

## Engage Your Students in Projects That Personalize Their Study of History and Teach About Service and Sacrifice.

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund is asking teachers and students to assist us in finding photographs of the men and women listed on The Wall in Washington, DC. By using school yearbooks or looking up old newspaper obituaries, your class can assist us in honoring your local heroes.

Teachers, this is an excellent project to educate students about the personal aspects of war and to make the study of History more relevant to your students' lives. Remember, many of those who served in Vietnam were only a few years older than our high school students.



**SGT HAROLD B. REED**  
United States Army  
May 30, 1932 – July 3, 1966  
Panel 8 E, Line 128  
*Photo courtesy of  
his daughter, Denise Reed*

Also in this brochure, you will find other ideas for incorporating the study of the Vietnam War in your classroom. These are just a small sample of lesson plans that can easily be applied and modified for different grade levels.

For additional lesson plan ideas, please visit our website ([www.vvmf.org](http://www.vvmf.org)) and go to the Teach Vietnam section. Here, you can download our curriculum guide, *Echoes From The Wall*, or request a hard copy. You also may request other educational materials using the online form, such as a fieldtrip guide to the Memorial, posters and various books of essays. If you need further assistance, you may contact the Memorial Fund at (202) 393-0090 or email [vvmf@vvmf.org](mailto:vvmf@vvmf.org).

The Virtual Wall, on the Memorial Fund's website, allows visitors to view or post photographs and text remembrances of those whose names are inscribed on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.  
Visit [www.vvmf.org](http://www.vvmf.org)

### PUT A FACE WITH A NAME on The Virtual Wall

Use one of the following easy steps to post a photograph of someone whose name is inscribed on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial:

- 1. On the Web**  
On The Virtual Wall, find the veterans profile page and click on "**Post a Remembrance.**" Complete the required information and choose "**Attach an Image from my computer,**" then click on "**Next Step**" to review the remembrance before submitting it for approval.
- 2. Via Email**  
If you have a scanner at home, you can email the photo as an attachment (jpg, jpeg or gif preferred) to [vvmf@vvmf.org](mailto:vvmf@vvmf.org) with the subject "Put a Face with a Name." In the body of the email, be sure to include the veteran's name, your name, a password and any other information you would like included in the remembrance.
- 3. Via Postal Service**  
If you cannot scan the photograph, mail it to the Memorial Fund and we will scan and upload for you. Remember to include all of the information mentioned above as well as your mailing address so we can return the photo. Mail the information and photograph to: **Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Attn: Put a Face with a Name, 1023 15th Street, NW, Second Floor, Washington, DC 20005.**

### OTHER LESSON PLANS

*Put a Face with a Name* is one way to incorporate the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in the classroom. Here are some others:

- ❖ Have students research whether anyone from their school has their name inscribed on the Memorial. Use The Virtual Wall ([www.vvmf.org](http://www.vvmf.org)) to search by home of record and then use school yearbooks to determine whether the person attended their school. If the yearbooks include information, such as participation in sports or clubs, ask students to post this on the website.
- ❖ Using The Virtual Wall, have students look for individuals with whom they can identify (same hometown, last name, birthday, etc.). Students can either make a list of names to show the many commonalities, or pick one person to research further.
- ❖ Take students on a fieldtrip to a local veterans memorial or to the traveling wall if it is visiting nearby (visit our website for *The Wall That Heals*' tour schedule).
- ❖ Have students create and host a ceremony for Memorial Day or Veterans Day to honor veterans within their community. If your community already holds a ceremony, have students participate or attend.



**TSGT JAMES R. THOMAS**  
United States Air Force  
July 5, 1943 – Nov. 25, 1971,  
Missing In Action  
Panel 2 W, Line 72  
*Photo courtesy of his daughters,  
Kimberly Thomas-Bowles,  
Lisa Thomas-Longnecker and  
Symphony Thomas*

"My students were intrigued by the challenge and were able to spark many conversations with family and friends of those who made the ultimate sacrifice."

Sara Capen  
Barker Central School District (Barker, NY)

## The Virtual Wall

The Virtual Wall ([www.vvmf.org](http://www.vvmf.org)) is the online extension of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial that allows family and friends to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice or who remain missing in action.

The Virtual Wall offers different experiences for everyone who visits the site. It allows visitors to view profiles of those whose names are inscribed on The Wall as well as obtain digital name rubbings. It also gives visitors the opportunity to honor our service members by posting remembrances.

Since the site was launched on November 10, 1998, more than 100,000 text, image and audio remembrances have been left, creating a permanent archive of memories and tributes to those whose names are inscribed on the Memorial.



**CDR DANFORTH  
E. WHITE**  
United States Navy  
June 17, 1930 –  
March 31, 1969  
Panel 28 W, Line 101  
*Photo courtesy of  
the White family*

In Fall 2001, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund launched the *Put a Face with a Name* campaign to collect a picture for each of the more than 58,000 men and women whose names are inscribed on The Wall.

During the past three years, more than 10,000 photographs have been sent to the Memorial Fund for the permanent online photo collection on The Virtual Wall.

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund and the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) are working in partnership to expand the *Put a Face with a Name* project in hopes of collecting a photograph of every individual whose name is inscribed on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC.

### Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund

Established in 1979, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund is the non-profit organization authorized by Congress to build the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. Today, through a series of outreach programs, the organization works to preserve the legacy of The Wall, to promote healing and to educate about the impact of the Vietnam War. ([www.vvmf.org](http://www.vvmf.org))

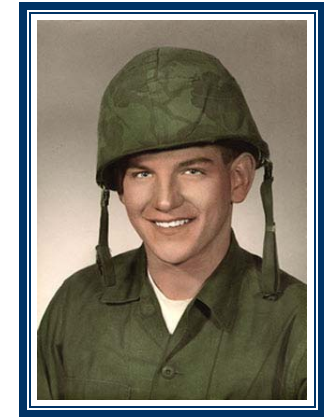


### Veterans of Foreign Wars

The VFW, with its Auxiliaries, includes 2.4 million members in approximately 9,000 Posts worldwide. Our accomplishments are many, including lobbying for a GI bill for the 20<sup>th</sup> century; donating more than \$1 million each to the Vietnam, Korean, Women in the Service memorials and over \$5 million dollars for the World War II memorial; fighting for compensation to veterans diagnosed with Gulf War Syndrome; and improving VA medical centers services for women veterans. Annually, VFW members and its Ladies Auxiliary contribute more than 18 million hours of volunteerism in the community, including participation in Make A Difference Day and National Volunteer Week. ([www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org))



## Your Class Can Help PUT A FACE WITH A NAME



**LCPL PETER A. PENFOLD**  
United States Marine Corps  
March 17, 1947 – October 17, 1967  
Panel 28 E, Line 29

*Photo courtesy of his mother,  
Jeanne Penfold*

## A Project to Teach Students about the Lessons of War

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