

**McLean County Museum of History**

**Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall Collection**

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**Collection Information**

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 Box
COLLECTION DATES:	2000-2016
RESTRICTIONS:	None
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OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
LOCATION:	Archives
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**Brief History**

Several organizations present a "Moving Wall" -- a scaled down replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. The purpose is to bring the wall to people who may not have the opportunity to travel to see the original. Many have found healing, a renewed patriotism, and pride in service after visiting the walls. Highlighted are area veterans who are listed on the wall. The first to travel to the Central Illinois area was a half-scale Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall, from an organization in Michigan. The next to visit was The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall, which was three-fifths the size of the original memorial. The last to visit to date was the American Veteran's Traveling Tribute Vietnam Wall, also a three-fifths scale, from Texas.

## Scope

The collection includes pamphlets, programs, and newspaper clippings about events over the years as the walls came to Central Illinois. Additionally, there are insights into the scope of planning and fundraising needed to create these events. This collection covers visits to Bloomington, Normal, and LeRoy in 2000, 2015 and 2016.

## Folder Inventory

### **Folder 1: Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall, 2000, Bloomington/Normal**

- 1.1 "Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall," program booklet with schedule of events, question & answers, list of area veteran's listed on the wall, and sponsor information, held at Illinois Agricultural Association, May 14-20, 2000, 16pp. (2 copies).
- 1.2 "Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall," pamphlet with schedule of events and area veteran's names listed on the wall, May 14-20, 2000.
- 1.3 "Etched in Stone" form for Edward K. Meyer, Marine Corps. Dates of service, death and casualty type.

### **Folder 2: The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall, 2015, LeRoy**

- 2.1 "The Wall That Heals," by The Traveling Vietnam Veterans Memorial and Museum, pamphlet with schedule of events, sponsor information, July 23-26, 2015, at Kiwanis Park. (2 copies).
- 2.2 Postcard for Vietnam Veterans Memorial Name Rubbing Request in Washington, D.C.

### **Folder 3: American Veteran's Traveling Tribute Vietnam Wall, 2016, Bloomington**

- 3.1 Gift Agreement with Evergreen Memorial Cemetery, Bloomington, IL, for this collection for the visit between August 24-28, 2016.
- 3.2 Flyer, Benefit to be held at The New Lafayette Club, April 30, 2016, to bring wall to community.
- 3.3 "American Veteran's Traveling Tribute Memorial Wall," pamphlet with schedule of events and list of displays, held at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery, August 24-28, 2016. (2 copies).
- 3.4 "Honor, Respect and Remember," program booklet with schedule of events, area veterans listed on the Wall, and sponsor information, August 2016, in Bloomington, IL, 35pp.
- 3.5 "Etched in Stone" laminated form for Richard Dean Buckles, class of 1968 Normal Community High School, Army. Dates of service, death, and casualty type; includes rubbing of name.
- 3.6 "Etched in Stone" laminated form for Thomas Leo Hoeniges, Army. Dates of service, death, and casualty type; includes rubbing of name.
- 3.7 "Etched in Stone" laminated form for William Ray Schroeder, Army. Dates of service, death, and casualty type; includes rubbing of name.
- 3.8 Photograph, 7.5" x 10" with biography on back for David L. Scott of Carlock, Army.
- 3.9 "When the 'Wall' Hit Home," laminated poem, by Rebecca Fields Ashenbrenner, dated Jun 26, 1989.

**Folder 4: Moving Wall 2016, Bloomington** (donated by Jess Ray)

- 4.1 Gift Agreement with Jess Ray, Normal, IL for his contribution to this collection.
- 4.2 "The Wall That Heals," by The Traveling Vietnam Veterans Memorial and Museum, pamphlet with schedule of events, sponsor information, July 23-26, 2015, at Kiwanis Park.
- 4.3 "We Need Your Help" letter to sponsors for benefit on May 7, 2016.
- 4.4 "Patriotic Planter Order Form," for flower displays during event.
- 4.5 "American Veterans Traveling Tribute (AVTT) Veterans Wall Meeting Agenda," November 7, 2015, quarter sheet of paper.
- 4.6 Steering Committee and Coordinators list, 2pp.
- 4.7 Flyer, "Prep-Freeze-Cook" fundraiser, March 21<sup>st</sup>.
- 4.8 Flyer, "Ride for Honor Respect Remember," fundraiser and 55–60-mile ride, July 31, 2016. (2 copies).
- 4.9 Flyer "Honor Respect Remember Wall Escort," volunteers meet, August 24, 2016.
- 4.10 Task list, responsible party, start/end times, directions, and timelines, 3 pp.
- 4.11 Tent information and volunteer information, 8 pp.
- 4.12 Schedule of Events, Wednesday August 24<sup>th</sup> to Sunday August 28<sup>th</sup>
- 4.13 List of line up, "2016 Moving Wall," August 24, 2016
- 4.14 "American Veteran's Traveling Tribute Memorial Wall," pamphlet with schedule of events and list of displays, held at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery, August 24-28, 2016.
- 4.15 "Honor, Respect and Remember," program booklet with schedule of events, area veterans listed on the Wall, and sponsor information, August 2016, in Bloomington, IL, 35pp.
- 4.16 "Traveling Memorial to War Links Generations," *Pantagraph*, August 26, 2016.
- 4.17 Miscellaneous: notes.