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Museum Board of Visitors Continues to Expand

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The National Vietnam War Museum is pleased to announce another new member has joined the Board of Visitors – General John T. Chain, USAF Retired.

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; State Senator Craig Estes of Wichita Falls; and Mr. James Webb, a Vietnam War USMC veteran, former Secretary of the Navy, and best-selling author.

General Chain was commissioned into the Air Force through the ROTC program at Denison University, Granville, Ohio. He received his pilot wings in December 1957 and during his career accumulated 5,000 flying hours in more than 45 different military aircraft, including the A-7, F-4, and F-15. General Chain served two combat tours in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War with 400 combat flying hours.

Among his many assignments, General Chain flew as an aggressor pilot for the 57th Fighter Weapons Wing at Nellis AFB, Nevada; commanded the 1st Tactical Fighter Wing at Langley AFB, Virginia; served as Chief of Staff, Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) in Mons, Belgium; and Commander in Chief, Strategic Air Command.

His awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross with oak leaf cluster, Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal with ten oak leaf clusters, and Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, to name but a few.

General Chain retired from the Air Force in 1991 and entered private industry. He has served as Executive Vice President for Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF), President of Quarterdeck Equity Partners, Inc., and Chairman of the Board for Thomas Group, Inc., his current position. General Chain also serves on the Board of Directors for Kemper Insurance Companies, Northrop Grumman Corporation, R. J. Reynolds, and ConAgra Foods, Inc.

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

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