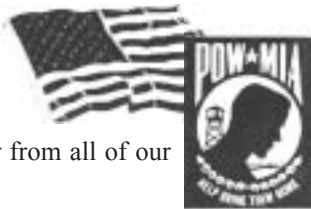


About Run For The Wall

Run For The Wall (RFTW) was started in 1989 as an effort by a couple of Vietnam Veterans who traveled across the heartland of America on motorcycles, talking to local Radio, TV, and Newspapers about the fact that we have thousands of men and women still unaccounted for from all of our wars. We continue this tradition every May.



We don't give political speeches or stage demonstrations. Run For The Wall gets its message across by traveling through the United States in a safe and orderly manner. We obey traffic laws and treat the citizens with respect.

But the issues of public awareness are only part of the benefit of Run For The Wall. We also give Vietnam Veterans the opportunity to get the welcome home they never got twenty years ago, and start their healing process.

Everyone who has fought, or has friends or loved ones who have fought in a war has their own issues from their experience. Everyone has something, be it the welcome home, the good-bye to buddies lost, the ability to finally help the young boys we watched every night on TV, or just trying to make up for coming home alive. Once you have participated in Run For The Wall you find that whatever you've been missing, can be found in the Run For The Wall family. You can finally start settling issues that have been put away for over twenty years.

There is no charge for participating in Run For The Wall, although you have to pay your own expenses. We have been very fortunate in the past in that we generally get a great deal of support from organizations and people along the way. Most nights dinners are provided free or for a small donation by concerned citizens, as well as some breakfasts and lunches. We have generous groups who have paid for gas and lodging as well.

The trip takes ten days to reach the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, where our Run officially ends on the Friday evening before Memorial Day. Additionally, we have things scheduled for the weekend, ending with participation in the Rolling Thunder Parade in Washington DC, on Sunday. It is quite a sight to behold, 200,000 motorcycles all starting at once and parading through downtown

ending at the Wall.

Along the way across the U.S. we make stops at Memorials, Veteran's Hospitals, and we enjoy parades, escorts, and welcome home receptions from many of the patriotic towns.

The ages of the participants range from eight to eighty, there are mothers, fathers, grandfathers, grandmothers (who ride their own bikes!), veterans from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, active military, supporters, and family. Everyone is welcome. The only rule is NO ATTITUDES.

Some people join Run For The Wall and think of it as just another vacation or motorcycle event. But after one or two days you realize this is something very special. It is unlike anything else you have experienced, and it becomes a mission! You become part of the Run For The Wall family, Whose members come from all over the United States, Canada, and Australia. What could be more perfect than having fun, making new friends, and helping a very good cause, POW/MIA.

You don't have to ride a motorcycle to participate, we have some members who drive chase trucks, some bring motor homes, or cars, one year there was even an 18 wheeler who joined us. The important thing is to join the cause! Taken from www.rftw.org



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