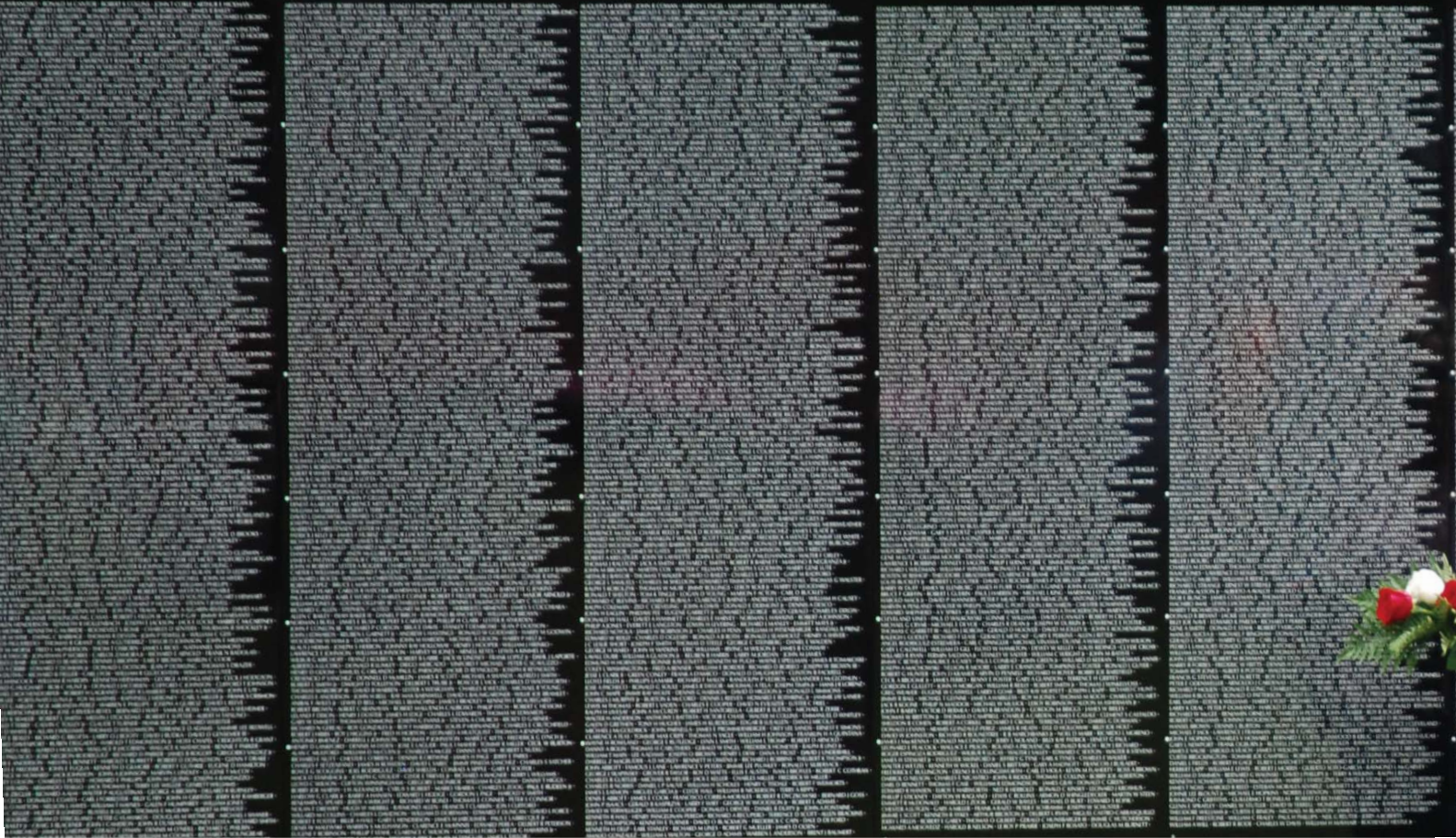


THE MOVING WALL



For four days in June, Defiance College had the honor of hosting the Moving Wall – Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Hundreds of visitors traveled to campus to view the wall and to pay their respects to the men and women whose names are etched on the memorial wall.

The event, several years in the making, was spearheaded by the Defiance County Veterans Office with support from the Vietnam Veterans of America Post 954, Defiance VFW Post 3360 and Ladies Auxiliary, Defiance DAV Chapter 36, Jewell American Legion Post 635, Defiance AMVETS Post 1991, Master Gardeners of Defiance County, and Defiance College.

The Veterans Office is staffed by veterans officer and DC alumnus Mike Williams '79, benefits counselor Tanya Brunner, and administrative assistant Erin Clady. Brunner led a committee of more than 20 individuals including Vietnam veterans to plan the event to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the start of the Vietnam War.

The Wall was open to the public June 12-15 on the lawn between McReynolds and Whitney halls on Webster Street. The schedule also included the Quilts of Tears display in the Serrick Campus Center, quilts made of fabric sections provided by persons honoring or remembering those affected by Agent Orange. Each square is personalized with the story of a veteran or group, and the squares are sewn into quilts.

A display of military equipment used by the legendary Red Horse Squadron was on display in the parking lot behind Whitney and McReynolds halls.

Retired Army Col. Ward Nickisch conducted a seminar about the search and recovery operations for POWs and MIAs.

The event concluded with a public ceremony at the Wall to commemorate the anniversary of the war. Participating in the program were Mike Williams, Col. Nickisch, and DC alumnus Rev. John Stites '70.

