



## Wall of Faces Research Tips

There are 1,307 Virginians listed on the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington D.C. You can honor those who lost their lives by joining the effort to collect and preserve photographs of every service member whose name appears on the Wall. The images will become part of the “Wall of Faces” - a lasting tribute planned for the Vietnam Memorial Education Center near the mall in our nation’s capital.

### Suggested Steps

- Check the missing list to find the name and hometown of a veteran in need of a photo. You may want to click on the name to make sure the photo was not found recently and waiting to be updated.
- Once you have the hometown and name of a veteran that needs an associated photo, start by searching for an obituary, often available through local libraries. Here you may find the name of a high school or family members.
- The Slover Library has several resources to assist you in your search. You may also ask library staff for suggestions as they are ready to help on this project.
  - High school yearbooks. If you know their home town, you may check the book from the years they may have graduate high school.
  - Offers access to Ancestry.com.
  - For more information, please see the link to Slover’s resources on the Wall of Faces home page.
- If you were able to identify the home town and cannot find a phot in a year book in the library, contact the local high schools for yearbook photographs.
- Contact local VFW or American Legion Posts for information on soldiers honored in their halls.
- General resources are city directories and local genealogy societies
- When reaching out to relatives explain who you are, a bit about this project (the introduction paragraph at the top of this page may help), etc. and ask for photograph. ***Remember, this is a person who someone loved and lost - a son, a brother, a father, a nephew - these conversations can be emotional. Take time to listen to family members and friends, their stories and memories are why we are doing this project - to honor those who lost their lives. If the family has questions about the project, encourage them to visit [wpr.org/veterans](http://wpr.org/veterans) for more information.***
- Other on-line resources to find contacts or photographs include:
  - [www.fold3.com](http://www.fold3.com)
  - [www.thewall-usa.com/](http://www.thewall-usa.com/)
  - [www.Find-a-Grave.com](http://www.Find-a-Grave.com)
  - [www.address.com](http://www.address.com)
- WHRO needs your help. If you know someone - or a group - that might be interested in finding photos, please encourage them to get involved and contact Nancy Rogan at [nancy.rogan@whro.org](mailto:nancy.rogan@whro.org) or call at 757-889-9415.