

Vietnam-Era Memorial *News Release*

Saluting Those Who Sacrificed

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VIETNAM MEMORIAL STUDENT DESIGN FINALIST ANNOUNCED

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FORT WORTH – Students across Fort Worth have risen to the challenge; submitting designs for a Tarrant County Vietnam war-era memorial, according to project planners led by Jim Hodgson, executive director of the Fort Worth Aviation Museum.

Three designs have been selected by the memorial committee for further consideration. The student artists include:

- Aaron-Jonah Miller – freshman at Calvary Christian Academy
- Emily Fazi and Phoebe Haygood – sophomores at Calvary Christian Academy
- Ryan Scieneaux – senior at Brewer High School

Local sculpture artist Michael Pavlosky will now work with the students, refining designs to meet Fort Worth Parks Dept. requirements, along with input from the Arts Council of Fort Worth.

All submissions can be viewed online at <https://www.vieteramemorial.org/designs>. Information about the student artists and their design concepts is also available on the website.

“At least 220 county residents died as a result of the conflict,” Hodgson points out. “Currently, there’s no local monument to honor those killed in Southeast Asia, but we hope to change that.

“We’re planning a permanent display in Fort Worth’s Veterans Memorial Park on Camp Bowie Blvd. designed by local students to honor American service members for their sacrifices, as well as commemorate the loss to the families and loved ones.”

The monumental effort is backed by a coalition of Tarrant County officials, the Fort Worth Parks Dept., national and local veterans service organizations, as well as patriotic



groups and individuals across North Texas. Representatives of these groups are meeting monthly to discuss logistics of the project.

A groundbreaking ceremony is being planned at Veterans Memorial Park to coincide with the National Medal of Honor Society's annual conference to be held in Fort Worth in September.

A Facebook page dedicated to raising funds for the project has been launched at <https://www.facebook.com/TCVWM/>. An interactive website with more detailed information is now online at <https://www.vieteramemorial.org/>.

“We eventually hope to link the entire virtual community supporting this campaign,” Hodgson concludes.

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