

Vietnam Memorial Wall of Faces Project and Florida's Missing Photos

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The Florida Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) Chapters are working with the VVA Florida State Council to find the missing Florida soldiers' photos for the Vietnam Memorial Wall of Faces Project.

During the past year the Florida VVA Chapters have been working with local public libraries, historical/genealogical societies and soldiers' relatives/friends to collect soldier's photos. Since February 2016 we have found over **525 Florida Soldiers' photos**. Only **253 Florida soldiers' photos are still needed**.

Here is a breakdown of Florida's missing soldier photos by Military Branch:

Army	–	214
Marines	–	32
Navy	–	4
Air Force	–	3
Total	–	253

This month the last 6 Alachua County soldiers' photos were posted. Thanks to Forest Hope and Beth Braun for their efforts to find the missing photos.

Below are the **10 Critical Florida Counties** and the number of soldiers photos needed.

Florida County	Photos Missing
Duval	48
Miami-Dade	42
Hillsboro	26
Palm Beach	18
Broward	26
Escambia	19
Orange	12
Brevard	7
Pinellas	7
Polk	7

The Nationwide count of missing photos is about 6,250 and the 22 states that have found all their soldiers' photos include: Alaska, Delaware, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming. North Carolina is also nearing completion.

Learn more by visiting the Vietnam Memorial Web site at www.vvmf.org/wall-of-faces. You can post a soldier's photo at that site in JPEG Format.

- If you have any additional questions or want to help, contact John Thomstatter at john.thomstatter@vva1036.org - 814-241-8117. Photos are also needed for adjoining states' Vietnam War soldiers (e.g. Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina and more)
- Here is a link to an Article from the Vietnam Veterans magazine about our project: http://vvaveteran.org/36-5/36-5_walloffaces.html (VVA National Magazine Sept/Oct 2016)

VVA Chapter 1036 has a Chapter Campaign to Locate Army Basic Training Graduation Books, a valuable resource to find soldiers photos. We encourage other VVA Florida Chapters to contact their members to find the Basic Training Graduation Books. Contact John Thomstatter at john.thomstatter@vva1036.org for additional info.