Thank you for your letter soliciting my support for a memorial to be built in Washington, D.C. in honor of our Vietnam veterans. I endorse this type of project as a fitting memorial to our brave servicemen and women who answered our nation's call and selflessly donated no small portion of their lives to halt the spread of communism. I am convinced that words cannot describe the human sacrifice that these servicemen and women, along with their families, endured during this trying period of our nation's history. I, therefore, endorse this permanent monument in our nation's capital to serve as a perpetual reminder for that immeasurable degree of patriotic sacrifice.

Thank you for soliciting my endorsement.

Aloha,

Daniel K. Inouye
United States Senator

ORI:ib
September 20, 1979

Mr. Jan C. Scruggs, President
Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc.
P. O. Box 50096
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mr. Scruggs:

I am delighted to learn that plans are progressing for the establishment of a memorial in Washington to the brave Americans who gave their lives in Vietnam.

It is fitting that such a memorial be erected here in the nation's capital as a symbol of our country's gratitude for the heroic service of the brave men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice to preserve our country's honor and freedom.

With my best wishes for your continued success in this meaningful project,

Sincerely,

[Signature]

October 18, 1979

Mr. Jan C. Scruggs
Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc.
P.O. Box 50096
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mr. Scruggs,

Thank you for writing to request my support for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund. I endorse such a monument which will serve as a symbol of national reconciliation and unity now that the nightmare of Vietnam is behind us. The memorial will remind us not only about the veterans who sacrificed their lives, but also about the need to remember those veterans who sacrificed and returned to our society. By only soliciting private contributions you will reinforce recognition of individual sacrifices made that go beyond any ideological or party lines.

Thank you again for writing. I wish you the best in your endeavor.

Sincerely,

Carl Levin
United States Senate
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

September 24, 1979

Mr. Jan Scruggs
Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc.
P. O. Box 50096
Washington, D. C. 20004

Dear Mr. Scruggs:

I am in receipt of your thoughtful letter and the enclosed information concerning your plan to erect a memorial in Washington in honor of the veterans who served during the Vietnam conflict.

I appreciate the opportunity to endorse this important project. It is my understanding that the purpose of the memorial is to serve as a remembrance to the sacrifices made by Vietnam veterans and to represent reconciliation after this divisive and unpopular war.

I commend your efforts and wish you all success.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Charles H. Percy
United States Senator

United States Senate
COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

October 20, 1979

Mr. Jan C. Scruggs, President
Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc.
P. O. Box 50096
Washington, D. C. 20004

Dear Mr. Scruggs:

I want to congratulate you and all those working on behalf of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund. The construction of a monument in Washington, made possible by public contributions, is an extremely worthwhile undertaking.

It should be a fitting tribute to the sacrifices made by our Vietnam veterans and an important symbol of reconciliation following a divisive period in our history.

My best wishes for success.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Mr. Jan C. Scruggs, President
Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc.
P.O. Box 50096
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Jan:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund.

As the only United States Senator to have served in the Armed Forces during the Vietnam War, I have been concerned about the continuing difficulties that many Vietnam veterans face. It seems entirely fitting to me that we increase the size of this memorial. A memorial built in Washington for those veterans who served in Vietnam would serve a twofold purpose: it would uplift the spirit of those who gave their lives for this country in combat, and it would focus attention on the readjustment problems, both psychological and physical, of many of the veterans who have returned from Vietnam.

I congratulate you on your efforts. I look forward to working with you in the future in an attempt to help veterans of the Vietnam War.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Larry Pressler  
United States Senator

October 8, 1979

Jan C. Scruggs, President
Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc.
P.O. Box 50096
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mr. Scruggs:

Thank you for providing me with background information on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. I am pleased that you have initiated this project to honor the men and women who served our country during the Vietnam conflict.

We remain mindful of the division caused in this country by the moral dilemma of this conflict. As a nation, we owe much to those brave, selfless Americans who served our country well in the Armed Forces during this period. This Memorial will be a fitting tribute to the military service and sacrifices rendered by the Vietnam veterans.

With best wishes,

Cordially,

[Signature]

TED STEVENS  
United States Senator
Mr. Robert N. Dobbek
Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc.
1977 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
Suite 4A
Washington, D.C. 20036

Dear Mr. Dobbek:

Thank you for your letter and the enclosed information regarding the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund. I appreciate you making this material available to me.

Your work in such a worthy area is commendable. I wish you great success in your endeavors.

Thank you for your offer to provide additional information to my office. We'll certainly feel free to contact you.

Best wishes,

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Donald W. Stewart
United States Senator

October 16, 1979

Mr. Jan C. Scruggs
President
Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc.
Post Office Box 50094
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mr. Scruggs:

I appreciate your letter and the information you enclosed regarding the plans to build a memorial in Washington in honor of our Vietnam veterans.

I certainly endorse the concept of honoring our Vietnam veterans and the establishment of this memorial in our nation's capital to serve as a perpetual reminder of the tremendous sacrifices made by our Vietnam veterans, and as a symbol of the lasting gratitude of the American people.

I wish you every success with this project.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Donald W. Stewart
United States Senator
February 5, 1980

Mr. Jan Scruggs
President
Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund
1025 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
Suite 400
Washington, D.C. 20036

Dear Mr. Scruggs:

A member of my staff, Mr. Bobby Amary, has told me of your interest in S. J. Res. 119. As the Ranking Democratic member of the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs, I appreciate your contacting my office on this matter.

I am pleased to report to you that I am a cosponsor of this legislation which would authorize the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc. to erect a Vietnam War memorial in the District of Columbia. I certainly hope that this legislation will soon be passed by the Senate, and approved by the full Congress in the very near future.

As always, if there is ever any way that I may be of service to you, please do not hesitate to let me know.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

[Signature]

8242 Polizzi Place
San Diego, CA 92123
Phone: (714) 279-0595

APPENDIX E

18 June, 1979
San Diego, CA

Vietnam Veteran’s Memorial Fund, Inc.
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is my contribution for your proposed memorial which I strongly feel is long overdue.

I took the liberty to also enclose a piece I wrote about three years ago concerning our lads involved in that mis-handled struggle and the somewhat shabby treatment they have received by our country since.

This poem has enjoyed a fine reception when recited at local masonic gatherings and has been published in two veteran’s news publications in California. It is soon to be published in an anthology of 200 best poems, due out around August or September.

It is hoped you may use it or part of it on your planned and overdue memorial to duty and sacrifice under trying circumstances.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

CWO, USN (Ret.)

8242 Polizzi Place
San Diego, CA 92123
Phone: (714) 279-0595
Dear Mr. Scruggs,

My wife and I read your story in the local newspaper with great interest, as I hope did many other Vietnam-era vets and citizens who are concerned. I do not consider myself a hero by any means, states, but I believe I have served my country faithfully. (I spent just under 21 months in Vietnam).

I think your idea of a memorial to Vietnam veterans is one that is long overdue in this country, and I hope these few dollars will help you in your cause. I wish we could send more, but we are struggling to make ends meet, just as so many others are. We wish you success in your endeavor, and may I say "thank you" for caring.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Byman
Co. "A"
123rd Ave. SE.
23rd Infantry Div.
Chester, R.I.
(1971)
Gentlemen:

An check is check (10.00) to apply to your Vietnam Memorial Fund. This is in memory of my son, Major John S. Cooper III, KIA in Vietnam on 26 Oct 1967 who is birthday is today. I will carry your brochure to my next National Mothers Meeting. Perhaps some of the mothers would like to contribute to the Memorial as individuals.

Best luck on your worthy efforts. May the memory of my son serve as a reminder.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

4th Street S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20014

December 25, 1979

Mr. Jan C. Scruggs
Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund
PO Box 50096
Washington D.C. 20004

Dear Sir,

My husband and I enclose a check for twenty-five dollars toward the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in memory of our son, Doyle W. Lyon, who was killed in Vietnam on 1965. We think this is a splendid idea to honor the memory and hope that sometime after it is completed that we can get to see it.

Sincerely,

Mary H. Lyon
(Mrs. Doyle W.)
July 6, 1979

Jan Sorenson, President
Vietnam Veteran Memorial Fund
P.O. Box 50096
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mr. Sorenson,

The Tampa Tribune article "National" seems printed the interesting account of your Vietnam Veteran Memorial Fund. Although they could not give me your address, they did refer me to the Veterans Affairs Dept. at the U.S. Soccer Festival in Tampa where they gave it to me.

My son is a Vietnam Veteran who received the Bronze Star Medal with "V" device and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for "exceptional heroism".

I would love to get some information on the Memorial Fund. I am sure the people of Tampa would love to have such a Memorial.

With appreciation,

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Mr. Sorenson,

You are to be congratulated for raising money for the Vietnam Veteran Memorial Fund. Acknowledgement, credit and praise are not limited by "are" long overdue. You have done what no one else did in Vietnam. Thank you for your efforts, visible credit will be given them.

I am enclosed my check in the amount of Five Dollars. My heart feels that you are to be congratulated for founding this special fund; I am wishing you total success in the near future.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
February 9, 1980

Dear Sir:

I was recently informed of the existence of your organization and its purpose of erecting a Viet Nam War Memorial. I can only say that it is about time that this country finally recognize the sacrifice that its young men have made. We have for too long ignored the tragedies that occurred in Viet Nam.

I served as a rifleman with the 1/506 Infantry -101st Airborne -Phu Bai -Viet Nam. I have never forgotten the heartache and suffering that I encountered there. I still remember the names of my friends who were killed there.

I attempted to obtain the names of Viet Nam soldiers who had been killed in Viet Nam as a personal memorial but I was told by the Department of Statiscal Services that this service would cost 250.00. I hope you could help me obtain a list for a more reasonable fee than this amount.

I would also like to be of any assistance in furthering this very touching goal. Americans must be made aware that Viet Nam did happen and the extreme hardships that a few of us were made to bear. Please let more people know where contributions can be sent.

Sincerely yours

William L. Carmack
It is not true that we should never have happened. We did, and only those in high places know whether it was a right or wrong thing. Our country called the cream of the crop of its young menhood to defend "the honor" of America. It was foreign land; they answered the call which foreign land; they had been brought up to consider as "duty" to the land they loved — they did not shrink at.

Mr. Scruggs, did either of the gentlemen with you wish to say anything?

STATEMENT OF ROBERT W. DOUBEK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL FUND

Mr. Doubek: We realize that the Park Service, the Department of Interior has not yet had the opportunity to testify this morning, but we have received a copy of their written statement and would be prepared now to comment on the amendments they propose and I will be brief as I realize there is a long witness list.

We see that a prominent site on the monumental court is the one element without which this memorial cannot achieve its purposes. We are talking about a single memorial to all veterans, all the men and women of the armed forces who are most affected by a major event in this country's history.

Our purposes are not only to recognize past service, but the present one of achieving a reconciliation of our society after the divisions caused by the Vietnam War. This memorial will be a demonstration of this country's commitment to resolve Vietnam and restore the unity that existed prior to the war.