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MUSEUM FRIENDS ANNOUNCE SPRING FUNDRAISER

Mineral Wells, Texas, February 11, 2003.

The Mineral Wells Friends of the National Vietnam War Museum announced today that they will hold their second annual Spring fundraiser on Saturday, April 12, 2003, to benefit the museum that will be built on a twelve acre site a few miles east of Mineral Wells on Texas State Highway 180. The theme for this year's event is "Focus on the Future."

The event will be a dance featuring the Tarleton University Ultra Club Big Band, to be held at the historic Baker Hotel in downtown Mineral Wells from 7:00 until 11:00 p.m. A live auction and a professional fortune teller will add special excitement to the event, and tours of the hotel will be offered until dark. Doc Chase, from KJSA Radio, will emcee the event. The museum gift shop will offer various items for sale. Hors d'ouvres will be provided, along with a cash bar.

Jim Messinger, president of the Friends organization, said, "This is going to be a fun evening. We are expecting an even larger crowd than the 200 we had last year, due to the increased interest in the museum project and the public's desire to see inside the Baker Hotel."

Tickets are \$25, if purchased before the dance, and \$30 at the door. They can be purchased from the Chambers of Commerce in Weatherford and Mineral Wells, or by sending a check, or credit card information (type of card, name on the card, card number and expiration date), to P.O. Box 146, Mineral Wells, TX. Tickets will be available for pick up at the door.

This year, individuals and organizations will be offered the opportunity to support the museum by becoming sponsors of the dance at one of four different levels. A Green Level Sponsor receives two tickets for a contribution of \$100, a Silver Level Sponsor receives four tickets for a contribution of \$250, a Gold Level Sponsor receives eight tickets for a contribution of \$500 and a Platinum Level

Sponsor receives sixteen tickets for a contribution of \$1000. In addition, each sponsor will receive special recognition during the event.

The National Vietnam War Museum is a Texas 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. The museum will be located on a 12 acre site on Hwy 180, just east of Mineral Wells. The focus of the museum will be to 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.

The museum will seek to create for each visitor a full understanding of this era in history. It will provide its visitors with the unique opportunity to clear up possible misconceptions about the Vietnam War and those affected by it. The exhibits will provide different viewpoints, encourage visitors to raise questions, and provide them with the information necessary to form their own opinions and, perhaps, challenge longstanding misunderstandings.

To learn more about **The National Vietnam War Museum**, please visit the website at www.nationalvnwarmuseum.org, come by the museum gift shop located in the Mineral Wells Municipal Airport or write them at P.O. Box 146, Mineral Wells, TX 76068-0146. Those interested in helping with various museum projects are invited to attend the monthly meetings of the Mineral Wells Friends of the Museum held at 10:00 a.m. in the conference room at the airport.