

### **"The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Photographed by Sal Lopes" to exhibit at UCSD Price Center through March 11**

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#### **VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL PHOTOGRAPHS ON DISPLAY TO MARCH 11**

Sixty-three photographs in an exhibition titled "The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Photographed by Sal Lopes" will be on display at the University of California, San Diego Price Center, in Galleries A and B, until March 11.

The exhibition is open to the public Saturdays and Sundays, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. There is no admission fee.

Lopes, a photojournalist, spent many hours at the memorial since it was dedicated on Nov. 11, 1982, photographing veterans and their families as they came to look, touch and experience the two black granite, V-shaped walls bearing the names of 58,156 Vietnam casualties. The names are inscribed upon the granite surface, without rank, in chronological order of their deaths.

Since the wall was dedicated, it has become a destination. People travel from around the country to see it, many for a catharsis of grief. Lopes has captured people in acts of mourning. Some leave behind artifacts from the dead person's life: a teddy bear, medals, photographs, a wedding ring. Often visitors leave letters to their loved ones. People come with paper and crayon to make rubbings of the names, others photograph them.

The exhibition was originally organized by the Chrysler Museum, Norfolk, Virginia. Participation fees were funded by UCSD's University Center Board.

Parking vouchers and directions to the Grove Gallery are available at the UCSD Information Pavilion located at the Gilman Drive entrance. For further information please call (619) 534-3362.

Editors note: Photographs are available upon request.

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