

# Museum News

Feb 2013



## Medal of Honor Memorial at Fort Wolters Historical Park

Dedication ceremony is scheduled for March 23, 2013, 10:00 am. The ceremony will be at the memorial which is located inside the Fort Wolters Gate where Washington Dr splits.

The memorial is fully funded, but the museum has established an endowment fund to be used for maintaining this memorial and the gates at Fort and Camp Wolters.

If you are interested in donating this worthy cause, our donor levels are listed here:

1. All donors will receive acknowledgement.
2. Donors of \$100 or more will be included on the list of donors.
3. Donors of \$500 or more will have a brick placed along the pathway with their name on it.
4. Donors of \$1,000 or more will have a stone placed along the pathway with their name on it.
5. Donors of \$2,500 or more will have both the brick, and the stone markers, and a special group plaque with the names on it inside the wall circle.
6. Donors of \$5,000 or more will have the brick and stone markers and a plaque inside the wall circle with only their name on it.
7. Send checks or credit card info to PO Box 146, Mineral Wells, TX 76068.

**Camp Wolters** - 1st Lt Vernon Baker, Staff Sgt Edward A Carter Jr, 1st Lt Jack L. Knight, 2nd Lt Audie L. Murphy, 1st Lt Charles L. Thomas, 1st Lt Eli L. Whitely.

**Fort Wolters** - Major William E. Adams, Major Patrick H. Brady, CWO Frederick E. Ferguson, Captain Ed Freeman, CWO Michael J. Novosel, Captain Jon E. Swanson, 1st Lt James M. Sprayberry, and Captain Joe Hooper

## Medal of Honor Memorial Under Construction



## Master Gardeners Asking for a Little Help

The Parker County Master Gardeners are upgrading parts of the Meditation Garden. They have dedicated funds in addition to their volunteer hours to replace some of the plants and hardscape and could use a little help to complete the project.

They are planning to add an arbor to the lower labyrinth at a cost of \$400. They have replaced the Mexican Feather Grass that was in the labyrinth with Nandina and Boxwoods because the feather grass was becoming too invasive; in fact taking over the pathways

## Known Medal of Honor Recipients who were stationed at Camp or Fort Wolters now includes Joe Hooper

Joe Hooper has one of the more colorful stories of the Medal of Honor Recipients. Joe was stationed at Fort Wolters as a Warrant Officer Candidate attending flight training. He left one weekend for Panama City and failed to return on time because he was in jail. This obviously resulted in his leaving flight school. He ended up in Vietnam as an Airborne Infantry Sergeant and was awarded the medal of honor February 21, 1968 outside Hue. His awards include two Silver Stars for gallantry, 6 Bronze Stars for heroism, 8 Purple Hearts, and the Combat Infantrymans Badge.

## **Poker Run hosted by Smitty's Cycles to benefit the Museum's annual update of the wall.**

April 27, register at Smitty's Cycle Shop in Mineral Wells for the 1st Run for Wall. Registration 9:30 - 10:15. Last bike out at 10:30. Visit the High School Medal of Honor Memorial (DAV Chapter 235), Jack Knight Cemetery Plot, Fort Wolters Medal of Honor Memorial (AMVETS Post 133), and finish at the museum for pizza, BYOB, 50/50 raffle and poker hands.

## **Update the Wall June 1, 2013**

Time again to mark your calendars for our annual update of the wall. We're still finalizing the activities, but we normally have coffee and breakfast type food starting at 8:00 am.

The main event will begin about 9:30 with the arrival of the Patriot Guard Riders. Dana Bowman is scheduled to parachute in about 10:00 followed by a demonstration by the Fort Sill Artillery Half Section. Captain Robert A. Bennett USN current commander of NAS JRB Fort Worth has volunteered to speak for the Navy, and we are still looking for Army and Marine speakers. If you know someone we should contact, please contact Jim at [jmessinger@wc.edu](mailto:jmessinger@wc.edu).

We'll be adding 10 names this year, 6 Navy, 3 Army and one Marine. We will also be correcting one name: Cary Siler, who originally appeared on the wall as Gary Siler. Come spend the day with us!

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## **Founders Association**

This past quarter saw lots of activity in the Founders Association: new members are **Frank & Susan Beaman, Doris Nichol Perry, Marney Dunman Perry Jr. & Laine Perry Family Foundation, Gary & Pam Kearby, Phil D. & Jill McClendon, Col Howard M. Moore USA (Ret) & Mrs. Vera M. Moore, and Wallace Voss.** 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.

## **Audited Financials**

Audited results are in for 2011; shown here:

Total income for 2011 – \$216,176  
Expenses  
Total \$356,776  
Program – \$333,874  
Fundraising - \$1,472  
Administrative – \$21,430  
End of Year Net Assets – \$4,700,820

Program Expense Ratio 93% (Goal > 65%)  
Fundraising Expense Ratio 1% (Goal < 35%)

### **NOTES-**

1. Administrative expenses remain low as we are an all volunteer project and have no paid employees.
2. Fundraising expenses remain low as we focus on face to face fundraising.
3. Net assets are overstated due to Federal Surplus Property rules that Fair Market Value is 23.3% of government acquisition cost.

### **The mission of the museum is:**

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

## Camp Holloway Wall Remodel Update

Fundraising has been successful and thanks to some significant in kind donations, we have been able to upgrade the blacks from silver on black to black on gold which will make the wall look approximately like it did when it was built. Intaglio Composites of Arlington, TX has a process to engrave aluminum, and put on black lettering on it before it is anodized. Cool City Avionics has volunteered to get the aluminum plates anodized. This combined process was unknown a few years ago and when it was available it was prohibitively expensive for us. Thanks to the two companies above, we have learned of the process and found donors to bring it to us for a remarkably low price (free).

Individual and unit donors have provided additional funds for the items needed for installation of the plaques and miscellaneous items: 170 AHC for Bikini Flight, Bn Patch Sales, William Callister, Tom Carrell for 170<sup>th</sup>, John Dixson, Wayne Franke, Frank Holloway for Charles Holloway, Ethylene Holloway Ensor for Charles Holloway, Howard Horton, Hubert Irsfeld for Cpt Roberto Samaniego, William Jaichner, Mike Law, George McHugh for Ralph Roussell, Norm McMullen for SGT Roscoe Leverett Prossky, CPL Alex Mitchell, and SP4David W Wilson, John Mihalec, Robert Mios for Floyd Robert Davis, Bernie O'Donnell, Charles Oualline, Gloria Robbins for Charles Holloway, Carmen Rowe, Johnny & Martha Wilkes for Harold Lewis & Roy Davis.

We'll also be adding a donor plaque for the donors in this remodel. Your names will be listed as shown here, so if I have them wrong, please let me know at [jmessenger@wc.edu](mailto:jmessenger@wc.edu) I have a habit of making mistakes, so don't so don't worry about hurting my feelings.

I believe there are sufficient funds to complete what we need to do, but please don't forget about the wall or the museum. There is always maintenance no matter how good the product is.

There is an endowment fund established now for the Camp Holloway Wall and you can send any donation directly to that endowment fund by including a note with your donation.

Our goal for this project was to replace all of the name plates before our Vietnam Wall update on June 1 and I believe we will make that deadline. I'll plan to have pictures in this newsletter of the finished project. Thanks for your help!!

### Coming Events

- March 23 - 10:00 am; Medal of Honor Memorial dedication at Fort Wolters Historical Park (at the y).
- March 23 - Spring Fundraiser at the stockyards in Fort Worth
- May 3 - Two one act plays produced by the Museum at the Scott Theatre in Fort Worth (6:00 pm)
- June 1 - Update the Vietnam Memorial Wall. Activities usually begin around 8:00 am



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