

# VIETNAM MOVING WALL



During the summer of 2017, the Town of Wareham Veterans Council will be hosting the Vietnam Moving Wall. The cost for this memorial to be brought to our community will come from donations and fundraising. One of the BPOE missions is to promote, support and never forget our Veterans and with that being said, our lodge has committed to contributing up to \$3,000 to help with this all important effort.

The Lodge Meat Raffle Committee Chair, Susan Gifford, PER motioned on the meeting floor on August 22, 2016 to spend up to \$3,000 to aid in the estimated transportation cost of \$5,200 to bring the wall to Wareham. Her motion came on the heels of Veterans Chair Ted Hatch motioning to support the project up to \$1,000 with funding coming from raffles, donations and balance from the meat raffle. Hatch withdrew his motion in lieu of Gifford's motion which passed by a unanimous vote.

The following is an excerpt from the website of the Moving Wall ~ *"The Moving Wall" is the half-size replica of the Washington, D.C. Vietnam Veterans Memorial and has been touring the country for 30 plus years. When John Devitt attended the 1982 dedication in Washington, he felt the positive power of "The Wall". He vowed to share that experience with those who did not have the opportunity to go to Washington.*

*John, Norris Shears, Gerry Haver and other Vietnam Veteran Volunteers built The Moving Wall. It went on display for the first time in Tyler, Texas in October of 1984. Two structures of The Moving Wall now travel the USA from April through November and spend about a week a each site.*

Remember our troops ~ Ted Hatch, Veterans Chairman