



# THE EDUCATION CENTER AT THE WALL

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## ABOUT THE 2012 BUILD THE CENTER BENEFIT

### 2012 Gala Leadership

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November 13th marks the 30th Anniversary\* of The Vietnam Veterans Memorial (The Wall), a revered monument dedicated to honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifice and to bringing comfort to a generation of Veterans and their families.

In commemoration, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) is hosting a series of observances including its signature fundraiser, the **2012 Build the Center Benefit Gala** at the Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium located at 1301 Constitution Avenue Northwest, Washington, DC on Thursday, November 8, 2012 beginning at 6:30 p.m. with cocktails, followed by dinner and an awards program at 7:30 p.m.

Funds from the gala support the building of The Education Center at The Wall, a place on our National Mall where our military heroes' stories and sacrifice will never be forgotten. It will be a state-of-the-art learning facility where visitors will better understand the profound impact the Vietnam War had on their friends and family. The Education Center will also feature the faces and stories of the more than 58,000 men and women on The Wall, honoring those who fell in Vietnam, those who fought and returned, as well as the friends and families of all who served.

The dinner will not only recognize those individuals who are leaders in this mission, but also those who have demonstrated through their words and actions core values of loyalty, duty, honor and service.

VVMF is pleased to announce that it will present its **Legacy of Service Award** to Vietnam Veteran **Cardinal Edwin O'Brien**, current Grand Master of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem since his appointment by Pope Benedict XVI in August 2011. VVMF is also presenting **The Honorable Tom Ridge the Charles "Mac" Mathias Award** for his exemplary service and his lifelong dedication to the nation.

Other guests include Vietnam veterans, VVMF board of directors, members of the Administration, Congress and the Armed Forces, as well as special guests Tom Selleck and Ann-Margret.

Other 2012 commemoration events include The Reading of the Names, a four-day event beginning November 7 when all 58,282 names inscribed on The Wall are read aloud by volunteers. The year of events will culminate with a special Veterans Day ceremony on November 11 at The Wall.

*Established in 1979, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund is dedicated to preserving the legacy of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., promoting healing and educating about the impact of the Vietnam War.*

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*\*Ground was formally broken on Friday, March 26, 1982. The Memorial was dedicated on November 13, 1982.*