

What is your Mission?

Ride FOR THE Wall®



WE RIDE FOR THOSE WHO CAN'T

MISSION STATEMENT

TO PROMOTE HEALING AMONG ALL VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS, TO CALL FOR AN ACCOUNTING OF ALL PRISONERS OF WAR AND THOSE MISSING IN ACTION (POW/MIA), TO HONOR THE MEMORY OF THOSE KILLED IN ACTION (KIA) FROM ALL WARS, AND TO SUPPORT OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL ALL OVER THE WORLD.

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We strive to maintain a safe, supportive and private atmosphere in which all participants can reflect and heal on their journey to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC, and now to Marseilles, Ill. in the hope they can return home to a new beginning.

Run For The Wall® (RFTW) was started in 1989 by James Gregory and Bill Evans, two Vietnam Veterans who traveled across the heartland of America on motorcycles. They talked to all about the thousands of men and women still unaccounted for from all wars.

The need for this awareness continues today and we carry on this tradition every May.

We don't give political speeches. RFTW gets its message to the public by riding across the United States: Coast-to-Coast. We obey traffic laws and treat all citizens with dignity and respect.

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The issue of public awareness is only part of the reason RFTW exists. We also give Vietnam Veterans and all Veterans the opportunity to receive their own "Welcome Home" and start their healing process.

Anyone who has fought or has friends or loved ones who have fought in a war/conflict, has their own issues from their own experience. Many who participate in **The Run** find that whatever they've been missing can be found in the RFTW family. They can finally start settling issues that have been "stuffed" away for many years.

1 Mission - 4 Routes

- Central Route
- Southern Route
- Midway Route
- Sandbox Route

This year RFTW is accepting riders for a fourth route—the Sandbox Route **WALL 2 WALL**—from Washington, DC to Marseilles, Ill.

This route is designed to connect Vietnam era and post-Vietnam era vets in the overall RFTW mission, riding from the Vietnam Veteran Memorial to the Middle East Conflicts Memorial.

It is a conduit between the Vietnam Memorial Wall and the Middle East Conflicts Wall—a continuous and continual connection.

RFTW wants to show how we are very in tune with our brothers- and sisters-in-arms that have come after Vietnam and the struggles and issues they face.

The Sandbox Route is made for the post-Vietnam era veteran and active duty military in mind. It is short in duration (easier for non-retirement age participants). The memorials we will visit (like the Flight 93 Memorial), the destination wall (MECW), and even the name Sandbox Route reflect the current conflict emphasis.



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