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Museum adds Sponsor, Board of Visitors Member

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The National Vietnam War Museum is pleased to announce that the Fort Worth Chapter, Military Order of World Wars (MOWW) has become the latest sponsor for The National Vietnam War Museum. The MOWW joins with the American Legion, Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) – Texas State Council and Louisiana State Council, Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association, DFW Vietnamese Air Force Association, Americal Division (23rd Infantry Div) Veterans Association, and many others who support the museum as sponsors.

The sponsor relationship is based on the common desire to document, accurately and objectively, the events of the Vietnam era and the experiences of those who were affected by its many significant events. Sponsoring organizations share the vision and goals of the museum and help publicize our efforts to their membership. Sponsoring organizations are also encouraged to nominate a member to the Museum's Board of Visitors.

The Board of Visitors is a group that provides advice to the Board of Directors and consists of influential persons from various walks of life. Members include Congressman Sam Johnson, who represents Texas' Third Congressional District; Mr. Adrian Cronauer, a prominent Washington attorney and former USAF disk jockey of Good Morning Vietnam fame; Mr. Magne Hagen, who recently retired as the long-time personal Secretary to the King of Norway; and Mr. Jim Young, a Korean War veteran and immediate Past President of the American Legion, Department of Texas.

The latest member to join this august group is Brigadier General Nathan C. Vail (USA Ret.), who was nominated by the MOWW to serve on the Board of Visitors. General Vail enlisted in the Army in June 1953, and in his 31-year career, rose from the rank of private to Brigadier General. General Vail graduated from Officer Candidate School in January 1955, and went on to serve in various assignments both in the United States and overseas. His overseas assignments included two tours in Vietnam, including command of the 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry, 25th Infantry Division. General Vail served on joint staffs in both Japan and Hawaii, and three tours with the Army Staff at the Pentagon.

His awards and decorations include the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Silver Star, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal with "V" device, and Senior Parachutist Wings, to name but a few.

Upon retirement from the Army, General Vail joined the Sinai peacekeeping force as Chief of the Management Staff, responsible for the logistics interface between the Multi-National Force and agencies of Egypt and Israel. Afterward, General Vail worked with both General Dynamics Services Company and Lockheed Support Services, Inc., in senior management positions.

He subsequently founded and operates Compass Enterprises, a management and organization development firm that focuses primarily on small business development.

General Vail holds a Bachelors degree from the University of Omaha, and a Masters degree from Auburn University. He and his wife Mary reside in Fort Worth, and their oldest son is currently serving as a Colonel in the Army.

The National Vietnam War Museum welcomes General Vail to the Board of Visitors and is looking forward to a long and mutually supportive relationship.

The National Vietnam War Museum is an IRS 501(c) (3) organization incorporated in the State of Texas. For more information about the museum and its activities, contact them at P. O. Box 146, Mineral Wells, TX 76068, or on line at www.nationalvnwarmuseum.org.

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