





Our Mission

The Spirit of America's Story is a volunteer, non-profit organization whose mission is to capture and preserve the spirit, the sacrifices and rich history of the American people. We do this by honoring those men and women in uniformed service who have and are currently serving and protecting our way of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness both here and abroad. We will continue these efforts in order to educate and inspire future generations of Americans to learn and understand how important the preservation of our history and inspiration of the hearts and minds is to the American people.

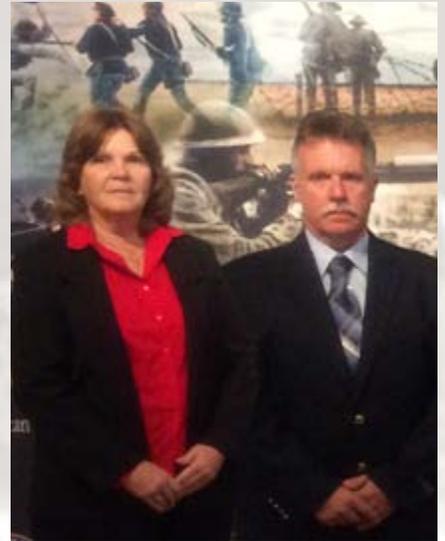
Our Pledge

We strive to recognize and honor the men and women who serve our country in uniform. We will never allow ourselves to forget that the success of our country, as our nation, depends on them. We will show our commitment by never underestimating the importance of these brave men and women who have and are currently serving; and to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of a grateful nation. We encourage and challenge ourselves to move forward and do whatever we can to help pay America's debt to honor these individuals. We strongly believe and support these objectives because there is a special nobility, a special grace, to those who support and defend our way of life for future generation of Americans.

About Us

Ronald L. Smith, founder of The Spirit of America's Story -the wall-. Was born in Ruislip, England during my father's service in the US Air Force. A 13 1/2 year Marine Corps veteran with tours in the Persian Gulf and Desert Storm. He grew up in Shelby, Ohio and graduated and now lives in Sandusky, Ohio.

Patricia A. Sexton, co-founder, is the wife of US. Army Sgt. David M. Sexton, who was killed in Vietnam on March 15th, 1971. David's remains have yet to come home to his son and wife. We still pray that this will someday come true. Patricia was born and still lives in Sandusky, Ohio.



Patricia and I met because we both, at different times, joined Rolling Thunder as members of chapter 5 Ohio. The chapter had a Vietnam Ohio POW/MIA traveling wall that listed the names of the men and women from Ohio. We volunteered our time for the 10 plus years traveling with this wall through the summer performing a program to this wall honoring these brave men and women who served.

We also had done a few of these programs to the Vietnam Traveling walls honoring all who served. "All Gave Some, but Some Gave All". During those years we talked to thousands of people and the one question that was always asked was, "Why is this only about Vietnam, why don't you mention the other wars?"

With that question in mind, we thought about creating a full color mural traveling wall depicting the years from 1775 - 2015 and beyond. This wall would honor all men and women in uniform service.

We left Rolling Thunder in Dec. 2013 and in Jan. of 2014 we met with Artist Ray Simon and at that meeting the birth of "The Spirit of America's Story" - the wall was born, and that he would be the artist to paint such a unique images that grace the wall, the rest will be history.



About The Artist

Raymond A. Simon is an artist not by his ability to paint images that surround us in our everyday life, but by his ability to capture a moment in time, blend it together and paint the stories of life. Nationally known for his works with The Pro Football Hall of Fame, The National Hockey League, The National Football League, The Department of Defense and many more.

His works have been featured in Newsweek, Time, AP, ABC, CNN, CBS, NBC and A&E and are displayed in places like The White House, The Pentagon, Ft. Knox, Ft. Benning, Ft. Bragg, Ft. Hood, The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library.

Project Outline

Our goal is to create an original piece of artwork that will be reproduced in ten 92” X 10’ panels, each that fit into custom made frame and connect together to create the complete 100’ mural. These panels and structure will be completely portable and will be able to be assembled in any location indoors and outdoors. The wall will be the first of its kind and will stand as a visual reminder of this country’s history sacrifices.

The wall will allow viewers to experience history through a visual time line, that reflects America’s story from 1775 to present day showing the advancement in technology from air to ground and the great sacrifices for peace. The blended images and dramatic transitions from decade to decade reveals the struggles and challenges this country has faced for the protection of freedom. The mural will help teach future generations about what it has taken to protect our way of life and freedoms we enjoy everyday.



An artist rendering of how the wall may appear outdoors. The conceptual digital composite of the each section is shown on the following pages along with the entire mural.

The Wall Panels



Panel 1



Panel 2



Panel 3



Panel 4



Panel 5



Panel 6



Panel 7



Panel 8



Panel 9



Panel 10



Sponsorship Packages

Bronze Level Sponsor: \$1,000.00

This sponsor package would include a framed 22" X 28" signed triple matted print of their choice of one of the following paintings, History of the Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, Police or Fire.

Silver Level Sponsor: \$5,000.00

This sponsor package would include a framed 32" X 44" Fields of Freedom signed canvas with certification of authenticity that tells the story of the painting.

Gold Level Sponsor: \$10,000.00

This sponsor package includes one of the framed 48" X 28" mural signed canvas by artist Raymond A. Simon, hand painted/ remarqued or a 36" X 46" (Generation of Freedom) canvas. This canvas art is perfect for the conference room or office lobby. This piece of art can be customized with your corporate brand or logo within the art itself if desired.

Platinum Level Sponsor: \$20,000.00

This sponsor level includes a 9 foot Mahogany finished framed hand painted / remarqued canvas painting by artist Raymond A. Simon. This canvas art is perfect for the conference room or office lobby. This piece of art can be customized with your corporate brand or logo within the art itself if desired.

Remarqued: Is a term that refers to the artist's adding original hand painted additions over the existing canvas print creating a "one-of-a-kind original print" no two remarques are alike.

Artwork Gallery

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Platinum Sponsorship

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Thank you for your commitment and participation in the creation of "The Spirit of America's Story The Wall".



1775 - 2015

This will be the first of its kind, a wall honoring all those who have served this great nation from 1775 - 2015 and beyond. The symbolism of this piece of art will span generations. Flexible payment options are available and can be tailored to your needs.

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