

BONDS BETWEEN VETERANS

"It don't mean nothing." Have you heard this phrase? Widely used among service members in Vietnam, it has been described as "a sarcastic mixture of 'cool,' comedy, irony, agony, bitterness, frustration, resignation, and despair" – all concepts that express some aspect of the Vietnam experience.

Forged in the upheaval of a pivotal social and political crossroads in American history, there is perhaps no group with a bond as distinct as those who served in Vietnam.

For them especially, The Wall represents a catharsis of memory: a sacred space for communion with deceased comrades, a place of healing, and of closure.

Guido Farnese - 109K, 37
PA. GIVE FATIGUES, WASH. TUBS ARE WASH. ME MEAT? WITH LOVE AND RESPECT. YOUR FELLOW SOLDIER. J.F. Farnese

Francis E Sanders - 125, 10
I never go a day without thinking of you & your lost dreams of a home & family & business.

John A De Buck - 246, 72
I wanted to bring something so I brought "Worry". I remember how you laughed when you saw me making that rag-tag doll out of an old sock... "Worry" was baptized with a thousand gallons of tears the day you went down.

Norman G Worth - 229K, 61
"Thank you for saving my life as well as the lives of our platoon on that day of 5 June 1969."

Rear graphic panel

Forward graphic panel

FATIGUES

A typical service member in Vietnam wore a uniform consisting of the standard-issue **OG-107 Tropical Combat Coat**, trousers, and boots along with the **M-1 helmet**.

OG stands for **Olive Green**, an Army color beneficial for jungle camouflage. **107** is the specific uniform of the 1960s and 1970s made of a cotton fabric good for use in the tropical climate of Southeast Asia.

Forward graphic panel close-up sample