57.5
51.48.
43.39.
32.28.
27.
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Declared Dead/MIA
Declared Dead/MIA / Average Declared Dead/MIA per Day in 1968
The Vietnam War Unknown Soldier
Numbers vary on
Over 153,000
About 1.5
Operation 'Young'
Panel 3E
627 civilian women served with the American Red Cross'
Vietnam Service Medal
Last Combat Unit
Peak U.S. Troop strength
Morse & Ernest Gruening oppose); House vote 416
fire in Vietnam but name is not on The Wall).
Truman administration. U.S. elects to support France in our fight against Communism (domino theory)
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\section*{Casualties / statistics}

\section*{About 1.5 - 2.0 million Vietnamese died during the \textit{American War}}
Estimated 800,000 - 1,100,000 North Vietnamese troops (including Viet Cong); 300,000 + South Vietnamese troops; and up to 400,000 civilians (North and South). (these estimates vary wildly based on source)

\section*{Over 153,000 U.S. soldiers were wounded in Southeast Asia from 1955 – 1975 (requiring hospital care) Approx, 220,000 Purple Hearts awarded in Vietnam.

\section*{Roughly another, 150,000 listed as \textit{wounded}, but not \textit{requiring hospital care}. Approximately 23,000 wounded considered 100% disabled.

\section*{3.4 million U.S. servicemen and women served in Southeast Asia from 1955 – 1975. This includes slightly over 500,000 Navy - South China Sea.

\section*{191,100 were killed in U.S. military service in total (fix 4-Aug 1975).}
The last 4 'Declared Dead/MIA' (1W, Line 124)

\section*{Δ: Declared Dead/MIA per Day in 1968: 45
Average Declared Dead/MIA per Day in 1955 – 1975: 10 Average per day during 7 worst years (65-71): 22

\section*{Average declared dead/MIA’s per day in WWII: 290 (19,000 dead/missing at Battle of the Bulge, over 12,000 at Okinawa, over 6,500 in Iwo Jima

\section*{The Women: Sharon Lane 23W; 12; Eleanor Alexander 31E 8; Hedwig Droliwski 31E; Pamela Donovan 53W 43; Annie Ruth Graham 48W 12; Mary Carol Rush Uhring 5E 46; Elizabeth Jones 48W 47; Death lists. Served. 1.7% (58,315/3,000,000) 2.0% if Navy excluded

\section*{where ‘declared dead’ is used, i
Elizabeth

\section*{The Wall}
105. 104. 101. 100.
91. 85. 79. 76. 71. 69. 60. 739 names on Wall at dedication in 1982.

As of April 2016, DoD lists 1,590 military as ‘unaccounted for’ in Southeast Asia including China – a difference of 871 from ‘The Wall’ number of 719 ‘Status Unknown’.

A ‘+’ symbol is ‘status unknown’. There are no circles around any ‘+’ symbols as no status unknown has ever been found alive.

137 Lines on the tallest panels. Approximately 700 names on tallest panels. Add 5 lines on Panel 1E due to engraving at the top of panel.


9 years covered on 1E and 1W. Other 7 years – 138 panels. 1968 alone requires 72 of 140 panels – last 37 east and last 35 west.


Spare black granite panels are stored at Quantico Marine Corps base in Virginia. They are blank.

Wall temperature recorded at 1430 hrs on 25-Aug 2007: 150 degrees.

Granite is from Bangalore, India. – and was used because of its deep colour and – consistency and – width of vein in the mix. 5 ft. panel weighs approximately 900 pounds.

The Wall represents a ‘cut’ or ‘gash’ in the earth, as 21-year old Maya Lin envisioned the field being peeled back to reveal the open wound that was Vietnam and our loss. Black represents earth, granite a permanent separation of the living and the dead, polished granite reflects the images of the living in the lives of those who died for our freedom. The names would tell the story of a ‘journey’ – and that vets could come back to their own place in the ‘journey’. The ‘first’ and the ‘last’ meet at the apex of the memorial – closure. Didn’t want The Wall to look like a telephone book. (Survey Lodge): 202-684-1201.

Maya Lin, Jan Scruggs, 1982 members of the VVMF board, advisors, and architect Cooper & Gude, 2003 law requires the names added since 1982. Approximately $3,650,000 worth of flowers and perishable items are cataloged. Some items are displayed at ‘The Wall’ number of 150 degrees.

In Memory Day, scheduled for Saturday, 18-June 2016 - honors those men and women who died as a result of their service in Southeast Asia whose names were not eligible to be added on The Wall Christmas Tree Ceremony, Saturday, 10-December 2016 at 1300 hours – hosted by the Volunteers. All are welcome.


Of all The names on The Wall were read aloud – in chronological order – during dedication, on 10th (1992), 20th (2002), 25th (2007) and 30th (2012) anniversaries.

The Wall is 246 feet, 9 inches long in both east and west directions. 10 feet, 6 inches tall at apex. There are 148 panels…140 numbered, 4 blank at each end.

Name additions, spelling corrections, and MIA to ‘Declared Dead’ status done by James Lee of ‘Engrave Write’ of Colorado – generally done in May of each year.

A diamond is ‘declared/deceased’ – either KIA or death from other causes (approximately 10, 800). Nearly 900 men ‘declared dead’ on The Wall are ‘body not recovered’. Some groups consider these men still ‘missing’. DOD says 1,590 military ‘unaccounted for’ in April 2016. The Wall shows 719 ‘status unknown’.

Good example of a name addition for visitors is Billy Smith on 1E. Line 42. He was seriously wounded 5-Nov 1963 and died 7-Oct 1995. He was added prior to Memorial Day 1999 – and was placed as close to those men he served with in Vietnam as was possible.

376 names added since 1983. 110 added in 1986 - most were airmen flying combat missions from Thailand, but President Reagan ruled them eligible. 68 added in 1983 were mos military were killed in plane crash in Hong Kong on R & R. The other 198 were mostly men who were left off for various reasons or died after The Wall was dedicated from combat wounds. ** E. Alan Brudno (5E, Line 2) was a suicide here in the States. Brudno had been a POW from 18-Oct 1965 thru 28-Mar 1973 (7.5 years)

Estimated - 35 men were mistakenly listed on The Wall at dedication that were still alive. These names are not listed in the directories, but are in the total count.

Memorial Hall building at The Wall is cataloged in a climate-controlled warehouse in Landover, Maryland, managed by Park Service. Flowers and perishable food are not kept. Over 400,000 items are cataloged. Some items are on display at ‘The Price of Freedom’ in the Smithsonian’s National Museum of American History.


The names of 3126 men and women who died are engraved on the top, back side of the memorial. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund operates on a 5 percent of gross income basis, a little over $1 million a year.

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Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund founded 27-April 1979 by a group of Vietnam Veterans led by Jan Scruggs.

Other Wars

471 Medal of Honor recipients from WWII (16 million served) 145 Medal of Honor recipients from Korea (1.5 million served) 7.2 per 100,000 earned MoH in Vietnam. 2.9 per 100,000 earned MoH in WWII. 8.7 per 100,000 earned MoH in Korea.

4,048 ‘Gold Stars’ on WWII Memorial – each star for every 100 Declared Dead/MIA

The state columns at WWII are arranged by seniority – right/left/right/left starting with Delaware (1st) on the right, PA (2nd) on the left, New Jersey (3) on the right, etc.

Korea: 25-Jun 1950 – 27-Jul 1953 – note that the Korea War Memorial shows over 54,000. U.S. lost in Korea. This is not correct. Over 54,000 were lost in ‘Korean War’ era – over 17,000 died elsewhere in the world 1950-1953). Pentagom admitted error in 2000.

The 3 worst years of Vietnam (67-69) were the deadlier than the 37 months of Korea. 39,000+ died/missing in southeast Asia in 67-69 vs. 36,500+ in Korea.

War Totals: U.S. military deaths and wounded (these are DoD figures from its WEBSITE) (except Iraq/Afghanistan)

Killed/missing: dropped from 1.65 wounded to 1 KIA in WWII to 2.63 wounded to 1 KIA in Vietnam – in large part due to the helicopter (wounded=deserted) – the usual calculation.

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General Information

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