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## **The National Vietnam War Museum Continues Phase I Development - Two new gardens to be added to the museum site**

With the opening of the Meditation Garden on June 2 of this year, The National Vietnam War Museum completed the first step in Phase I of its building program. This was quickly followed by the Rock Creek Trail, a connector that links the museum property with the Lake Mineral Wells State Trailway, which passes behind the museum site.

There are now two additional projects in process on the museum grounds. The first is the Contemplation Garden that will contain a reconstruction of the Camp Holloway Memorial Wall. Camp Holloway, near Pleiku, was the largest Army aviation base in Vietnam and home to the 52<sup>nd</sup> Aviation Battalion ("Flying Dragons") and over half of its assigned Aviation companies. Ground was broken for the construction of the wall on May 18, and volunteers from the 52<sup>nd</sup> have been working to complete the project in time for next year's reunion of the Flying Dragons in the D/FW area.

The original Camp Holloway wall was built at the base in the 1960's and dedicated by General William C. Westmoreland. It carried plaques with the names of soldiers assigned to Camp Holloway who were Killed in Action (KIA) or Missing in Action (MIA). The replica wall is being built based on blueprints prepared by Alliance Architects of Richardson, Texas. It is being constructed of hadite building blocks and will be covered with a special epoxy sealer to protect it from the elements. When completed, it will contain 257 brass plaques for those KIA and MIA, just as the original wall at Camp Holloway. A dedication ceremony is also planned to mark the project's completion.

More information about the Camp Holloway Wall project is available on the 52<sup>nd</sup> Aviation Battalion website ([www.52dcab.org](http://www.52dcab.org)), and tax-deductible donations can be made through The National Vietnam War Museum.

The second project is one that should attract interest from Vietnam veterans throughout North Texas and throughout the Southwest. The museum is in the process of constructing the Vietnam Memorial Garden that will feature a replica of "The Moving Wall"<sup>TM</sup>, a one-half scale version of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C. The museum's wall will be constructed in a forest of Arizona Cypress trees, fronting on Highway 180, and accessed by a path of decomposed granite. Between the wall and the highway fence will be five flagpoles flying the service flags of the Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard. U.S., Texas, and POW/MIA flags current fly over the Meditation Garden.

Timing for the completion of the Vietnam Memorial garden will be dependent upon fundraising efforts, as this project is estimated to cost about \$175,000. However, our expectations are to be able to complete the project by late 2008. A lead donor has been identified, and we are actively engaged in acquiring the funds necessary to complete the project.



Volunteers from the 52<sup>nd</sup> Aviation Battalion and Museum directors break ground for the Camp Holloway Memorial Wall.

To volunteer to assist on these or any museum projects, learn about donation opportunities, or for more information regarding the museum and the development projects, contact the museum at P.O. Box 146, Mineral Wells, Texas 76068-0146, or online at [www.nationalvnwarmuseum.org](http://www.nationalvnwarmuseum.org).

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Proposed replica of "The Moving Wall™"  
to be built at  
The National Vietnam War Museum

Artist's concept of the museum's Vietnam Memorial wall and garden.