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AGENDA

Introduction Roles for Volunteers How many volunteers? Set-Up & Take Down **Display Volunteers** Recruiting and Care Questions

VOLUNTEERS – THE FOUNDATION OF THE WALL THAT HEALS

"The day The Wall That Heals arrived, it was pouring down rain but every volunteer including members from three fire departments still came on to begin the labor of love to erect The Wall. Each piece was carried with gloved hands and precise steps. It was such an inspiring day. Then as the night began to fall and the lights framed The Wall That Heals - we all had another breathtaking moment."

Kathy Ballou 2021 Host



ROLES FOR VOLUNTEERS



COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Five or more for months leading up to event – most importantly Volunteer Chair



DISPLAY VOLUNTEERS

Ambassadors with visitors to enhance experience



Ceremonies, parking, bugler, flag presentations, food, school guide, apex set-up

TAKE-DOWN

30 – 35 able bodied men & women to tear-down on Sunday

SET-UP VOLUNTEERS

30 – 35 able bodied men & women to set-up on Wednesday

ZOOM INFO - VOLUNTEERS

HOW MANY VOLUNTEERS?

At a <u>minimum</u> there are 188 volunteer slots

DAILY USE OF VOLUNTEERS

	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
SET-UP	30-35				
DISPLAY	12	32	32	32	20
OTHER					
TAKEDOWN					30-35

ZOOM INFO - VOLUNTEERS

VOLUNTEER

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SET-UP & BREAKDOWN VOLUNTEERS

We endeavor to replicate the perfection and artistic nature of The Wall in your community. These 30-35 volunteers implement that vision.



SET-UP VOLUNTEERS



UNLOAD TRAILER

Unload the display, by hand, from trailer



INSTALL LIGHTS

Place lighting, benches and other aspect of The Wall

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ERECT THE FRAME

Assemble, align, and erect the base framework for The Wall 5

ENHANCEMENTS

Set up mobile education center and additional aspects of display

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PLACE EACH PANEL Carry by hand, each of the

146 panels. 2-3 people carrying each panel.

SET-UP

• Every item and portion of the display is removed by hand from the trailer and installed with care



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- Every item and portion of the display is removed by hand from the trailer and installed with care
- Must be able to work outside in any condition for 6-8 hours
- Rain or shine, the exhibit must be set up.



SET-UP

- Every item and portion of the display is removed by hand from the trailer and installed with care
- Must be able to work outside in any condition for 6-8 hours. Rain or shine.
- No experience, expertise or equipment required, VVMF supplies all the tools, gloves & guidance



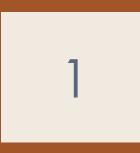
NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN

Some volunteers will need to climb, use a sledgehammer, or carry heavy panels. When coupled with duration (6-8 hours) and weather, many wellintentioned volunteers are excluded.

You must have 30-35 able-bodied men and women to set-up and take down The Wall That Heals.



TAKE DOWN VOLUNTEERS



REMOVE LIGHTS

Gather and stow all exhibit lighting



DISASSEMBLE FRAME

Dismantle frames and haul materials and fixtures to trailer

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DISMANTLE EXHIBITS

Stow mobile education center and additional aspects of display



LOAD TRAILER

Carefully pack and stow all materials into trailer

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REMOVE EACH PANEL

Carry by hand, each of the 146 panels. 2-3 people carrying each panel.

DISPLAY VOLUNTEERS

These volunteers are your community's connection between the exhibit and your visitors. They bring to life the emotion, the legacy and the healing of The Wall to every visitor.



DISPLAY VOLUNTEERS



WALL VOLUNTEERS

Four to six to help engage at The Wall



OTHER VOLUNTEERS

Shift lead, host/hostess, parking, etc.



VISITOR TENT One or two to greet and answer questions

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MOBILE ED CENTER

One or two to greet and answer questions



WALL VOLUNTEERS

- Act as ambassadors for your community to ensure each visitor feels welcome
- Greet visitors and assist them with finding names, viewing photos and doing name rubbings
- Serve as experts answering questions including layout, facts, and stories
- Provide for the enjoyment and safety of the visitors and community

A minimum of <u>FOUR per shift</u>. Shifts usually run 4 hours long from 2 PM on Wednesday until 3 PM on Sunday.



VISITOR TENT

- "Master of First Impression" or your receptionist
- Answer questions about The Wall, look up names, hand out brochures
- A perfect station for those unable to stand long periods

A minimum of <u>ONE per shift</u>. Shifts usually run 4 hours long from 2 PM on Wednesday until 3 PM on Sunday.



MOBILE EDUCATION CENTER VOLUNTEERS

- Share information about the Hometown Heroes, In Memory Honor Roll and mobile education center
- Draw attention to various exhibits to engage the visitors
- A perfect station for those wanting to avoid sunlight

A minimum of <u>ONE per shift</u>. Shifts usually run 4 hours long from 2 PM on Wednesday until 3 PM on Sunday.





ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS

You might need:

- More volunteers if you shorten shifts (from 4 hours)
- Parking volunteers
- Event/ceremony volunteers
- Shift lead volunteers
- Host/Hostesses for volunteer tent
- Photographer, chaplain, color guard, bugler, etc.



WHO CAN VOLUNTEER

From students to veterans, involve your entire community in supporting your visit of The Wall That Heals

- Under 18 with parent/guardian
- No requirement for veterans but veteran empathy important
- Positions involve standing and moving around (only one seated position).
- Volunteers need to come no matter the weather conditions.



WHO IS THE BEST VOLUNTEER

- Volunteers are not security, guards or muscle
- Not there to tell their story, earn votes or get community service hours
- Not there to discuss any other program or organization
- Should be willing to engage with every visitor

Volunteers are there to serve the memory of those on The Wall and those in your community. They are patient and ready to listen to the story, quick to assist, and even faster to provide a tissue.

WHERE DO I FIND VOLUNTEERS



MARKETING TWTH

As you seek donors and tell about the event, seek volunteers



SPORTS TEAMS

Especially for set-up & takedown, they can be invaluable

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ORGANIZATIONS

What organizations cherish civic involvement, patriotism and volunteering?



MILITARY, POLICE, FIRE

Volunteering or even some units will support while on duty,

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COMPANIES

What companies, unions and agencies support veterans and the military?

MANAGING THE MADNESS

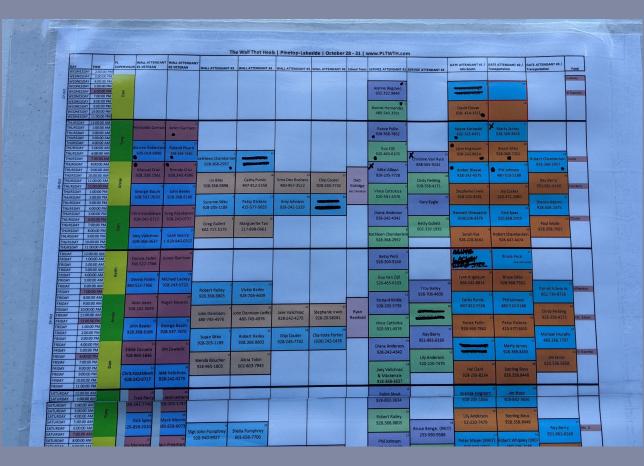
Successful hosts have used free sites to schedule, track and communicate with their volunteers. SignUp.com and SignUpGenius are the most used.

We can provide you with templates for shifts or even Excel tables



VOLUNTEER ASSIGNMENTS

- Volunteer coverage starts at The Wall on Wednesday at 2 PM and ends one hour after take-down (usually 3 PM) on Sunday
- When possible, allow volunteers to rotate through stations for different perspectives and experiences
- Don't rely on one organization or group for an entire assignment/shift
- When possible, include veterans in all shifts, but especially at night to engage the visitors
- Allow volunteers who have been trained to come back again to supplement the schedule



TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Wednesday at 6 PM

- The VVMF Site Manager and team provide training at the mobile Education Center and The Wall preparing display volunteers for their shifts
- About an hour. All volunteers are <u>strongly</u>
 <u>encouraged</u> to attend
- Handouts are provided at the end of training and copies are given to your volunteer coordinator for those unable to attend



COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR VOLUNTEERS

Your volunteers are your greatest asset not just during their slot

- Email potential volunteers announcing the signup opening. Email updates to encourage more signups. Encourage them to forward the email.
- Communicate about media hits and special announcements (ceremonies, speakers, events)
- Confirm their spot repeatedly
- Remind them about volunteer training on Wednesday

They will become advocates and messengers to others spreading the news and excitement about the week of The Wall That Heals.



PROPER CARE AND FEEDING OF VOLUNTEERS

How can you make their experience as positive as possible?

- Communicate early and often, not just about volunteering
- Lunch for set-up crew
- Snacks & water for volunteers
- Serviced portable toilets, heat as necessary
- Volunteer Tent for check-in, breaks, and to escape heat/cold
- Shirts or volunteer vests
- NEVER turn down a <u>good</u> volunteer who want to return for another shift



CONCLUDING THE VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

When its all said and done and the dust is settling, thank your volunteers

- Recognize them at the "closing ceremony"
- Place an add in the media thanking them along with your sponsors
- Plan a recap event two weeks after The Wall leaves to share photos, stories and thank them

They may be ready to volunteer for your next project. They may be inspired to help veterans.

Who knows, if you bring The Wall That Heals back, they may replace you on the committee!



VOLUNTEER -AN EXPERIENCE UNLIKE ANY OTHER

"I have spent thousands of hours volunteering at the VA and other places here in the area. Nothing prepared me for this incredible experience.

I have met people and heard stories beyond my imagination. I have learned more about our veterans, the Vietnam War and those who served than possible.

I came back for more shifts because it was just so moving. Thank you for the opportunity."



QUESTIONS

2023 TWTH TOUR SHIRTS

As promised, The Wall That Heals Tour shirt will go on sale Jan 18-Feb 15. Order period will close to enable delivery before first sites.

Throughout the year, the shirt will again be offered and delivered. We appreciate your help in selling these to help offset our costs.



* COLORS & STYLES MAY DIFFER



UPCOMING TIMELINE

Zoom Info – Tours,	First round of TWTH	Zoom Info – In	First round of TWTH
Education & Escorts	shirt sales opens	Memory & Closeout	shirt sales ends
JAN 18	JAN 18	JAN 25	FEB 15

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