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MAYOR BOB FILNER CALLS ON SAN DIEGANS TO SHARE PICTURES OF SAN DIEGO'S VIETNAM WAR FALLEN

(San Diego) -- Mayor Bob Filner is asking San Diegans to bring photos of family members and friends who died in the Vietnam War to Balboa Park tomorrow in order to put a face to the name etched into The Wall memorial in Washington, DC.

There are 356 names on The Wall who listed San Diego County as their home of record. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) is missing photographs for 133 of them.

“If anyone has photos of loved ones, who died in the line of duty during the Vietnam War, please consider sharing those photos. It is our responsibility to preserve and honor the memory of those who answered the call of their country bravely and without reservation,” Mayor Filner said. “They deserve our attention, to know who they were, and what they contributed to our history.”

The push is part of the nationwide “Faces Never Forgotten” campaign to ensure that the memory of men and women listed on the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington D.C. are remembered with respect.

The photos will eventually be on display in the Education Center of The Wall in Washington, D.C., where visitors will be able to connect the names listed on The Wall with the people who served and learn about their story and their families.

Friends and relatives are asked to visit with representatives of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund at the Veterans Museum and Memorial, at 2115 Park Boulevard, San Diego, on Tuesday, May 14, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Mayor Filner will speak at 11:00 a.m. and will be joined by the Hon. Nathan Fletcher, a former Marine, Robert DeSatte, a former U. S. Army Warrant Officer and William Rider, Veterans Advocate for Mayor Filner.

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