

# Museum News



May 2016

## Honoring the Wall June 4

Join us as we honor the 8 men, whose names were added to the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington last year, by adding their names to our replica Memorial Wall.

MSGT Francis Gerald Corcoran	Panel 35E Line 041
2nd Lt Michael Paul Knight	Panel 14W Line 079
SP5 Gannon Clark Milby Jr	Panel 51W Line 041
SGT Charley Vernon Stanley	Panel 46W Line 029
Maj Stanley M Staszak	Panel 19E Line 007
SFC Clarence Turpin	Panel 38W Line 048
MSGT George Lincoln Wilson	Panel 29E Line 057
PO3 Chester Staten	Panel 05E Line 043



Also, a special welcome home to recovered MIAs:

COL William E Cooper	Panel 06E Line 131
CAPT Douglas D Ferguson	Panel 15W Line 110
CAPT Melvin W Finch	Panel 02W Line 125
COL Francis J McGouldrick Jr	Panel 36W Line 016
SSG James L Vanbendegom	Panel 23E Line 065

As usual, a variety of vendors will be on hand to provide food, drink and lots of other offerings.

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### Biographical Information on our Guest Speaker Captain Mike Steffen

Capt. Mike Steffen is the 11th Commanding Officer of Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base, Texas, since the installation was established as the first joint reserve base in October of 1994.

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The installation's mission is to

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### Sponsorships Available!

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#### Sponsorship opportunities:

<b>Medal of Honor</b>	<b>\$1000 (8 seats included)</b>
<b>Army Distinguished Service Cross</b>	<b>\$500 (6 seats included)</b>
<b>Navy Cross</b>	<b>\$250 (4 seats included)</b>

Sponsors will have reserved seats in the tent and be recognized at the event and in the museum newsletter.

### Reserved Seating Available

A limited number of reserved seats at the front of the big tent with an excellent view of ceremony are available for only \$50. To order, please send a check or credit card info to: The National Vietnam War Museum, P.O. Box 146, Mineral Wells, TX 76068.



## Program of Activities

(Times are approximate.)

- 08:00 - Gates open; vendors set up,
- 09:45 - Patriot Guard Arrives - Join us to welcome them.
- 10:00 - Welcome - Jim Messinger
- 10:15 - Invocation - BG James Spivey USA Ret Museum Chaplain.
- 10:20 - Post colors - Color Guard Denton VVA Post 920
- 10:25 - Pledge of Allegiance
- 10:30 - National Anthem—**Monica Harvey**
- 10:35 - Monica Harvey sings Welcome Home
- 10:40 - Introductions: Sponsors, special guests, museum board & volunteers, and Master Gardeners.
- 10:50 - Introduction of Guest Speaker
- 11:00 - Remarks by Guest Speaker -  
**Captain Mike Steffen U.S. Navy**
- 11:15 - Recognition of the MIA status change. Recognition of additions. Closing comments. Ceremony will close with rifle salute and taps.
- 11:20 - The Army Song - Raising the U.S. Army flag; Anchors Aweigh, raising of the Navy flag; unveiling of the updated Memorial Wall panels
- 11:55 - Rifle Salute - Denton VVA Post 920
- 12:00 - Taps - Denton VVA Post 920
- 12:02 - Visit the Wall, our vendors, and the Visitor Center. Current Exhibit - "Southern Air ways"

**We can always use volunteers at the museum. Call 940-325-4003 to sign up. Join the Friends of the Museum \$10.00 per year.**

## The National Vietnam War Museum

[www.NationalVnWarMuseum.org](http://www.NationalVnWarMuseum.org)

### The mission of the museum is:

To promote an understanding of the Vietnam era while honoring those who served.

## Captain Steffen Continued

provide joint training capability and resources to enable Warfighter readiness while sustaining personnel and their families, community compatibility, and a culture of safety.

Captain Steffen is a native of Bedford, Virginia. He was commissioned in May 1992 through the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps and designated a naval aviator in 1994. He is a graduate from Virginia Tech with a Bachelor of Science degree in History and holds a Master's of Science in Global Business Leadership from the University of San Diego.

His sea duty tours include serving with the Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron (HS-4) "Black Knights", deploying twice with Carrier Air Wing 14 (CVW 14) aboard USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) and USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72), along with two combat tours conducting special operations forward deployed in Iraq with both the Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 4 (HCS-4) "Redwolves" and HCS-5 "Firehawks" in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Captain Steffen shore tours included the east coast HS Wing Weapons School as an instructor pilot and the FLIR/Hellfire weapons system subject matter expert, as well serving on the staffs of Helicopter Wing Reserve, U.S. Fleet Forces Command, and Naval Air Forces Reserve.

His command tours include the Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light 60 (HSL-60) "Jaguars" and the Maritime Support Wing, based in Coronado, California.

Captain Steffen has flown over 2,700 total hours, including more than 1000 hours on Night Vision Goggles and over 350 combat flight hours. His personal awards include the Air Medal Single Action with Combat "V" (two awards), Air Medal Strike/Flight (eight awards), and Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), along with other numerous campaign and unit awards.

## Friends of the Museum 2016 Fundraiser

The rain threatened, but yielded to us and it was a great evening. Sponsors were the name of the game: Advanced Quilters: Richard & Anne Hanson, Peggy I Scott; Intermediate Quilters: Don & Diane Brawley, Mike & Janet Holland, Joy & Russell Madden, Don & Leigh Payne, Rex Payne, Ventamatic; Confident Beginner: Don & Carol Ancelin, Dave and Kathy Boswell, Ronny & Terri Collins, Jim & Gwendolyn Hart Jr, Melba Mahoney, Mineral Wells Chamber of Commerce, Vera Moore, Gale Morgan, Okeene Milling Company, Sanna & Paul Roling, Gary & Chris Salisbury; Beginner: Jaimie Peterson & Matt Seymour, William McCalister, Philip & Sandra McMillen, Norman & Margaret McMullen, Bill & Judy Murphy, Dave & Lorraine Pashby, Bob & Vicki Poland, Bennie P. Priddy, Bert Rice, Wayne & Ginny Sanderson, Steve & Debbie Smith, Major Thomas A. Spencer, Texas Association of Vietnam Veterans Austin Chapter, Charles Thompson, VFW Post 2399 Mens Auxiliary, Barry & Michele Walker, Allan & Helen Jane Werst, Rick & Janet Williams.

The auctions raised over \$13,000 dollars paid and another \$5,000 in pledges. This money goes into the general operating fund unless otherwise specified.

### Coming Events

- June 4** “Honoring the Wall” Seven names will be added to our replica of the Vietnam Memorial Wall. There are also five status changes to be made.
- Sep 25** Run from the Ducks—Ultra Run at Clark Gardens. See web site <http://www.runfromtheducks.org/>
- Dec 10** Christmas at the wall planned by AMVETS post 133

## Builders Club

As you can see by the thermometer we are now over \$250,000 raised towards the million dollar goal. Many have contributed, but the key to quick success is the Builders Club membership. We only need 75 more donors of \$10,000 or more to complete the project. We expect some donors to contribute more than \$10,000, so the thermometer will move faster from time to time. Our current members are:

Mr. & Mrs. Anonymous, Baum-Carlock-Bumgardner Funeral Home, Charles & Dorothy Bogle, The Carl E. Kessler Family Foundation. John & Monica Chesnut, Betty Dettre, Fort Wolters Chapter VHPA, In Honor & Memory of Richard C. Allen (Laine Perry), Norman D. and Margaret N. McMullen, Jim & Iola Messinger, Dave & Lorraine Pashby, Jerry & Letta Staggs, Allan & Helen Jane Werst, Barbara Wheeler (In Memory of CW4 Michael J Wheeler).

**Please join now. You can make the difference and open the museum next year.**

## Founders Association

Welcome our newest members, the 57th Assault Helicopter Company, Garner Store & Café, Melvin Davis, AMVETS Post 133, Terry & Terri Jost, James & Dorothy Doss Foundation, WORWAC Class 65-1W, Nancy & Dave Deison, Dave Eastman, Dave & Lorraine Pashby, Gail Morgan, Mike Barlow. We're at 143 members now and there is no limit on how many can join. Just send a check or credit card info to PO Box 146, Mineral Wells, TX 76068. \$1,000 or more gets you on the list. The Founders are people who share our vision for building The National Vietnam War Museum. This category will end at the groundbreaking for the new building.





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