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Now This Is A Really Big Car Flag!



On November 10th, the Veterans Post News took its Van and Float-Trailer all the way to Washington, DC to participate in the 25th Anniversary of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial activities and Parade. The event was organized by the Vietnam Veterans of America, who pulled out all the stops to make this a great event. Riding Shotgun for the trip was Paul Branesky, who helped drive, construct the float, handed out thousands of papers and provided directions when we got lost. There are many more photos on the website, including the following day, November 11th, in New York City for their Annual Veterans Day Parade.

Jan Scruggs, Founder Of The Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Reflects, 25 Years Later.



This is the man with the vision and the YEARS of Blood, Sweat & Tears to convince people, business and the congress to do something for the Vietnam Veterans.

Once he convinced them, all he had to do after that was to raise over \$8 million dollars, from private individuals as our government does not spend our hard earned tax dollars this way. They build things for other nations, friend and foe alike...

But this is about Scruggs and the tireless efforts he had to endure to complete his mission in life, which was to leave something positive for his fellow Vietnam Veterans and have them all remembered generations from now.

Scruggs has accomplished that and more. In fact the Smithsonian Institute has made a one hour video about this, the 25th Anniversary of the Wall, you can watch for free online at their new site; www.smithsonianchannel.com/ They have even broken it down into ten minute segments so if you don't have enough time to sit through it in one sitting. It aired on their channel November 11th.

You can also watch the Smithsonian Channel if you have DirecTV channel 267. If you have local cable, you can contact them and request it be added to the regular lineup.

If you can get involved in your own community with an organization, please do so.

So Proudly She Waves



The American Legion Auxiliary paid tribute to Veterans as they set up their "Healing Field" near the Washington Monument. 1,000 3x5' American Flags each attached to an 8' pole and set into the ground by volunteers. Pictured above is Ken Knight and Marcia Wheatley. For more information about the Healing Field, go to; www.healingfield.org. For more info on the largest women's patriotic service organization in the world, founded in 1920 go to www.legion-aux.org. The original Field of Flags came from a simple community project in Sandy, Utah to remember those lost on September 11, 2001, with a field displaying more than 3,000 flags in military precision.

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