

# VETERANS DAY

From the mid-1950s through 1975, nearly 3 million Americans served in the Vietnam War. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. permanently displays the names of the 58,195 men and women who gave their \_\_\_\_\_ in service to our country.

Sometimes called "The Wall," the Vietnam Veterans Memorial is a very \_\_\_\_\_ monument. It is a place for friends, family members and people from around the country and the world to \_\_\_\_\_ to remember the sacrifice of those who died.

Many visitors use paper and a \_\_\_\_\_ or chalk to make rubbings of some of the names as a keepsake and reminder of their \_\_\_\_\_ to the memorial.

**Standards Link:** Civics: Students know how Veterans Day reflects the shared values, principles and beliefs of Americans.

Replace these words missing from the article.  
**GATHER VISIT LIVES THINKING PENCIL POWERFUL**



Photo by Hu Toiya

The Memorial was designed by a Yale University student named Maya Ying Lin.

### See 'The Wall'

Can't travel to Washington, D.C. to see the wall? There is a traveling replica of The Wall that visits cities across America throughout the year. You can see the schedule at [www.vvmf.org](http://www.vvmf.org) to find out where it can be seen.

The replica is 80% the size of the actual Vietnam Veterans Memorial, but it includes every one of the names.

This year marks the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The Wall. Special events will be held in Washington, D.C.

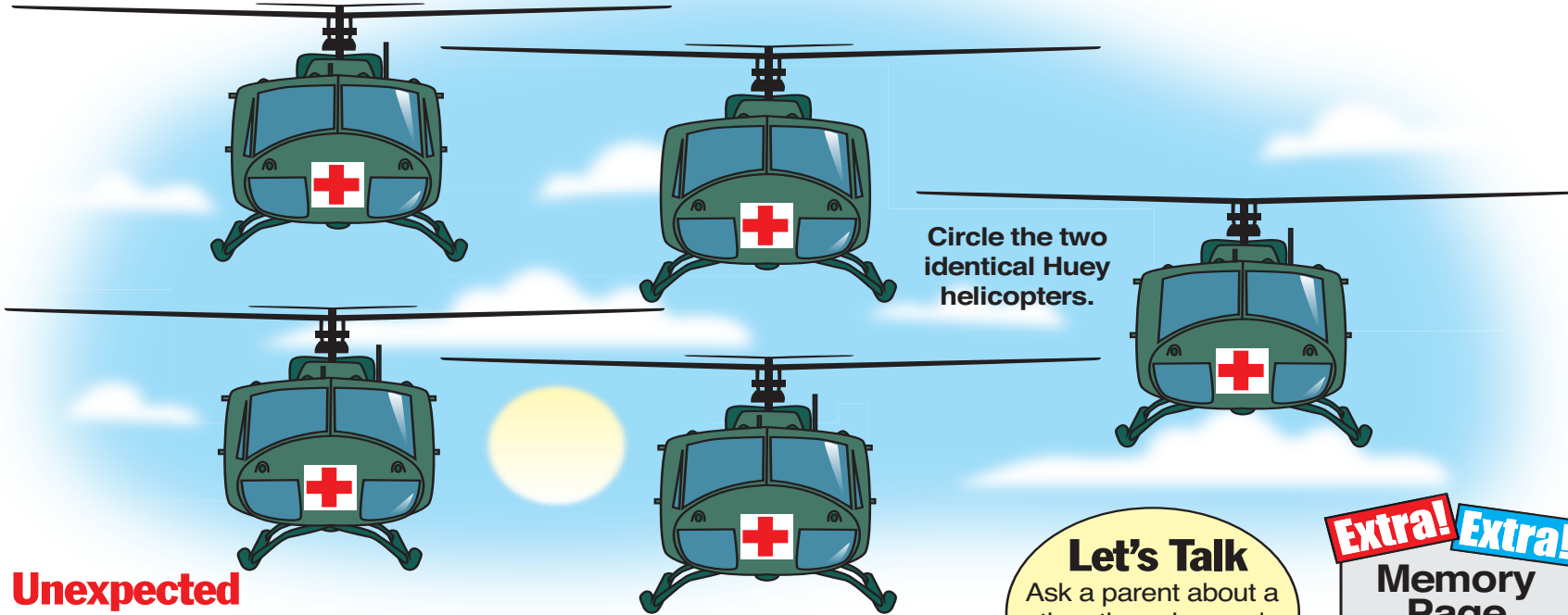


Photo courtesy VFW Post 1943

## Honoring Veterans

Here are just some of the ways you can honor military veterans on Veterans Day.

- ★ Draw a picture about Veterans Day and send it to your newspaper. Maybe it will be published!
- ★ Make a card to thank veterans. You can send your card to a local VA Medical Center.
- ★ Ask your teacher to invite veterans to your classroom. You can learn a lot from your guests!
- ★ Have your school make a poster with the names (and pictures) of relatives and friends who are veterans.
- ★ Write an acrostic poem using the words "THANK YOU." Begin each line with a word that starts with the letter shown and give it to a friend or family member who is a veteran.



Circle the two identical Huey helicopters.

### Unexpected

When Maya Ying Lin's design for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial was first selected, some people were upset by the unusual monument.

But over time, The Wall has become one of the most powerful and beloved tributes in America, visited by over three million people each year.

**Let's Talk**  
 Ask a parent about a time they changed their opinion about something.

**Extra! Extra!**  
**Memory Page**  
 Create a page so that in the future you can remember your life today. Look through the newspaper and select pictures and words that describe you and your life today. Use these to decorate a page all about you!

**Standards Link:** Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

People were used to seeing statues of men on horseback and other powerful tributes to military heroes. Maya Ying Lin's design was unlike any other monument and not at all what people expected.

### How to Create a Rubbing

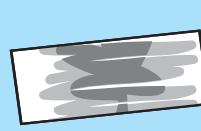
Many people make rubbings at The Wall.



Place a piece of paper over an object.



Scribble back and forth gently with a pencil.



You can make rubbings of plaques, leaves and more. Create a whole book of the rubbings you create as a keepsake.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

Can you pick three stars that add up to exactly 100?

48 82 2 25 10 69 66  
 76 98 18 16 39 19 94  
 23 11 90 17 52 99 3

HINT: There is more than one answer.

**Standards Link:** Number Sense: Calculate sums to 100.

### Kid Scoop Word Search

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

MEMORIAL  
 VETERANS  
 KEPSAKE  
 VIETNAM  
 COUNTRY  
 DISPLAY  
 SERVED  
 NAMES  
 WORLD  
 CHALK  
 PAPER  
 HUEY  
 MAYA  
 YING  
 LIN

S P E C W O R L D E  
 A Y A M D I P A I K  
 Y V E T E R A N S A  
 L I H V V E P A P S  
 C E N U R T E M L P  
 H T I G E E R E A E  
 A N L R S Y A S Y E  
 L A I R O M E M N K  
 K M Y R T N U O C S

**Standards Link:** Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

**T** \_\_\_\_\_  
**H** \_\_\_\_\_  
**A** \_\_\_\_\_  
**N** \_\_\_\_\_  
**K** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Y** \_\_\_\_\_  
**O** \_\_\_\_\_  
**U** \_\_\_\_\_

**Standards Link:** Visual Arts: Know how different media techniques communicate ideas.

### Kid Scoop-doku™

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word NAMES in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

N				
A			N	
M				
E	S			
S				E

### FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

#### Heroes

Look through the newspaper and clip pictures and articles about heroes, past and present. Make a "Heroes" poster. Tell the reason why each person is considered a hero.

**Standards Link:** Civics: Understand how participation in civic responsibilities helps preserve democracy.

#### Have you thanked a veteran today?

On the 11th month, the 11th day, at the 11th hour, take a moment to stop for two minutes and remember those who served.

#### Write On! Thank a Veteran

Write a short note to say thank you to the many veterans who have served our country.

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