

THE WALL THAT HEALS

Center Memorial Park
Manchester, Connecticut
October 8-11, 2015

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Loud and Proud is how *The Wall That Heals* will make its way north on Main Street (from I-384) on Wednesday, October 7th. At 11:00 a.m., escorted by dozens of Police and in excess of one hundred motorcycles the 53 foot trailer delivering the Wall to Manchester passing under a 20x40' American Flag as it makes its way to Center Memorial Park where it will be on display through Sunday, October 11th.

At 250 feet in length The Wall That Heals is a formidable structure. Dedicated in 1996 by the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund it is made up of 24 panels etched with more than 58,000 names of men and women from across America. Of those killed in the Vietnam War 14 are known to have Manchester roots or other connection to town.

Official opening ceremonies begin at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 8th in Center Memorial Park. Keynote Speaker for the event is Rob Simmons. Following morning ceremonies the Wall will remain open for visitors at any hour through a closing ceremony at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 11th. A POW/MIA ceremony will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Friday the 9th, and a Family Night candlelight vigil is planned on Saturday the 10th at 7:00 p.m. Volunteers will be at the exhibit at all times, standing guard but also trained to help visitors find names of those that made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam.

There are numerous events independent of The Wall That Heals but in support of Veterans being held:

- October 1-16; **Pop-Up Museum** of Vietnam War artifacts and Memorabilia at Anne Miller Real Estate, 975 Main Street, 9-4 Monday thru Friday.
- Wednesday, October 7th; **Film Showing** *Maya Lin; A Strong Clear Vision*, Whiton Library, 100 North Main Street, 6:30 p.m.
- Friday October 9th; **Veteran's Service Fair**, Mary Cheney Library Howroyd Room, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Friday, October 9th; **Wellness Workshop** with Dr. Christopher Colby, MCC on Main, 903 Main Street, 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and **Reading From "Letters from Vietnam"**, 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Saturday, October 10th; **Veteran's Art Foundation Art Exhibit** & Veteran Speakers; Eastside Neighborhood Resource Center, 153 Spruce Street, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
- Saturday, October 10th; **Veteran's Return Trip To Vietnam**, Manchester Historical Society, 175 Pine Street, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For more detailed information visit www.thewallthathealsmanchester.com

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