

History / Important Dates / Background:

1. **French Indochina** – had been under French control since 1882 (except Laos – added 1893). French began initial conquest of the area in the 1840's.
  2. French defeated at **Dien Bien Phu** after 6-week siege, 7-May 1954. (2 U.S. pilots flying for 'Civil Air Transport' (CAT) died in plane crash from anti-aircraft fire while ferrying in supplies to French during the siege). Not on The Wall – Civilian. French did not fully leave Vietnam until 1957.
  3. **The 1<sup>st</sup> 128 U.S. Advisors in 'French Indochina'** (MAAG/D) arrived 17-Sep 1950 in support of the French – training on U.S. equipment only – no active role in combat. Truman administration. U.S. elects to support France in our fight against Communism (domino theory – China fell to Communism in 1949, South Korea attacked 1950)
  4. **The 1<sup>st</sup> 'official' confirmed death – Richard B. Fitzgibbon Jr.**: 8-Jun 1956 (added 1999 – Panel 52E, Line 21) (Fitzgibbon was murdered by a fellow USAF SSgt – who died in Vietnam but name is not on The Wall). **Fitzgibbon's son, Richard, also died in Vietnam** 7-Sep 1965 - LCPL Marines (in 'correct' chronological order on 2E, Line 77)
  5. **2<sup>nd</sup> 'official' death**, added later to **The Wall – Harry Cramer, died 21-Oct 1957** - debate on whether or not a training accident. Wall initially started with deaths from enemy fire – Dale Buis & Chester Ovnand, killed 8-Jul 1959. 2015 addition Stanley Staszak died 4-April 1959. 3<sup>rd</sup> name – Maurice Flournoy – died 21-Feb 1960.
  6. 12-Feb 1955 / **1<sup>st</sup> advisors assume 'de facto' responsibility for training** – pre MAAG/V. **MAAG/V: 1-Nov 1955 (earliest official date of eligibility for The Wall)**
  7. **Geneva Peace Accords (never signed)** 21-Jul 1954 finalized division of 'French Indochina' into Cambodia, Laos, North Vietnam, and South Vietnam. North/South Vietnam division was supposed to be only 'temporary' until July 1956 elections – which never occurred. U.S. feared Communists under Ho Chi Minh would win election.
  8. **Gulf of Tonkin; 2 and 4-Aug 1964**. USS Maddox attacked on 2-August by North Vietnamese gun boats. Maddox and USS Turner Joy allegedly attacked without provocation on 4-Aug 1964. Defense Secretary Robert McNamara, in 2004 documentary 'The Fog of War' says 'It never happened' (4 -Aug attack). President Johnson's 'Gulf of Tonkin Resolution' (7-Aug 1964 passed, 10-Aug signed) permits him virtually unrestricted authority to wage war on North Vietnam. Senate vote 88-2; (Wayne Morse & Ernest Gruening oppose); House vote 416-0 in favor of the resolution. (This was not an official declaration of war)
  9. **Mayaguez Rescue**: 13-15 May 1975. 23 USAF killed on 13-May en route to staging area from Thailand base. The last 18 names on the Wall were killed in battle on 15-May 1975 on/near Koh Tang – Cambodia. 41 of the last 42 names are Mayaguez- related deaths (23+18). The crew of the Mayaguez totaled 40 – all rescued.
  10. **Peak U.S. Troop strength (in country) 30-Apr 1969 543,482** The **last ground patrol** 5-Aug 1972, by Delta Company, 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn., 21<sup>st</sup> Infantry
  11. **Last Combat Unit out** 23-Aug 1972: 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn., 21<sup>st</sup> Infantry. Next to last out: 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division, 22 -Aug 1972
  12. 16-Mar 1968/ **My Lai** 2-Sep 1969 **Ho Chi Minh dies** **Battle for Hue/31-Jan thru 26 Feb 1968 (142 Marines killed, 75 Army)**
  13. 30-Apr 1970/ **Cambodia invasion** – this lead to: 4-May 1970 **Kent State** ('4 dead in Ohio' sang Crosby, Stills, Nash, and Young) + 2 killed at Jackson State, 14-May
  14. **1-Jan 1972** / down to 133,000 total troop in country; 27-Jan 1973 **Paris Peace Accords** 10-20 May 1969/**Hamburger Hill**/ A Shau Valley / 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne/70 KIA
  15. **A. Peter Dewey**: 26-Sep 1945 (honored at 2003 'In Memory' Ceremony) as 1<sup>st</sup> U.S. Military KIA) (Not on the Wall - pre 1-Nov 1955).
  16. **'The 10,000 day war'** – from 26-Sep 1945 – 15-May 1975 (10,848 actual) (Peter Dewey - Mayaguez). **Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal** – 1-Jul 1958 – 3-Jul 1965
  17. **Vietnam Service Medal** – 3- Jul 1965 – 28-Mar 1973 ('Expeditionary Medal' recipients could trade for Vietnam Service Medal – but can't have both)
  18. 29-Jul 1967 – **USS Forrestal** – 134 killed. Panels 23E-24E (Senator John McCain was a Naval aviator on the Forrestal – he was slightly injured)
  19. **1<sup>st</sup> regular U.S. military ground troops into Vietnam**: 2 battalions of the 9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB), 8-Mar 1965 – Da Nang
  20. **627 civilian women served with the American Red Cross** 'Supplemental Recreation Activities Overseas' (SRAO) program from 1965-1972. (aka 'Donut Dollies') logged over 17,000 miles monthly by helicopter during year-long tours to play diversionary games, visit hospitals, and staff rec centres as respite for troops. 4 died in Vietnam.
  21. **Panel 3E – Ia Drang Valley** – 1<sup>st</sup> Major battle between U.S. and North Vietnamese forces. 14-18, Nov 1965. 234 1<sup>st</sup> Cav killed over 4 days. 'We Were Soldiers Once, and Young' – movie and book. Authors – Reporter, Joe Galloway and LTG, Hal Moore. Movie does not show the 4<sup>th</sup> day, when losses totaled 155 of the 234. Galloway, a civilian, later awarded the Bronze Star with 'V' device for heroism at Ia Drang.
  22. **Actor Chuck Norris' brother, Wieland Norris (Panel 9W, Line 5) and Buffalo Bills' pro football player James Kalsu (Panel 8W, Line 38) died with 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne at or near Firebase Ripcord, A Shau Valley - summer 1970**. This major battle kept secret/classified for many years – it occurred right after Kent State.
  23. Shea and Nystul - Marines (Helicopter crashed in South China Sea) and McMahon and Judge – Marines killed during rocket attack on Tan Sun Nhut airport outside Saigon. All 4 died 29-Apr 1975 - **The last 4 'Vietnam' deaths on The Wall** (1W, Line 124)
  24. **William Nolde** (1W, Line 112) often called 'last killed in the war' – killed 27-Jan 1973 (day of Paris Peace Accords)
  25. **The Draft/Lottery** – First Draft Lottery (by birth date drawing) on 1-December 1969 (took up to #195). Before that, a local Draft Board would select. Last lottery for Vietnam on 2-February 1972 for men born in 1953. None called up. 1971 lottery took up to #95. 1.7 million drafted overall during the war years (not all went to Vietnam).
  26. **Air Campaigns**: Operation 'Rolling Thunder' (N. Vietnam targets): 1965-68. Operation 'Linebacker' (N. Vietnam targets) Spring – Fall of 1972  
Operation 'Ranch Hand' (Defoliants): 1962-71 (19 million total gallons of herbicides, includes 11 million of 'Agent Orange'). Operation 'Linebacker II': December 1972  
Operation 'Arc Light' (B-52 raids, primarily S. Vietnam targets) 1965 – 1973
- Casualties / statistics (where 'declared dead' is used, it can also represent 'death presumed' - about 900 bodies were not recovered, but are not considered 'status unknown')
27. **About 1.5 - 2.0 million Vietnamese died during 'the 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)
  28. **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.
  29. Roughly another **150,000 listed as 'wounded', but not requiring hospital care**. Approximately 23,000 wounded considered **100% disabled**.
  30. **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.
  31. **9.1 million men and women in U.S. Military service** in total from 4-Aug 1964 (Gulf of Tonkin attack) to 1-April 1973 – last POW's released.
  32. Numbers vary on **total U.S. Military women who served in Vietnam**. 8,500 is close. (Diane Carlson Evans' number). NPS says about 10,000. About 85% nurses.
  33. **Vietnam War Unknown Soldier: Michael Blassie, 1 W, Line 23**. Exhumed 14-May 1998, identity confirmed. Reburied in St. Louis 11-Jul 1998
  34. **The youngest killed** - Dan Bullock (23W, Line 96), on 7-Jun 1969 at age 15 - USMC. Next day - Sharon Lane, only U.S. military woman killed by enemy fire.
  35. **Oldest to die in Vietnam**: Kenna Taylor, 7W, Line 82 (62 years old). **Oldest to die of wounds/died** 2002-added 2003: Luther Huddleston, 16E, Line 109 (68 years old)
  36. **Average Declared Dead/MIA per day in 1968: 45** (Average per day 1959 – 1975: 10) **Average per day during 7 worst years (65-71): 22**
  37. **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 at Iwo Jima)
  38. **The Women**: Sharon Lane 23W 112; Eleanor Alexander 31E 8; Hedwig Orłowski 31E 15; Pamela Donovan 53W 43; Annie Ruth Graham 48W 12; Mary Klinker 1W 122; Carol Drazba 5E 46; Elizabeth Jones 5E 47 Deaths vs. Served: 1.7% (58,315/3,400,000) 2.0% if Navy excluded
  39. Carol Drazba and Elizabeth Jones, the first 2 women, died together on 18- Feb 1966 in helicopter crash.
  40. **Mary Klinker** died in C-5A plane crash 4-Apr 1975 during Operation 'Babylift' – orphan evacuation from Saigon. 155 on plane were killed.
  41. **Worst Day: 31-Jan 1968 / 246 'Declared Dead/MIA' (35E L84 – 36E L44)**; **Worst Week: 5-11 May 1968 / 616 'Declared Dead/MIA'**
  42. **Declared Dead/MIA / by Branch**: 38,288 Army; 2,566 USN; 2,585 USAF; 14,868 USMC; 8 USCG
  43. **Declared Dead/MIA / by Year (worst 7)**: 1968: 16,602/ 1969: 11,627/ 1967: 11,164/ 1966: 6,157/ 1970: 6,085 /1971: 2,360/ 1965:1,864
  44. **Declared Dead/MIA / Officers/Enlisted**: Total officers: 7,906; Enlisted 50,409
  45. **Declared Dead/MIA / by Enlistment**: (approx.) 35,000 Enlisted, 5,800 Reserves, 100 National Guard, 17,700 were Drafted (30%)
  46. **Declared Dead/MIA / by State (top 7)**: CA / 5575; NY / 4121; TX / 3418; PA / 3146; OH / 3098; IL / 2937; MI / 2656
  47. **Declared Dead/MIA / Race mix**: 81.1% Caucasian; 12.5% African American; 5.2% Hispanic; 1.2% other
  48. **Declared Dead/MIA / Religion mix**: 64.4% Protestant, 28.9% Catholic; 6.7% other/none
  49. **Declared Dead/MIA / Officers** (non Navy): Maj Gen/5; Brig Gen/6; Col/232; Lt Col/333; Maj/734; Captain/1883  
1st Lt/2021; 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt/1788; WO/1274; 629 Navy including 1 Rear Admiral and 26 Captains.
  50. **Declared Dead/MIA / Last Name (5 most frequent)**: 668/Smith; 526/Johnson; 406/Williams; 383/Brown; 350/Jones
  51. **POW's**: 771 total captured. 114 died in captivity or are still listed as MIA. Last prisoner released 1-April 1973.
  52. **Average age** of those declared dead/MIA was 22 years 9 months old – not 19. Draftees averaged 19 years old – but they were only 30% of the total.
  53. **Declared Dead/MIA / African American** represented 12.5% of total; while African Americans in total U.S. population of draftable-age was 13.5% (1964-1973)
  54. **State with highest percentage 'declared dead/status unknown'**: West Virginia, with 84.1% of every 100,000 males. National average 58.9 per 100,000.
  55. **Longest held POW (from any American war in history)** – Capt. Floyd 'Jim' Thompson, U.S. Army 'Green Beret' from 26-Mar 1964 thru 28-Mar 1973. 9 years, 2 days. Died 16-Jul 2002 in Key West, FL. Navy pilot Everett Alvarez was NOT the longest held POW (5-Aug 1964 to 12-Feb 1973) 8.5 years.
  56. **257 Medal of Honor recipients from Vietnam** -159 of them awarded posthumously, 98 survived the incident. 160 Medal of Honor recipients on The Wall.
    - Michael Blassie – interred in the 'Tomb of the Unknowns' was awarded the MoH – but it was rescinded when his remains were identified (Blassie not in 257)
  57. 57 men on The Wall are listed as '**Canadians**' in the directory. The Canadian Vietnam Veterans Memorial (called The North Wall) in Windsor, Ontario, lists 103.

**Frequently Requested**

John Geoghegan	3E/56
Lance Sijan	29E/62
'Rocky' Versace	1E/33
Donald Cook	1E/80
Vincent Capodanno	25E/95

- 58. **58,315 names are on The Wall** as of Memorial Day 2016 (8 names added in Spring 2016). Font: Digitized version of Optima. Lettering is .53 inches high
- 59. **537 ‘status unknown’ symbols have been changed** to declared dead since The Wall was dedicated (including 9 in May 2016)– dropping the **total MIA/Status Unknown count to 719 on The Wall**. VVMF say 1,256 ‘MIA/Status Unknown’ were listed on The Wall when dedicated in 1982. **57,939 names on Wall at dedication in 1982**.
- 60. 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’
- 61. **A ‘+’ symbol is ‘status unknown’**. There are no circles around any ‘+’ symbols as no status unknown has ever been found alive.
- 62. **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.
- 63. **Panel 1E** covers period from 8-Jul 1959 thru 6-June 1965; **Panel 1W** covers 15-Apr 1972 thru 15-May 1975 Angle of walls: 125 degrees, 12 minutes
- 64. **9 years covered on 1E and 1 W. Other 7 years – 138 panels. 1968 alone requires 72 of 140 panels** – last 37 east and last 35 west.
- 65. **Panel 70E ends with Jesse Alba**, alphabetically the first casualty on 25-May 1968. **Panel 70 W begins with John Anderson, 25-May 1968**
- 66. **‘3 Servicemen’** statue sculpted by Frederick Hart, local DC artist - deceased. Dedicated Veterans Day 1984. Weapons – M-60, .45, and M-16.
- 67. **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**
- 68. **Granite is from Bangalore, India**. – and was used because of its deep colour and consistency – and width of vein in the mine. 5 ft. panel weighs approximately 900 pounds
- 69. **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. Approximately \$9 million raised for the memorial. All funds were from private contributions.
- 70. The **grassy areas** in front of The Wall and on the top of the memorial are supposed to represent ‘healing’...as grass would grow right up to The Wall. (Sidewalk added, but at opening ceremonies there was grass between Wall and sidewalk. Maya Lin noted that the pain of loss heals over time (the grass), but never truly goes away (The Wall itself). The panels read like pages in a book – left column justified on the east panels, right column justified on the western panels – artistically like an open book. The names, as they write the history of the war – like a diary - day by day, become the monument itself. The names are alphabetical by last name on days with more than 1 casualty.
- 71. **Maya** was a Yale undergraduate majoring in architecture. She received a B+ in her class on funerary architecture. 1,421 entries in total were submitted in the **1980-81 contest** and the winner selected by a panel of 8 internationally recognized landscape architects (3), sculptors (3), and architects (2). No Vietnam vets on the panel of judges.
- 72. Maya was born in **Athens, Ohio**. Her parents (both university professors) had fled China – and became professors at Ohio University in Athens, OH.
- 73. **Vietnam Women’s Memorial** – Dedicated 11-Nov 1993. Sculpture by Glenna Goodacre of Santa Fe, NM. Goodacre also designed U.S. Silver dollar issued in 2000 with image of Sacajawea – Native American who aided Lewis & Clark. Also sculpted statue of Ronald Reagan at Reagan library in CA.
- 74. **The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Education Center** will be built between 23<sup>rd</sup> Street and Henry Bacon Drive – expected groundbreaking – ???
- 75. **59 U.S. Civilian women** died in Vietnam – 37 of them in plane crash with Mary Klinker. No civilians ‘officially’ listed on the Wall – but 1 listed by mistake.
- 76. Goodacre left open to interpretation the meaning of the 3 uniformed women at the **Women’s Memorial** – but some visitors suggest they represent ‘Hope’, ‘Despair’, and ‘Compassion’. There are 8 trees planted around memorial in honor of the 8 military women who died. Goodacre said that in her mind the soldier does NOT die.
- 77. **‘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 to The Wall. **Christmas Tree Ceremony, Saturday, 10-December 2016 at 1300 hours – hosted by the Volunteers**. All are welcome.
- 78. **‘In Memory’ plaque** dedicated 10-Nov 2004. 24 x 36 inches, black granite. Authorized by Congress April 2000.
- 79. **All of the names on The Wall were read aloud – in chronological order - during dedication**, on 10<sup>th</sup> (1992), 20<sup>th</sup> (2002), 25<sup>th</sup> (2007) and 30<sup>th</sup> (2012) anniversaries.
- 80. 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.
- 81. **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.
- 82. **A diamond is ‘declared/presumed dead’** – 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’.
- 83. **Good example of a name addition for visitors is Billy Smith** on 1E, line 42. He was seriously wounded 8-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 1963 as possible. Note lighter colour/less weathering.
- 84. **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 – most were Marines 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)
- 85. **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.
- 86. **Memorabilia** left at The Wall is stored 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.
- 87. [www.sdit.org](http://www.sdit.org) (**Sons and Daughters in Touch**) – organization for children of men who are listed on The Wall. (Org is not limited to Vietnam)
- 88. The **flag base** contains the emblems of all 5 branches of service including Coast Guard. The flag base at WWII memorial has 6 – including Merchant Marines.
- 89. 2003 law requires the **POW flag** to fly at all national military memorials – including Korea, WWII, and Vietnam and national military cemeteries.
- 90. The names of Maya Lin, Jan Scruggs, 1982 members of the VVMF board, advisors, and architect Cooper-Lecky are engraved on the top, back side of the memorial.
- 91. Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund founded 27-April 1979 by a group of Vietnam Veterans led by Jan Scruggs.

Other Wars

- 92. 471 **Medal of Honor** recipients from WWII (16 million served) 145 Medal of Honor recipients from Korea (1.5 million served)
- 93. 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.
- 94. 4,048 **‘Gold Stars’** on WWII Memorial – each star for every 100 Declared Dead/MIA
- 95. The **state columns at WWII** are arranged by seniority – right/left/right/left starting with Delaware (1<sup>st</sup>) on the right, PA (2<sup>nd</sup>) on the left, New Jersey (3) on the right, etc.
- 96. **Korea: 25-Jun 1950 – 27-Jul 1953** (note that the Korean 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). Pentagon admitted error in 2000.
- 97. **The 3 worst years of Vietnam** (67-69) were deadlier than the 37 months of Korea. 39,000+ died/missing in southeast Asia in 67-69 vs. 36,500+ in Korea
- 98. War Totals: U.S. Military deaths and wounded (**these are DoD figures from its WEB site**) (except Iraq/Afghanistan)

War	Total Deaths	Battle Deaths/MIA	Other Deaths	Wounded, not mortal
o Revolutionary	4,435	4,435	unknown	6,188
o War of 1812	2,260	2,260	unknown	4,505
o Mexican War	13,283	1,733	11,550	4,152
o Civil War (union)	364,511	140,414	224,097	281,881
o Confederate	250,000 est.	unknown	unknown	unknown
o Spanish-American	2,446	385	2,061	1,662
o W W I	116,516	53,402	63,114	204,002
o W W II	405,399	291,557	113,842	671,846
o Korea	36,574	33,741	2,833	103,284
o <b>Vietnam</b>	<b>58,315</b>	<b>47,529</b>	<b>10,786</b>	<b>153,302</b> + approx. 150,000 wounded/not hospitalized
o Gulf War I	382	147	235	467
o Iraq/Afghanistan:	<b>6,877 as of April 2016</b>			

- 99. **Total 1,260,998** (in-theater deaths) (Roughly ½ of them in the Civil War)
- 100. **Killed/wounded ratio** 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=hospitalized)
- 101. **Gettysburg note:** Visitors often say that guides at Gettysburg tell them that the 51,000 ‘casualties’ during the 3 days of battle at Gettysburg (1-3, July 1863) were nearly as bad as Vietnam. Unfortunately, the guides don’t say that the 51,000 number includes killed, wounded, MIA, and deserters. It is estimated that 12-15,000 died during the 3 days or later as a result of wounds suffered – a horrific number, but not 58,315.
- 102. **Antietam** (17-Sept 1862) was **worst day** in U.S. military history with 22,720 total ‘casualties’ 3,650 killed; 19,070 MIA/wounded. That is total Confederate and Union.

General Information

- 103. **Park Police: 202-610-7500 (emergency) Park Police (non-emergency) 202-610-7505 Park Service (Survey Lodge): 202-426-6841**
- 104. Korean Memorial Dedicated: 7/1995 WWII:5/2004 Lincoln: 5/1922 Jefferson: 4/1943 FDR: 5/1997 Washington 2/1885 MLK: 10/2011
- 105. Volunteers have their own web site – at [www.vietnammemorialvolunteers.com](http://www.vietnammemorialvolunteers.com)