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### **VETERANS WORKING TO BRING THE MOVING WALL TO NAVAJO NATION**

A group of veterans is working to bring home the memories and spirit of fallen heroes by bringing The Moving Wall – a half-size replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall – for a stop on the Navajo Nation. The Moving Wall contains the names of about 58 Navajo men who gave their lives in the Vietnam War.

Four veterans were assigned the task of applying for and organizing to bring the Wall to the Navajo Nation to display for the people. They have since formed a non-profit organization known as Hashkeeki Ba Naata, Yeeda Ahota, Inc., under the laws of the Navajo Nation. The non-profit is limited in scope and duration.

The group is planning to bring The Moving Wall to Chinle, Ariz., to be on display from November 3-7, 2016. They are working with Chinle High School to utilize the Wildcat football field.

Jackie Y. Burbank, president of the non-profit, said Navajo combat veterans in Vietnam returned to their homes unnoticed, except by their families, largely due to the unpopularity of the Vietnam War. However, today, the Navajo people are doing better in honoring our military troops, he said.

"With this Moving Wall project, we want to honor our Navajo military heroes who gave their all for the cause of freedom in Southeast Asia and give a proper Navajo welcome, although it's only their names on a wall. I am sure their spirits will feel the love and honor we will express," he said.

"The Moving Wall" has been touring the country for over thirty years. It was conceived by John DeVitt, who attended the 1982 dedication of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C., as a way to share the experience with those who cannot travel to the nation's capital to see the original.

For more information, visit [www.themovingwall.org](http://www.themovingwall.org).

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