



Welcome to SAME Omaha Post 2022 Industry Day

Opening Remarks

The logo features the word "NEBRASKA" in a bold, black, sans-serif font, centered within the large, light green letters of "NWM". Below "NEBRASKA", the words "VIETNAM VETERANS" are written in a bold, black, sans-serif font, also centered. At the bottom, the words "MEMORIAL FOUNDATION" are written in a black, sans-serif font, centered. The entire logo is set against a white background with a grey horizontal bar at the top and bottom.

NEBRASKA
VIETNAM VETERANS
MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

Remember the Past and Educate The Future



Why a Memorial Honoring Nebraska's Vietnam War Veterans?

When our troops came back from the Vietnam War, they were denied the hero's welcome that Veterans of other conflicts received. The Vietnam War was long in duration. It was controversial. It was the first war on television and those images were in everyone's living room, every night. The Vietnam War changed our country. It changed our state, and it changed the lives of our families and friends.

It's estimated that by 2030, almost 50% of Nebraska's Vietnam War-era Veterans living today will be deceased. This Memorial is an urgent and important act of honor and gratitude to those who served, to those who lost their lives, and to the families that have sacrificed so much because of the Vietnam War. This Memorial is our way of making sure these brave men and women are never forgotten.



"The Nebraska Vietnam Veterans Memorial will make an important contribution to future generations' understanding of a long, complicated, and unpopular war. And the sacrifices made by so many young Nebraskans. The Vietnam War changed our country. This memorial is worthy of all Nebraskans support."

-Chuck Hagel-
Vietnam Veteran (1968)
U.S. Senator (NE 1997-2009)
Secretary of Defense (2013 – 2015)
NVVMF Honorary Committee Member



About the Nebraska Vietnam Veterans Memorial Foundation

- The mission of the Nebraska Vietnam Veterans Memorial Foundation is to develop, construct and maintain a memorial dedicated to the memory and sacrifices of all Nebraska Vietnam Veterans, and provide a historical account for future generations
- Founded in 2019
- 501 (c) 3 nonprofit
- Six Member Board of Directors
 - Tom Brown, President (Vietnam Veteran)
 - Lisa Cuevas-Jorgensen, Vice President
 - George Abbott, Secretary/Treasurer (Vietnam Veteran)
 - Jerome “JR” Richardson, Board Member (Veteran)
 - Mick Wagoner, Board Member (Veteran)
 - John Vela, Board Member (Veteran)
 - Howard Ball, Founding Member (Vietnam Veteran, Deceased)



Community Partners

Aras Enterprises, LLC

Bellevue University

Carlson Burnett

City of Papillion

Hartman Historical Services

Infinity CPA Group, LLC

Nebraska State Council

Paul J Strawhecker, Inc.

Prochaska & Associates

Sarpy County

SumTur Amphitheater



Honorary Committee

The Honorable David Black

Mayor of Papillion

Mr. Tim Burke

President & CEO, Omaha Public Power District, Omaha, Nebraska

Mr. James Cada

Attorney at Law, Lincoln, Nebraska, Vietnam Veteran

Mr. Ted Carter

President, University of Nebraska

Mr. Paul Critchlow

Former Vice Chairman of Public Markets, Bank of America Merrill Lynch, Vietnam Veteran

The Honorable Harold J. Daub

Mayor of Omaha (1995 – 2001), Member, U.S. House of Representatives (1981 – 1989), Veteran

Ms. Karen Gibler

President, Sarpy County Chamber of Commerce, Nebraska

Mr. Anthony Goins

Director of Nebraska Department of Economic Development, Lincoln, Nebraska, Veteran



Honorary Committee, *(continued)*

The Honorable Charles T. Hagel

U.S. Secretary of Defense (2013 – 2015), Senator for Nebraska (1997 – 2009), Vietnam Veteran

Professor Thomas Hagel

University of Dayton School of Law (Retired)

Dr. Mary B. Hawkins

President, Bellevue University, Bellevue, Nebraska

The Honorable Joseph Robert Kerrey

Senator for Nebraska (1989 – 2001), Governor of Nebraska (1983 – 1987), Vietnam Veteran

Mr. Darrell Logemann

Entrepreneur and Philanthropist, Bennington, Nebraska

Dr. Andrew Rikli

Superintendent, Papillion La Vista Community Schools, Nebraska

Mr. Jan Scruggs

Founding Member of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C.

Mr. Jim Timmerman

Chief Financial Officer, Timmerman & Sons Feeding Company, Omaha, Nebraska, Vietnam Veteran

Mr. Rick Wimer

Senior Vice President, INSPRO, West Point, Nebraska, Vietnam Veteran



Project Quick Facts

- \$5.6 million project
- Approximately two acres
- Located south of 108th Street and Highway 370, three miles from the Omaha National Cemetery
- Papillion La Vista South High School and SumTur Amphitheater are neighbors
- 50-year lease signed with the City of Papillion during Summer 2020
- One million (1M) pounds of American granite (26 truckloads) will be used





Notable Features

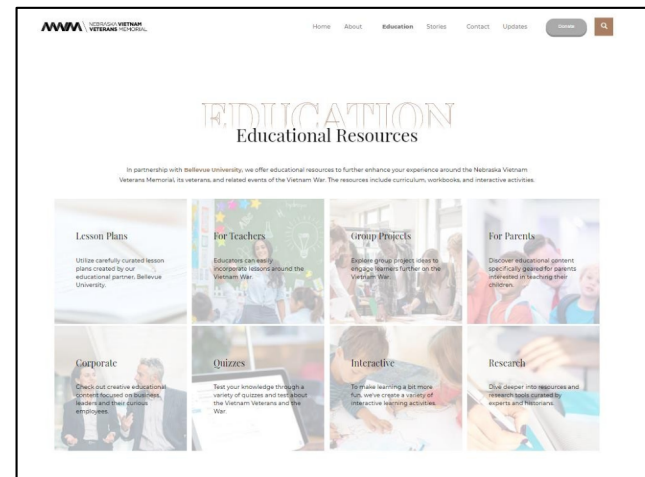
- Restored UH-1 Huey helicopter
- Eleven obelisks
- Memorial Wall
- American and military branch flag poles
- Benches and green space
- Technology





Educating the Generations

- Free resources at NVVMF.org
- Lesson plans
- Virtual tour
- First-hand accounts from Vietnam Veterans, and stories and memories from family and friends of Vietnam Veterans
- Speakers Bureau
- Quizzes and Trivia
- QR Codes



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Sustainability

- Long-term agreement with the City of Papillion
- Education and Maintenance Funds
- Post-campaign operational strategy and processes
- Ongoing support and involvement from Community Partners, and volunteers, including Veterans, students and community leaders





Support

- Naming opportunities
- Board opportunities
- Committee involvement
- General volunteer support
- Request a presentation
- Monetary support for construction and ongoing operational expenses





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