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It is our, Veterans Tribute Group, Inc., belief that bringing the Vietnam Wall to The Veterans Tribute Park in Elizabethtown will help make Elizabethtown a place that veterans and their families will want to visit. Many people would like to see The Vietnam Wall in Washington, D.C. but are unable to make the trip there. The distance they would have to travel here would be a large factor in their decision to come to our Replica Vietnam Wall. The traffic, parking, and the expense of a trip to Washington, D.C. cause many to not make this one of their destinations. Here in Elizabethtown these are not obstacles, that makes our city more inviting.

The Wall will bring veterans from all over the country to Hardin County for their reunions. When you count the number of veterans organizations and the number of veterans that attend annual reunions, we are looking at how many families spend the average 4 to 5 day reunion. That figure runs between 400 to 600 families in attendance.

Considering the cost of hotels, food and shopping that totals well into five figures per day. Example: 400 families in a hotel at \$90 per night equals \$36,000 per day. Add 1,200 meals per day at local eating establishments along with what is spent on shopping and you have a real boost to the local economy.

The Wall will attract organizations such as The Vietnam Veterans of America Kentucky State Council, The Vietnam Helicopter Crewmens Assn., Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Assn, 1st Cavalry Division Assn., 1st Infantry Division Assn., and many more. All the afore mentioned organizations will more than likely come, because the Wall is here.

This does not include the benefits to our school system. Here would be a learning tool that they can use for field trips. When we had the Traveling Vietnam Wall in Radcliff in 2015 we invited all schools in Hardin County, Elizabethtown, and Fort Knox. There were numerous bus loads of children that came to see the Vietnam Wall. Their interest and respect they showed was truly inspiring.

There are numerous reasons beside the ones listed that will help benefit Elizabethtown. There is one benefit that is often overlooked is the healing that The Vietnam Wall provides to Vietnam Veterans and the families of the Vietnam Veterans that gave their lives. Many veterans and families of veterans that were lost were unable to heal due to the country's treatment of Vietnam Veterans. Every time there is a Traveling Vietnam Wall the organizers of the event always are told how it has finally helped someone face what happened during the Vietnam War.

We need this Replica Vietnam Wall to remember those lost from this war and to help us remember all those lost defending this country. Defending our right to decide on the placement of memorials to or veterans, especially those that have paid the full price for our freedoms.

Our Veterans Tribute Group's main mission is just this, "To honor and remember all veterans of all conflicts, the sacrifices that those that wear the uniform of our military pay each day". A veteran's service to this country never stops. The oath they took when they enlisted in the military does not end, it is in force for their entire life.