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Dexter, Missouri - It takes many hands to make light work. The Dexter Bearcats proved that to be true on Tuesday morning when they arrived early to help lay the groundwork and build the platform for the Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall that will arrive on Thursday.

The Moving Wall is a half-scale replica of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C. spanning 253 feet in length. The football players served as volunteers to help prepare the support foundation for the panels that will be mounted in place on Thursday morning.

Beginning Thursday, The Moving Wall will be open to the public 24 hours per day with an information tent open from 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. manned by volunteers from the community to help patrons find names on the wall and offer water during the heat of the day.

On Sunday, August 9th at 1:15 p.m. a Run to the Wall will commence down Business 60 from Hickory Log to East Park. The public is invited to participate.

A police escort will lead the way followed by motorcycles from the Patriot Guard and Freedom Rider, cars and trucks flying American flags! Please support the Veterans by participating in the Run to the Wall! Honk your horns

and waive your flags in honor of Veterans and those currently serving this great country!

Once the Run to the Wall completes their **drive** to East Park, a more solemn ceremony will commence at 2:00 p.m.

The Kenady-Hanks American Legion Post 59 Honor Guard will present the Colors, the Boy Scouts of America will lead the Pledge of Allegiance, the Dexter High School Band will play the National Anthem and Lauren and Caroline Powers will sing God Bless America.

Rev. Justin Sponaugle will give the Invocation and the welcome will be delivered by Mayor Joe Weber. Guest Speaker will be Retired Brigadier General Charlie Kruse.

The 1221st National Guard Transportation Company will perform a gun salute with Dexter High School Band plays Taps. Rev. Justin Sponaugle will end with the Benediction.

Please honor our Vietnam Veterans, MIAs, and those who died for our FREEDOM and join The Moving Wall Run to the Wall and Ceremony on Sunday, August 9th.

Shown in the photo are Gabe Jackson (green shirt) and Nate Weathers (pink shirt) throwing a sledge a hammer! Other football players carrying 2x4s and various other materials needed for The Wall.

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