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## ***Vietnam Memorial Foundation Formed***

FORT WORTH – Efforts to honor North Texas servicemen who died in Southeast Asia are marching forward. A Tarrant County Vietnam Memorial Foundation (TCVMF) has formed to venerate those from the greater Fort Worth area who made the ultimate sacrifice during the Vietnam Conflict.

“At least 221 Tarrant County residents died as a result of the conflict,” according to Jim Hodgson, executive director of the Fort Worth Aviation Museum, and current president of the TCVMF. “Right now, there’s no local monument to honor those killed in Southeast Asia, but we intend to change that.

“We’re planning a permanent display in Fort Worth’s Veterans Memorial Park on Camp Bowie Blvd. – conceived by high school student artist Ryan Scieneaux – to honor American service members for their sacrifices, as well as commemorate the loss to the families and loved ones.”

A groundbreaking ceremony was held at the park in November 2020 to coincide with the National Medal of Honor Society’s annual conference in Arlington. The COVID pandemic brought the campaign to a temporary halt, but the foundation’s re-energized and moving forward again.

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. They will be meeting regularly to discuss logistics of the project.

Local sculpture artist Michael Pavlovsky is working with Nick Nelson of the landscape architectural firm Pacheco Koch to refine the basic design, so it meets Fort Worth Parks Dept. requirements, along with input from the Fort Worth Art Commission.

For more information about TCVMF, visit the foundation’s website:  
<https://www.vieteramemorial.org>

Email questions, comments, and concerns to [info@vieteramemorial.org](mailto:info@vieteramemorial.org)

“We hope to link the entire virtual community in supporting this campaign,” Hodgson concludes. “Help spreading the word by reposting this notice is critical increased awareness.”

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