

Museum News

May 2015



6th Annual Wall Update June 6, 2015

The wall update is also a part of the 50th Commemoration of the Vietnam War as evidenced by their logo to the right.

This year we will be adding 13 soldiers' names to the wall:

PFC Henry John Drozdowski, Jr	Panel 17E Line 102
PFC Danny Joe Wilson	Panel 18E Line 109
PFC Ronald Hall	Panel 27E Line 039
SP4 Alan Leslie Seamans	Panel 27E Line 098
SSG Jerry Leon Antrich	Panel 29E Line 009
PFC Paul Luther Loidolt	Panel 48E Line 004
MSG Walter Hugh Mauldin	Panel 60E Line 014
SFC Frederick Joseph Baum	Panel W04 Line 016
SP4 Thomas Charles Littles	Panel W14 Line 015
PFC Robert Kryptavich	Panel W35 Line 050
PFC Gregory Jackson Franklin	Panel W37 Line 41
SP4 William Arthur Gabrielsen	Panel W44 Line 062
SP5 Michael Noel Faherty	Panel W46 Line 037

Also, a special welcome home to recovered MI-As: Col. Thomas Wayne Dugan; USAF; Reading, Pa.; Panel 36W, Row 14; Maj. Louis Fulda Guillermin; USAF; of West Chester, Pa.; Panel 53E, Row 14; Lt. Col. Robert Edward Pietsch; USAF; Cleveland, Ohio; Panel 53E, Row 21

As usual, a variety of vendors will be on hand to provide food, drink and lots of other offerings. We are continuing our tradition offering opportunities for sponsorships:

Sponsorships Available!

Become a sponsor of this event—send a check or credit card info to: The National Vietnam War Museum, P.O. Box 146, Mineral Wells, TX 76068.

Sponsorship opportunities:

Medal of Honor	\$1000 (6 seats included)
Army Distinguished	
Service Cross	\$500 (4 seats included)
Navy Cross	\$250 (2 seats included)



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, DAV Chapter 235 sells Egg and Sausage Burritos breakfast; Chili Dogs & Frito Pies at lunch.
- 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 (tentative)
- 10:35 - Monica Harvey "Lil Sis" Sings "Welcome Home" (tentative)
- 10:40 - Introductions: Sponsors, special guests, museum board & volunteers, Master Gardeners.
- 10:45 MOWW Presentation
- 10:50 - Introduction of Army Guest Speaker
- 11:00 - Remarks by Guest Speaker - Lt. General Dan Petrosky

- 11:15 - Recognition of the MIA status change.
Recognition of additions. Closing comments.
- 11:20 - The Army Song - Raising the U.S. Army flag; The Marine Corps Hymn - Raising the U.S. Marine Flag; Anchors Aweigh - Raising the U.S. 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 - "The Kent State Shooting"

Announcing the Builders Club and The Building Account!

The most frequently asked question around the museum project has been: When will you start construction on the main building? Associated with that question is: How much money do you have so far for construction?

Until now, the answer to "when" has been "unknown"; we need the money. The answer to "how much money" has been "none." That prompted the Museum Board of Directors to recently establish a special account in which to collect funds for the building. This account will be restricted, and all donations into the account will be restricted for use in building the main building. Bricks and mortar are a big part of that, but we will also need to expend funds for construction planning, architectural support, and, of course, connection to utilities.

As a result, we will be able to regularly report the amount that has been raised for the building project, and, as funds accumulate, we can begin completing the many tasks associated with the construction and outfitting of the building.

Announcing the Builders Club and The Building Account! Part II Donations

So, where will the money come from? Our primary initiative for fundraising will be the Builders Club. Its members will be the people and organizations who make a one-time donation of \$10,000 or more. Two families have pledged that donation as soon as the account and procedures are established: **Norm & Margaret McMullen, and Jim & Iola Messinger**. We are certain that other people who have been anxious to see that building completed will contribute and the account will grow. It will also grow because the museum board will allocate 10% of each annual budget towards construction. These budget-based funds will be retained in a contingency fund that could also be used for operations in emergencies. We still need donations to maintain our facilities, but our growth will slow as we approach the building of the main facility. The board is working on a phased construction plan, the first phase of which includes a small building. Additional phases will begin as funds become available.

Additionally, the museum is involved in some special projects that should produce some significant revenue this year. The results of those projects will be reported in the newsletter as they are completed. A large portion of these special project funds will go into the restricted building fund to help us get moving.

The mission of the museum is:

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

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Friends of the Museum Fundraiser Results

Sponsors made up 90 percent of the attendees and most of the sponsors weren't there, so thank you sponsors: **Gold** - Betty Boyd Dettre, Bob Ford Black Cat 2-1, Richard & Anne Hanson, Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Smith. **Silver** - Kim & Kent Olson, Wanda Rusher, The 3109 Property Limited Partnership. **Bronze** - Jo Ann Barnhart, Don & Diane Brawley, JC & Sylvia Campbell, Mary Evins, Mike & Janet Holland, Intaglio Composites, Melba Mahoney, Larry & Connie McNay, Mineral Wells Area Chamber of Commerce, Gail Morgan, Pat & Betty Richardson, Sanna & Paul Rolling, Don & Cora Scott, Jim & Neda Vines, Allan & Helen Jane Werst. **Copper** - Michael Adair, Bar Double Ought Ranch, Butch & D.J. Benson, Mark & Sherri Benson, Ron & Penny Chandler, James & Terri Collins, Denice & Mike Cunningham, Skip & Marty Humphrey, Ted & Loree Long, Jack & Susie Lowey, William McCalister, Tom McMillen, Norm & Margaret McMullen, Suzy Messinger, Moose Lodge NO 1932, Bill & Judy Murphy, Omaha's Army Supply Store, Scott Paternoster, Rex & Bonita Payne, Richard Pendleton, R J Landscapes LLC, Gary & Chris Salisbury, Steve Salisbury, Wayne & Ginny Sanderson, Steve & Debbie Smith, Thomas Spencer, Texas Association of Vietnam Veterans Austin Chapter, VFW Post 7835, Michele & Barry Walker, Rick & Janet Williams.

The event raised over \$10,000 (some funds still coming in) through sponsorships, live and silent auction. The Friends of the Museum continue to raise a substantial part of the museum operating expenses through the fundraiser, and the gift shop. The gift shop operates at the Mineral Wells Airport, the Visitor Center, on the internet, and

travels to various events around the country with volunteers. Next major event for the gift shop is the Vietnam Helicopter Crewmembers Reunion in Albuquerque, NM. We proud to add a book to our store written by one of our sponsors, Bob Ford who was Black Cat 2-1 in Vietnam, the title of his book. See the cover on the back page. Contact Jim Messinger, jmessinger@wc.edu for pricing and shipping information. Book is in the Visitor Center. Should be added to internet soon.

Founders Association

New Founders this issue are **Nat & Lynn O'Day** 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 Founders are people who share our vision for building The National Vietnam War Museum.

Southern Airways Exhibit to begin June 7 - End June 4 2016

As we continue to rotate exhibits, we will be taking down the "Kent State Shooting" and putting up the "Southern Airways Exhibit." Southern Airways of Texas held the government contract to train the helicopter pilots who would fly and fight in the Vietnam War. For additional details visit the museum.

Coming Events

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| May 16 | 57th AHC 5K run 2k walk |
| June 6 | Update the Wall |



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