

Museum News

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Medal of Honor Memorial at Fort Wolters Historical Park

The museum board gets involved with projects that are not on the museum site. Restoration of the Fort Wolters Gate, was one of the major projects for which we provided support to the community. That project was good for the museum and the community.

The Fort Wolters Gate Committee has found another worthwhile project and has planned a memorial to honor the Medal of Honor Recipients who were stationed at Camp or Fort Wolters. Ronny Collins, president of the committee researched long hours to determine that there were twelve. The day the list was provided to the Museum Board, President Edd Luttenberger said: "What about Mike Sprayberry?" It seems that Mike had not turned up on the initial search, but Edd knew Mike and provided that thirteenth name. The design for the memorial had to be re-done! The new look is shown in the artists concept on the back page. The new design allows us to find more MOH recipients than we have found so far. If you know of one who was stationed at Camp or Fort Wolters and not on our list, please send that information to the museum address.

The memorial features nine obelisks. The bases of the obelisk will contain a plaque with a picture of the recipients. The upper part of the obelisk will display a replica of the medal of honor and the branch insignia of the person pictured on that obelisk.

How can you help?

We're glad you asked! Here's our donor recognition list:

1. All donors will receive acknowledgement.
 2. Donors of \$100 or more will be included on the list of donors.
 3. Donors of \$500 or more will have a brick placed along the pathway with their name on it.
 4. Donors of \$1,000 or more will have a stone placed along the pathway with their name on it.
 5. Donors of \$2,500 or more will have both the brick, and the stone markers, and a special group plaque that has their names on it inside the wall circle.
 6. Donors of \$5,000 or more will have the brick and stone markers and a plaque inside the wall circle with only their name on it.
 7. Send checks or credit card info to PO Box 146, Mineral Wells, TX 76068
- Also, keep your eyes on our web site and face book pages for the announcement of the dedication of the memorial.

Known Medal of Honor Recipients who were stationed at Camp or Fort Wolters

Camp Wolters - 1st Lt Vernon Baker, Staff Sgt Edward A Carter Jr, 1st Lt Jack L. Knight, 2nd Lt Audie L. Murphy, 1st Lt Charles L. Thomas, 1st Lt Eli L. Whitely.
Fort Wolters - Major William E. Adams, Major Patrick H. Brady, CWO Frederick E. Ferguson, Captain Ed Freeman, CWO Michael J. Novosel, Captain Jon E. Swanson, 1st Lt James M. Sprayberry

Poker Run hosted by Smitty's Cycles to benefit Medal of Honor Memorial at Fort Wolters Historical Park

Details were unavailable at press time. Please contact Smitty's Cycles at 940-325-3253. Date of the run is October 27, begins at Smitty's and ends at The National Vietnam War Museum for picnic lunch.

Come out and enjoy a pleasant ride with us and help us build the Medal of Honor Memorial

Update the Wall June 1, 2013

Plans are underway for the 2013 update. We have requested the Fort Sill half section again and expect them to be on hand to do their full demonstration. Captain Bennett, Commander of JRB Fort Worth has agreed to speak for the sailors again. The Army and Marine spokesmen have not been booked.

We hope that Monica Harvey will come this year for her special song, and of course we'll have food, vendors, artifacts on display and the big tent with some reserved seating. Sponsorships will be available. Details should be in the January newsletter

Mark your calendars now for June 1, 2013. We will be adding ten names (three soldiers, six sailors, and one Marine. on that date and updating the status of 12 more. Also we have just learned of a typographical error that has been corrected in Washington, so we will be recognizing Cary Hubert Siler who has been on the wall as Gary for 45 years.

Please come and enjoy that day with us.

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3rd Annual Christmas at the Wall

We're very pleased to have our winter event; "Christmas at the Wall" again. This year will highlight the First Baptist Church of Mineral Wells choir, and the Tony Anguiano Family will be lighting the tree. Tony is on panel 3W line 112.

Activities begin at 5:00 pm December 16 and end with the candlelight walk by the wall. The candles are provided by Disabled American Veterans chapter 235 of Mineral Wells and this walk has been the most meaningful part of the event.

We're also planning to have some light refreshments this year.

The picture below shows members of the Indian Creek Baptist Church preparing to sing at last year's event. This year the choir will be provided by the First Baptist Church of Mineral Wells.

Photo courtesy of Wayne Sanderson



Founders Association

The Founders Association added two more members: **Julie Kink, and Mineral Wells Study Club** since our last issue. There's still time for you to join. 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 mission of the museum is:

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

Two one act plays to be Produced by the Museum

The two plays were written by Michael Stephen Myers, who is a Vietnam Veteran. The titles are "A Healing of War" and "A Fathers Legacy."

"A Healing of War" is a true story based on actions in Vietnam. In it we meet a broken family plagued by divorce and ridden with guilt, pain, and accusations of blame for the loss of their son. The family is healed through the eyes of their son's Platoon Commander as he tells of the heroic death of their son.

"A Father's Legacy is based on Michael Meyer's Platoon Sergeant, who was the first man that Michael saw die. Sergeant First class Leroy Ferguson was like a father to his platoon, hence the name "A Father's Legacy. In the play, we meet SFC Ferguson's family as they are visited by Ferguson's Platoon Leader.

The plays will be directed by Ms Nancy McVean, Drama Program Director, Weatherford College, and performed by Weatherford College drama students.

Mark your calendars for Friday, May 3, 2013. Performances will be at the Scott Theatre, Fort Worth, TX.

Coming Events

October 13 - Crazy Water Festival in Mineral Wells

October 27 - Poker run for the Medal of Honor Memorial.

November 17 - Veterans Day Parade, Weatherford TX

December 16 - Christmas at the wall.

January 19, 2013 - Third Annual Volunteer Banquet/Luncheon

March 23, 2013 - Spring Fundraiser at the stockyards in Fort Worth

May 3, 2013 - Two one act plays produced by the Museum at the Scott Theatre in Fort Worth

Camp Holloway Wall Remodel

The Texas sun has taken a heavy toll on the name plaques used for the Camp Holloway Wall.

Our story begins with a record drought two years ago, causing a crack in the east wing of the wall. The foundation was reinforced, but the cosmetic repairs to the wall required that we remove several of the plaques. That process showed us that there were more cosmetic needs for the wall than we realized, so the decision was made to take down all the plaques, re-prime and re-paint the wall.

Since the plaques were removed, it was a perfect opportunity to clean the plaques. It was an opportunity we wish now that we didn't have. One hundred volunteer hours were spent using a variety of techniques to clean the plaques. They are cleaner, but they are really not satisfactory for a memorial of this importance.

The museum coordinated with the 52nd Aviation Battalion to see if a modification to the plaque design could be made so that future plaques would have a longer life. A new material was agreed on, and that left only the fundraising to be completed. We are asking for a donation of \$25.00 to fix a name. If you have a favorite name that you want to sponsor, send that information with the donation to the museum at PO Box 146, Mineral Wells, TX 76068.

Our goal is to have the new plaques in place before our wall update June 1, 2013, If the funds are available, we think we can make that deadline.

Thanks in advance for your assistance with this project



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Medal of Honor Memorial Artists Concept.

Provided by Tim Hopkins

View is looking North from Washington Ave.

