

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2005**

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**HOUSE BILL 513\***

Short Title: Vietnam Veterans Memorial Funds. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Cleveland, Grady, Tucker (Primary Sponsors); Barnhart, Blust, Brown, Carney, Culp, Folwell, Hollo, Justice, Langdon, Lewis, Lucas, Martin, McGee, Pate, Preston, Rhodes, Setzer, Stam, Vinson, Wainwright, Wiley, and Wilkins.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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March 7, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE ONSLOW VIETNAM VETERANS  
2 MEMORIAL.  
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4 Whereas, thousands of men and women have proudly served in the United  
5 States Marine Corps; and

6 Whereas, many of these men and women have trained at Camp Lejeune and  
7 Marine Corps Air Station New River in Onslow County; and

8 Whereas, the locations of these training facilities have been beneficial to  
9 Onslow County and the surrounding areas, generating millions of dollars for the  
10 community and attracting new residents and businesses; and

11 Whereas, there is strong community support in Onslow County in  
12 establishing the Onslow Vietnam Veterans Memorial; and

13 Whereas, plans have been made to locate the Onslow Vietnam Veterans  
14 Memorial with the Beirut Memorial in the Lejeune Memorial Gardens at Camp  
15 Lejeune, North Carolina; and

16 Whereas, the present Beirut Memorial draws an average of 4,000 visitors per  
17 year and generates more than \$400,000 into the local economy; and

18 Whereas, the addition of the Onslow Vietnam Veterans Memorial would  
19 increase visitors by 2,500 per year with a \$250,000 increase in tourism spending; and

20 Whereas, the Onslow Vietnam Veterans Memorial will feature the names of  
21 the 58,229 men and women who died in the Vietnam War while serving in the armed  
22 forces; and

23 Whereas, the Onslow Vietnam Veterans Memorial will provide a place of  
24 solitude for visitors to remember their loved ones and for Marines to remember those  
25 gone before them; Now, therefore,

26 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

1           **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Onslow  
2 Vietnam Veterans Memorial Foundation, a nonprofit corporation, the sum of one  
3 million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) for the 2005-2006 fiscal year to  
4 assist with the construction of a memorial to honor the men and women who have  
5 served during the Vietnam era in the armed forces of the United States.

6           **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2005.