

SONS & DAUGHTERS OF
THE VIETNAM WAR

Bi Monthly Meeting

June 10th, 2021

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- ◇ Leadership
- ◇ Museum Updates

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- ◇ Museum Curator Job
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Old Business

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Q&A's / Open Discussion

Our New Logo



A very special Thank You to Crystal Hudson for her work!

- The Helicopter War
- Vietnam Service Ribbon
- Agent Orange
- Service Dates were chosen to coincide with the museum

Quotes for pins are in.

Museum Updates

Here's where we are now:

We continue to make progress daily, but we still cannot predict a date to open. We find the closer we get to opening the more of the small nitty gritty things come up. The elevator is still not ready due the emergency fire system installer. They have not provided us with a start date for that product, so we're in limbo, but we have certainly been hounding them! We are excited to announce that we have found the funds to complete the second floor, so that will be complete when we open.

Our volunteer curator has been busy setting up case exhibits and there are some pictures of her work below. We are working hard to complete the dioramas. Due to the loss of our exhibit creator company, we got a little behind, but we are in the process of signing a contract with a very talented individual to finish the exhibits, his ideas and background have really been special and have renewed our spirits. We have a new gift shop set up thanks to David and Jean Gray, there will be plenty available, and we are always looking for more.

We are taking people on guided tours of the new building even though it is incomplete, and everyone is very pleased with what we are have already, but the finished project will be much better.



Leadership



Secretary:

- ◇ Debra Crawford
- ◇ Backup: Suzi Messinger

*** *There was another who offered, please reach out if it was you.*

Advisory Council:

- ◇ Katee Girling

Katee is as Catastrophe Modeler with an insurance company in Hartford, Connecticut and oversees a group of modelers in 6 different countries. Soon to be residing in Saint Paul, Minnesota. She is on the board of directors for the museum and is responsible for most of the social media and newsletter for the board. As the proud daughter of a Silver Star Vietnam Vet, she has been organizing small- and large-scale Veteran events for the last 15 years.

- ◇ Chrystal Hudson

Chrystal Hudson is the Corporate Brand Manager for Affinity Hospice where she established the nationally recognized end-of-life care agency as a We Honor Veterans partner of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization and the VA. Through assisting numerous hospice patients and her own father with VA resources and benefits, she has become a well-versed veteran's advocate. The daughter of a Vietnam Veteran, her father served in the US Army from 1970 – 1973 with the 128th Assault Helicopter Co. in Phu Loi, Vietnam. Chrystal is a life member of the DAV and VFW Auxiliaries, a member of VVMF, and a founding sponsor of the National Museum of the US Army. Chrystal and her husband, Brian, reside in Lufkin, Texas.

- ◇ Thomas Richardson

Thomas Richardson is an archives technician with the National Personnel Records Center, a division of the National Archives and Records Administration. He specializes in reference work on military personnel and medical records, including information on medals and awards entitlement. He received his MA in History from Emporia State University with a concentration on public and oral history. Thomas also contributes to NARA's Pieces of History Blog and the History Hub as a military records and awards subject matter expert.

Please note these positions are only temporary until 2022



Financial Report

Paid Memberships	17	\$ 425.00
Anonymous Donation	1	\$1,000.00
Total Income		\$1,425.00
Pins (not finalized)	200	\$ 393.60
Certificates Holders	50	\$ 62.96
Certificates Paper	50	\$ 19.97
Total Expenses		\$ 476.53
Bank Account		\$ 948.47

Quote for Pins

- ◆ The Pins that I've quoted for you are Soft enamel pins. They are NOT printed pins and it doesn't have any epoxy coating. See sample.
- ◆ Size: 1.25 inches - Shiny Brass - Less than 5 enamel colors - with Butterfly clutch backing attachment
- ◆ 200pcs = \$393.60 | \$1.96 per pin (received 40% off discount)
- ◆ Once we place the order, we will be providing 2 samples:
 - *1st - **Digital sample** = We will provide a digital copy of how it will look like on a pin, you can send MULTIPLE EDIT request and you have to APPROVE it before we can move forward. (Note: You will receive this within the next 48 hrs. after the order has been PAID)
 - *2nd - **Photo sample** = We will create an Actual pin and take a picture of it and send it to you via email, you can still send EDITS once you see the Sample and you also need to APPROVE it before we can move with Full production.





Advertisement

Brochures will be available. Please consider bringing some to local VFW's

Share the Facebook Group

Talk to your friends and family

*Still looking for someone willing to start an Instagram



- ◆ We want to extend a **BIG THANK YOU** to a donor who reached out and wanted to donate our startup costs.
- ◆ He made a donation of \$1,000
- ◆ We ordered the pins and the certificate paper and there will be mailing costs.
- ◆ We will also be designing and printing brochures available to bring to Veteran Events and have at local VFWs.

Membership

While our primary members are Sons and Daughters of the Vietnam War and their families, we also welcome anyone with relatives who served during the war, as well as those wishing to honor Veterans in general by joining our group.

- ◆ Lineal Members: For individuals demonstrating lineal descent through birth or adoption from a qualifying Vietnam Veteran.
- ◆ Collateral: Annual membership for family members with an aunt, uncle, brother, sister or cousin who served. Proof of service required.
- ◆ Friends: Annual membership for those, without a relative serving in Vietnam, who wish to support and participate in the Sons & Daughters of the Vietnam War activities.

Membership Fees for the remainder of 2021 will be \$25 for all levels.
Application is available on website and via Facebook Group.

2021 Membership Includes:

Frameable Certificate (Founding Member)

Commemorative pin.

Access to Speaker Events

Voting Rights

National Membership Number

Name added to Founding Member plaque to display permanently in Museum



New Business



Museum Curator – Posting not currently open

JOB SUMMARY/DESCRIPTION:

The Museum Curator is a full-time position reporting to the Board of Directors. The curator collaborates with the Board of Directors on projects, donations, events, and design. The curator exhibits, interprets, maintains, and protects objects of historical and aesthetic importance in The National Vietnam War Museum.

TYPICAL DUTIES/JOB DUTIES:

1. Exhibit design, development, and construction
2. Manage day-to-day museum operations
3. Develop and implement educational programs
4. Seeks and prepares funding proposals in conjunction with Board of Directors
5. Catalogue and display material
6. Develop and maintain exhibit schedule
7. Supervise museum staff and volunteers
8. Identify and record items
9. Present program and project reports at Board of Directors meeting
10. Other duties as assigned

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

Advanced knowledge of the Vietnam War is preferred along with knowledge of museum procedures and best practices. Skilled in oral and written communications and skilled in interpersonal relations.

Ability to do historical research on the Vietnam War; ability to speak knowledgeably and effectively before groups and museum visitors; ability to organize and complete tasks in an accurate and timely manner; ability to perform work requiring accuracy and attention to detail. Ability to effectively supervise employees and volunteers.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Bachelor's Degree in Science, History, Archaeology, Art History, Museum Management, or Heritage Studies or a minimum of 5 years' related experience. Management experience is also highly desirable.

EEO Statement: The National Vietnam War Museum is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to promoting and ensuring equal employment opportunity for all individuals without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, sexual orientation, disability, or veteran status. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), The National Vietnam War Museum is committed to providing reasonable accommodations to ensure equal access to employment opportunities for qualified individuals with disabilities. We are committed to ensuring that a qualified individual with a disability has the same rights and privileges in employment as non-disabled employees. If an accommodation is requested for the job application process, please contact our office at (940) 325-4003 or email us at katee427@msn.com.

Honor Your Veteran - Scrapbook

- ◆ Create a 12x12 Page
- ◆ To be displayed permanently at museum
- ◆ 1 page per Veteran (please coordinate with family)
- ◆ Most content is acceptable
 - ◆ Service story
 - ◆ Pictures
 - ◆ Awards
 - ◆ No graphic pictures

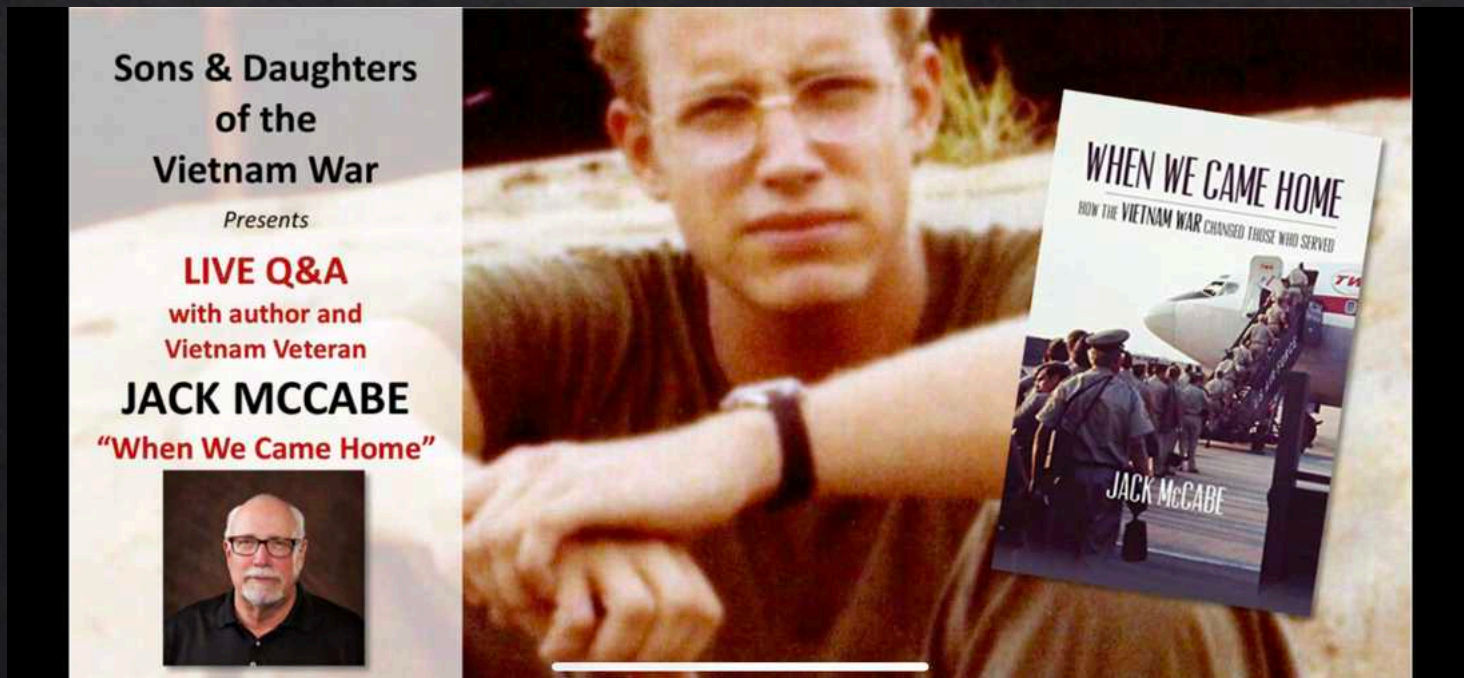
Finished pages should be mailed to:

Karen Gregory
PO Box 251647
Plano, TX 75025



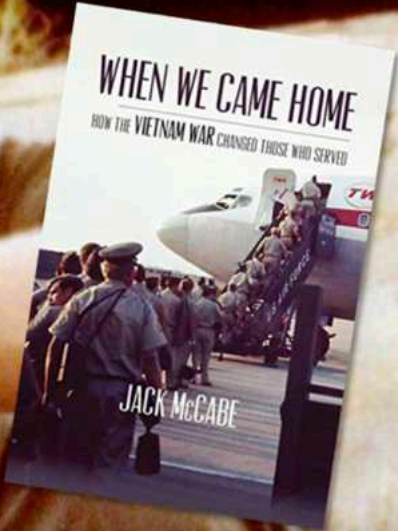

Upcoming Speaker – Jack McCabe

We are excited to offer our first online event. We welcome author Jack McCabe. His book “When We Came Home: How The Vietnam War Changed Those Who Served” shares personal narratives from Vietnam veterans and how their lives, emotions, and health were impacted by the war and how they were treated when they came home. We will hear him talk about his own experience as well as those of whom he interviewed, and what inspired him to write this book.



The graphic is a promotional slide for an event. On the left, a white vertical panel contains text: 'Sons & Daughters of the Vietnam War Presents LIVE Q&A with author and Vietnam Veteran JACK MCCABE "When We Came Home"'. Below the text is a small portrait of Jack McCabe. To the right of the panel is a large background image of a young man in a military uniform, looking thoughtful. Overlaid on this image is the book cover for 'When We Came Home' by Jack McCabe, which features a photograph of soldiers on an aircraft carrier deck.

**Sons & Daughters
of the
Vietnam War**
Presents
LIVE Q&A
with author and
Vietnam Veteran
JACK MCCABE
“When We Came Home”



Museum Newsletter Help



May 2021

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From the President's Desk

Dear Friends and Supporters,

I wanted to personally thank everyone who attended, supported or donated to our Spring Fundraiser. I think we all agree that it was a good time and it was even better to be back to in person events. I got to spend so much time talking to others and updating everyone on the museum. It was good to be in a room

surrounded by so many with the same passion for what we are doing at the museum.

This week we finished our first of many Wall of Bricks! It has been a labor of love to see so many names that will be honored for generations to come.

We have continued to meet monthly over zoom and as we get closer to opening we are finding

our excitement growing more and more by the day.

So many have reached out offering services and support and we have a place for everyone that wants to help.

Please don't hesitate to contact myself or any of the board members if you are interested in volunteering at the museum.

William Kane
President

Spring Fundraiser Recap and Special Donor Recognition

Our fundraiser was a success in every way! It felt good to be back in person this year and to see so many familiar faces and some new ones as well. We are grateful year after year of all the support the museum gets. We welcomed almost 200 guests this year and with more than 100 items between the live auction and the silent auction, there was plenty of excitement to go around.

The theme was "Go Crazy for the Museum" and tablecloths were all covered by hot pink, green, orange, red, purple, etc. There was a different color for

each table with fedora plastic hats to match. Food and drinks were excellent and all had a good time! We are proud to announce we made over \$15k!

A special thank you to Jim Messinger and his crew for planning, setup, cleanup, and organization. This event would not have been as successful without his crews tireless efforts!

All had a good time and his crew came home exhausted, just like every year... and yet we hear they still found the energy for an afterparty.

Lunatic (\$750)

Richard & Anne Hanson
Chamber of Commerce
John Briggs
Joyce Trainham

Wacko (\$500)

Mike & Janet Holland
Bob Jerry Ford Staggs
Sanna & Paul Roling
Gary Christensen
Dave & Lorraine Pashby

THANK YOU!

Nutty (\$250)

Brian Walkfield
Gail Morgan
Steve & Debbie Smith
Suzy Messinger/Andy Jung
Fran Acosta-Carlson
Bob Poland
Doris & Douglas Cox
Roy & Mary Bonnett
Skip & Mary Humphrey Jr
Dr. Jody and Mike Bergman
Bert & Karen Schultz
Jim Thomason
Charles and Dorothy Bogle
Norm & Margaret McMullen
John Good
Michele Walker/Antonio Galvan
Robert & Betty Lou Gharis
Louis Fathree Jr
John Meek
Nelson & Sandy Oliver

- ◆ Write an article, one off or regular
- ◆ Topics are open, but must be related to the Vietnam War or Veterans
- ◆ Newsletter is sent 3 times a year, by snail mail.



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Old Business

Small Groups



Get to know our members



Discuss direction of group



Ideas for future
events/speakers/webinars

Q&A's / Open Discussion

