



Memorial Day is almost here. Help
honor our heroes on The Wall.

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**COMMEMORATE THE REAL MEANING OF
MEMORIAL DAY BY HONORING THOSE WHO
ARE REMEMBERED ON THE WALL.**



On Memorial Day, we remember as heroes the 58,318 service members
whose names are etched on The Wall.

Among these brave heroes are U.S. Army 1st Lt. Robert S. Byrnes and Cpl. Darrel A. Bondrowski, best friends who put their lives on hold to serve our country in Vietnam. In January 1968, while on R & R in Honolulu, Hawaii, they stood side by side as Darrel served as best man at Robert's wedding. Just one month later, on February 9, 1968, Robert and Darrel died side by side in Vietnam.

Though 50 years have passed, Robert is still fondly remembered as "Lifeguard Bob," who everyone waved to as he drove his blue Ford Galaxie convertible around town with his dog, General, riding alongside. Darrel was a high school football star who left behind a wife and two small children.

Robert and Darrel are just 2 of the Vietnam heroes whose names are etched on The Wall. Will you please take a moment now to honor the lives of our brave service members who made the ultimate sacrifice with a special Memorial Day gift?

**Ensure Heroes like Robert and Darrel
Are Never Forgotten »**

Like Robert and Darrel, the legacies of every fallen hero on The Wall deserve to be remembered. Please [give your generous gift](#) before Memorial Day to honor our fallen service members and ensure their sacrifices are never forgotten.

Sincerely,



Jim Knotts
President and CEO
Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund