

Virginia Beach to Mark the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War

Vietnam Veterans Memorial display and other free events to honor veterans are planned for Nov. 7-11.



Virginia Beach will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War and honor the country's prisoners of war and those missing in action (POW-MIA) with special events planned for Nov. 7-11.

The Moving Wall, a half-size traveling replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., will be on display 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Nov. 7-11, at the Virginia Beach Convention Center, 1000 19th St.

The Wall, which will be free and open to the public to visit, features 58,000 names etched into 74 separate panels and is 252.8 feet long. Volunteers from Hampton Roads organizations that serve veterans will be at the Wall to assist visitors in locating names and to provide security.

An official opening ceremony, 10 a.m., Friday, Nov. 7, will feature music, Virginia Beach Mayor Bobby Dyer and the laying of wreaths at the Moving Wall.

The display will coincide with the Annual Tidewater Veterans Day Parade, which will start at 9 a.m., Nov. 11, from 16th Street and Atlantic Avenue in Virginia Beach.

The parade concludes at the Tidewater Veterans Memorial, across from the Virginia Beach Convention Center, and is followed by the formal ceremony and a luncheon to honor veterans. Tickets are required for the luncheon. Visit www.HRCVO.org for information on purchasing tickets.

Virginia Beach's Veterans Week events have been designated as a national commemoration event by The United States of America [Vietnam War Commemoration](#), a national program authorized by Congress to mark the 50th anniversary of the war. The commemoration began on Memorial Day 2012 and concludes on Veterans Day 2025. The program's primary goal is to thank and honor Vietnam veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice.

The events are co-sponsored by the City of Virginia Beach [Mayor's Committee for Veterans](#) (MCV), the [Hampton Roads Council of Veterans Organizations](#) (HRCVO) and [Mission: POW-MIA](#), a nonprofit organization based in Chesapeake that works to achieve the fullest possible accounting of missing and unaccounted-for Americans from past conflicts.

Other special programs and events are being planned, so please stay up to date with the most current information as more details and events are confirmed by visiting VirginiaBeach.gov/VeteransWeek.

