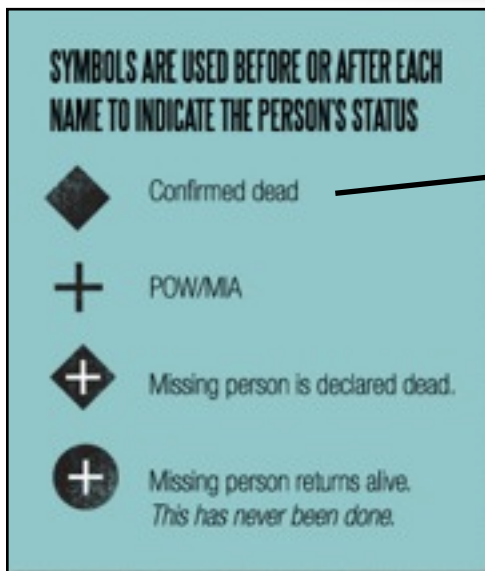


Vietnam Wall



The Vietnam Wall was designed by a college student competing in a contest - the guidelines stipulated that the memorial should contain the names of every American who died in Vietnam or remained missing in action, make no political statement about the war, be in harmony with its surroundings and be contemplative in character.

Over 1,400 submissions came in, to be judged anonymously by a panel of eight artists and designers. In the end, the panel passed over every professional architect in favor of 21-year-old Yale University student Maya Lin, who had created her design for a class. "From the very beginning I often wondered, if it had not been an anonymous entry 1026 but rather an entry by Maya Lin, would I have been selected?" she would later write.

The shortest panels hold fewer than **10 NAMES.**

The names are grouped chronologically by the year the person was killed or reported missing.

The first year listed is **1959** → The last year is **1975**

Approximately **1,600 SOLDIERS** are still listed as POW/MIA.

The tallest panels hold more than **600 NAMES.**

There are currently **58,272** names on the wall, including 333 additions since 1982.

- ★ Enlisted men and women accounted for nearly **87%** of all deaths.
- ★ More than 900 service members died on their **FIRST DAY** in Vietnam.
- ★ More than 1,400 died on their scheduled **DEPARTURE DAY.**

151 MEDAL OF HONOR winners are listed.

More than **150,000** items have been left at the wall.

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1. [Watch the video on the memorial.](#)
2. Think about Maya Lin's statement on the "high price of war". Explain her ideas.
3. What is the high price of war? Is it money or something else? Explain your responses.