the debt owed to all who have sacrificed on behalf of Americans, Missouri's National Veterans Memorial exists to honor every soldier from every conflict, along with their families.

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# What is Missouri's National Veterans Memorial?

Missouri's National Veterans Memorial is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and flourishing campus established to illustrate the gratitude we owe America's soldiers. It provides a place of solace, refuge and healing for veterans, those currently serving and military families. Situated in the heartland's countryside, the Memorial's visitors have the ultimate environment to reflect and find peace without the distractions or expense of a metropolis.

Our campus is home to America's Wall, a full-scale thank-you to veterans as a whole, completely identical to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall on the National Mall in Washington D.C.

# Who started Missouri's National Veterans Memorial?

In 2016, Jim Eddleman donated \$2.5 million and his family's 47-acre farm for our campus. During the Tet Offensive in 1968, he carried several severely wounded comrades to a medevac helicopter. He made a promise to himself that day: If he made it out alive, he was going to find some way to honor and pay tribute to his fellow soldiers.

## Why did you build America's Wall?

Many veterans do not have the financial stability to visit memorials in Washington D.C. Several Vietnam veterans have never had the opportunity to see or locate the names of lost comrades on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall. America's Wall provides an experience our visitors have been longing for in an intimate environment without city disruptions.

# Why Perryville?

Perryville is off a major interstate with nowhere near the amount of traffic found in Washington D.C. Our campus is located in the heartland, surrounded by quiet farmland. There are no car horns or political marches. It's what our heroes and their families need: a peaceful place to reflect and heal.

# When will Missouri's National Veterans Memorial be finished?

Ideally, Missouri's National Veterans Memorial will constantly grow, adding tributes and features that further recognize the sacrifices, strength and bravery of America's soldiers.

Today, we're proud to offer a Welcome Center with room for small events, a Military History Museum with rotating exhibits and 24/7 access to America's Wall – a full-scale black granite sister wall to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, identical to that on the National Mall in Washington D.C. – and other outdoor features.

The Honor Flag Memorial is scheduled to open in May 2019, with additional features to be constructed following its completion.

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#### Admission

- ★There is no entry fee.
- ★If you have the means, we request a \$10 donation per person. This helps us ensure upkeep and grow the Memorial.
- \*Parking is free.
- \*All features are wheelchair accessible. Check our calendar of events to get the most out of your visit.

#### Hours

America's Wall and other outdoor areas have year-round access, day and night. You don't need an appointment.

### **Welcome Center Hours**

Monday-Friday: 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday: 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Call ahead for holiday hours.

# COMPLETED MEMORIAL STAGES

#### \*America's Wall

A permanent full-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

## **\*Welcome Center**

A large and fully insulated building with a media room and space for events

# **★Veterans and Military Museum**

A spacious building ready for both traveling and permanent educational exhibits

# IN-PROGRESS STAGES

## \*Honor Flag Memorial

An intimate, contemplative space in which to hold small memorial services and other ceremonies.

## \*Veterans Hall

Event space where organizations, individuals and businesses can host receptions, celebrations and other events

### \*Interfaith Chapel

A quiet space where visitors of all faiths can reflect and pray

#### **★Scattering Oak Grove**

A shaded area where loved ones can spread the remains of their veteran

## \*Cemetery

A serene field to serve as the final resting place for our heroes

### **★Reflecting Fountain**

A gorgeous backdrop that will provide soothing sounds for meditation at America's Wall

# How can I get involved?

Missouri's National Veterans Memorial is seeking volunteers, advocates and sponsors. There are a variety of giving opportunities for corporations, small businesses, individuals and organizations of all sizes. To donate your time or funds, visit Give.MNVMFund.org

# Directions to Missouri's National Veterans Memorial from 1-55

- 1. Take exit 129 for Perryville.
- Go north on Highway 51/S. Perryville Boulevard for about 3.5 miles.
- Turn left when you arrive at the Main Street intersection, continuing for a little more than a mile.
- Missouri's National Veterans Memorial will be on your right.



