



September 1-5, 2016 – Labor Day Weekend

## The Germantown Moving Wall Project, September 1-5, 2016 – Labor Day Weekend



Photo taken by Brenda Ahearn

**There are currently 58,307 names on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall. Our goal is to attract as many visitors to The Moving Wall in Germantown, during it's five day visit, as there are names on the wall. Please help us to reach our personal goal.**

**Below is information regarding the Germantown Moving Wall Project.**

*To me, there are three main reasons for hosting The Moving Wall, to honor those that made the ultimate sacrifice, to honor those Vietnam Veterans that are here with us today, and to educate the public and our children of the sacrifices that were made during the Vietnam War. Freedom is not free, it comes at a price, and the price of that freedom is written on the Wall.*

*- Brian M. Boze*

### **The Moving Wall**

The Germantown American Legion Post 1 is proud to host the Vietnam Moving Wall™ (TMW) on September 1-5, 2016, Labor Day Weekend.

On Sept. 1, 2016, The Moving Wall™ will arrive in Germantown, Wisconsin. It will be on display at Kennedy Middle School athletic field through Labor Day, Sept. 5. The Moving Wall™ is a half-size replica of the Washington, DC Vietnam Veterans Memorial and has been touring the country for 30-plus years. Since it was built in 1984 it has been in more than 1,300 cities across the United States.

There are currently 58,307 names on The Wall, 14 of which are from Washington County including two from Germantown, four from Hartford, three from Kewaskum and five from West Bend. We will be honoring all 14 fallen heroes and inviting their families to participate in the five-day event. Our goal is to attract as many visitors during the Labor Day weekend, as there are names on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall.

Along with hosting The Moving Wall™ we are also bringing the Healing Field®, a visual display of hundreds to thousands of American flags. American Huey 369 from Peru, IN, will be present along with membership rides. Vietnam era veterans will experience a unique “Welcome Home” parade similar to the style of Honor Flight parades. The American Legion Post 1 banquet hall will be transformed into a hands-on Vietnam era educational experience, it will be open one week prior to The Moving Wall™ visit. And a full-color keepsake book, will be available for sale documenting the local ties to The Moving Wall™ and much more.

### **Germantown Moving Wall Committee**

We currently have over 15 committees to help shape the Germantown Moving Wall project. This amazing team consists of many members, organizations and groups from within Germantown and the surrounding areas. It is a solid group of people dedicated to help see this project through. Feel free to join us as we build an amazing and meaningful event together, while making history in Washington County. For more information please contact Lisa Leider at [LisaLegionPost1@yahoo.com](mailto:LisaLegionPost1@yahoo.com) or (262) 573-7902.





### **The Moving Wall™ Display**

When The Moving Wall™ arrives to Germantown and is ready to be taken to the display site, it will get a proper escort from our American Legion riders, as well as some other groups. Together all the riders will make a grand entrance by leading the The Moving Wall™ through town with the highest level of respect to the display site. Once it is all set up, the Moving Wall™ will be available for five days which will also include ceremonies and other appropriate events. There is no cost to attend anything and it will be available for viewing 24/7 rain or shine. There will also be mental health counselors available, as well as medical assistance in case of an emergency.



### **The Healing Field® Display**

The Healing Field® display is the premiere program of Colonial Flag Foundation. It consists of a decidedly visual display of American Flags wherein each flag represents remembrance, support, and honor for the men and women who have served our country and for those that paid the ultimate price for our freedom. This Field of Flags will be displayed for five days. Anyone can purchase a flag, and write a customized message on the tag, for someone who has been in the military or is currently serving. Several different boy/girl scout troops will work together to put up all of the flags before The Moving Wall™ is set up. We anticipate displaying between 800 - 2,500 flags. Once the event is over the flag is yours to keep, you can pick it up or have it mailed to you for an additional fee. To purchase a flag for \$35.00 visit [www.healingfield.org/germantown16](http://www.healingfield.org/germantown16).



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### **American Huey 369**

Sacrifice is meaningless without remembrance. American Huey 369 from Peru, IN, is committed to remembering our Veterans and the Huey aircraft they depended on while in Vietnam. The Huey Helicopter became a symbol of America's involvement in its' longest war. The Huey was the workhorse of the war. The distinctive whoop-whoop of it's single continuous blade meant to an American soldier on the ground, that hope had arrived in the way of supplies, reinforcements, medics, or a ticket out of the jungle. American Huey 369 will be present along with membership rides for a fee, price TBD.



### **"Welcome Home" Parade**

On Saturday, September 3, 2016, a very unique "Welcome Home" parade for all of the Vietnam Era Veterans will take place. It is the long overdue "Welcome Home" they all deserve. For anyone who has seen an Honor Flight parade, you know just how emotional, heartwarming, and amazing it is. We are working with several people that help put together Honor Flights in Wisconsin, to bring the same level of detail and honor into The Germantown Moving Wall "Welcome Home" parade. Rain or shine, this will be an event not to be missed. The start time and route is TBD. If you are looking to possibly get involved with military vehicles, bringing a group of veterans on a bus or van, would like to include an honor guard, would like to get kids involved to make and display posters, or anything else, we will gladly find a place for you, please contact:

**Josh Rabenn - [josh.rabenn.fju0@statefarm.com](mailto:josh.rabenn.fju0@statefarm.com), cell: (808) 397-1441.**



### **Vietnam Era Educational Hall**

The Post 1 Banquet Hall will be transformed and open for visitors one week prior to The Moving Wall™ visit, and then stay open while the Wall is in Germantown. Upon entering the Vietnam Era Educational Hall, you will be presented with military dog tags and mimicked military papers of a living Vietnam Veteran or from one of the soldiers names on the Wall from WI, to start your hands-on experience. Once you are in the hall you will be guided through



different stations and times of the war. This creative transformation is being researched and developed by a team of talented individuals who will capture details from the Vietnam war and bring it to life, including a full display of photos taken from a Vietnam photojournalist. The purpose of this experience is to educate youth especially, about the Vietnam war and to give Vietnam era veterans the opportunity to tell their stories through this unique experience. The hope is to bring healing to Veterans and a better understanding to youth as to why thousands of names are on the Wall and what each soldier sacrificed for our freedoms we have today. We aim to keep this as true to the Vietnam era as possible, including much of what was going on during that time such as protests, the civil rights movement, etc., while keeping in mind the age groups and appropriateness. This is a FREE event however, food and a full-color keepsake book will be available for purchase.

### Full-color Keepsake Book

A full-color keepsake book, will be available for sale documenting the local ties to The Moving Wall™. In this book, you will be captivated by the stories told and information unfolded. Your heart-strings will be pulled by photos taken from a photojournalist who traveled to the Vietnam War and lived to tell about the images. You will get an exclusive and unique look at the 14 names of the soldiers on the wall from Washington County, researched by a Milwaukee journalism class. All names on The Wall from Wisconsin will be honored. History from Washington, DC Vietnam Veterans Memorial will be shared, along with what sparked the idea and motivation behind the Moving Wall™. Best kept secrets and stories will be told from the viewpoint of a few Vietnam Veterans including; an infantryman and tunnel rat. The colorful chronology of the Vietnam war, including the sound of hope from the Huey Helicopter, will have it's place. This keepsake book, will also touch on what was going on back home in Wisconsin with the student protests, burning of draft cards, confrontation with army recruiters, and more. It will also serve as a reminder as to what "We The People" and "Free Enterprise" means for the United States, and all who live in this great nation.

### Sponsorship Packages

The Germantown American Legion Post 1 and the Germantown Vietnam Moving Wall Committee invite you to become a valued sponsor of the Vietnam Moving Wall Washington County project. There are multiple ways and levels to get involved. Please see our Sponsorship Opportunities handout for more information.

### Fundraiser(s):

#### POKER RUN – from Memorial to Memorial

**August 13, 2016 – 10:00am - 5:00pm**

10:00am registration begins at the Germantown American Legion Post 1  
5:00pm poker hands drawn, at Sussex Bowl

This is a self-guided tour and will likely visit 7 military memorials

Poker Run Contact: Cindy Schmittinger

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Our new website should be ready to launch any day. Please keep checking back, as it will have more information regarding The Moving Wall™ [www.LegionPost1.org](http://www.LegionPost1.org).

Please contact Lisa Leider if you would like to host a fundraiser, become a sponsorship, or just are looking to get involved. We would be honored to partner with you in whatever capacity you are available. Thank you!

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