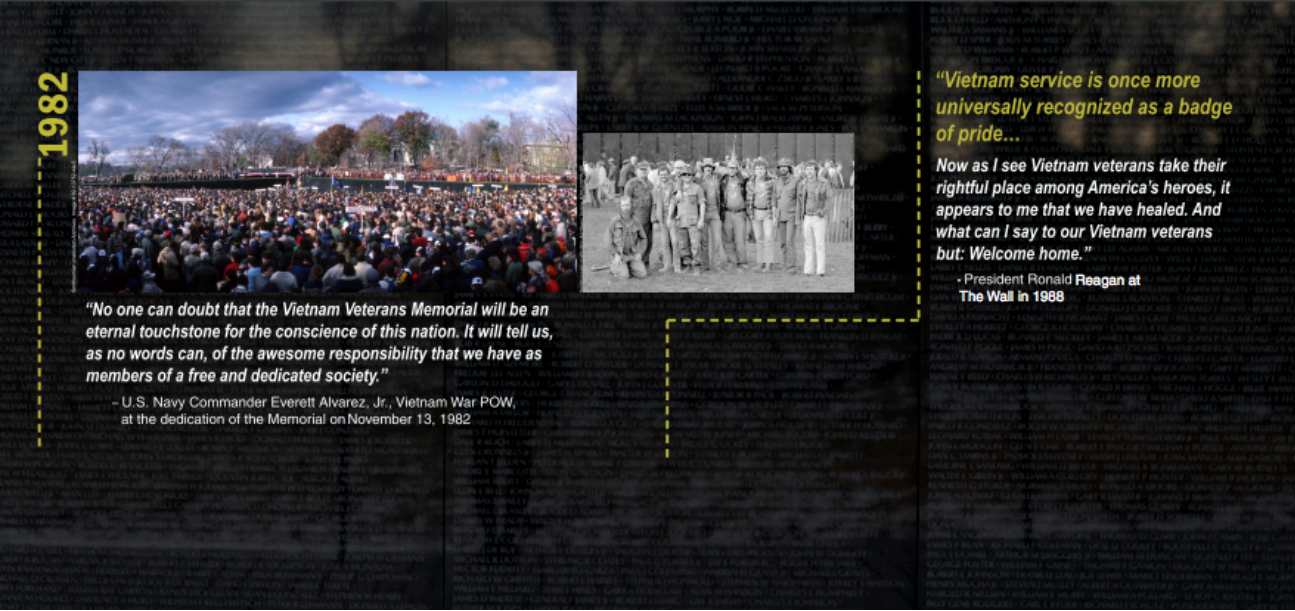


Case 1 mockup



Case 1 rear graphic close-up

CLOSE TO THE LOSS

For each of the more than 58,000 Americans who died in Vietnam, there was a family, friends and a community forever changed by their loss.

Many of the items left immediately following the dedication of The Wall are also the most personal – placed there by those closest to the departed. Family members, friends, and classmates left comic books, baseball gloves, photographs, and other childhood mementos when their loss was still so near.

Themes of heartbroken family members and unfinished lives remind us of the ripple effect of the Vietnam War on American families and communities.



Left at The Wall for U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Gerald John Tworek

Panel W5, Line 90

Lower graphic panel vignette (intro to section)



Lower label bar for Close to the Loss

Returned care package

This parcel was sent to U.S. Army Specialist 4 Charles L Stewart in 1972. It was returned to his family unopened because he had been killed by the time it reached Vietnam.

Reproduction of original VIVE artifact left at The Wall in 1993.

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Charles L Stewart Panel W1 Line 87

Lower label bar close-up sample