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Museum marks another milestone – land is now owned outright

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The National Vietnam War Museum is pleased to announce its "mortgage burning party." Exactly one year to the day after closing on the 12-acre parcel in Mineral Wells, the property is now owned debt-free, by the Museum.

The Friends of the Museum organization is sponsoring a Bar-B-Q at the Museum property to celebrate the "mortgage burning". The land was paid for thanks to the generous donations of the "Honorary Landowners" of the Museum and this dinner will be a chance to recognize and reward the honorary landowners as well as enjoy some fellowship and good food.

The party is scheduled to begin at 11:00 am on Saturday May 13, 2000 at the Museum site (12685 Mineral Wells Hwy), adjacent to the Rails to Trails Bridge just east of the Mineral Wells city limits. In the event of inclement weather, the celebration will be moved to the American Legion on the west side of Mineral Wells.

There is a scheduled, free USO show that will be followed by barbecued brisket and beans for the first 250 people making a donation of \$10.00 (landowners meals are free). There will be a number of invitees, so for those who would like to reserve a meal, please send your \$10.00 check to the Friends of the Museum, in care of the Museum, and your ticket will be waiting for you at the gate.

With guest speakers, the USO show, and dinner, the festivities are expected to wrap up by 3:00 p.m.

Bring your friends and family. Visit the Museum site, talk to members of the Board of Directors and the Friends, and enjoy a day in the fresh air.

For those who wish to make a donation to the Museum, but are unable to attend the party, checks may be sent to the same address. Please indicate that it is a donation but that you don't wish to reserve a meal. For those who wish to be part of the "honorary landowners" program, please contact the Museum for more information.

The National Vietnam War Museum is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, incorporated in the State of Texas. The focus of the museum will be address the full scope of the Vietnam War - the participants, the root causes, the after effects - in an honest, and unbiased manner. The plans call for a world-class facility that will create an atmosphere of learning to engage people of all ages, nationalities, and political points of view. To learn more about the efforts to establish **The National Vietnam War Museum**, visit the office in the Mineral Wells airport, write them at *P. O. Box 146, Mineral Wells, TX 76449-0146*, or visit their web site at www.nationalvnwarmuseum.org.