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Memorial Go Fund Me Page Launch

Efforts by the Tarrant County Vietnam Memorial Foundation's (TCVMF) to honor Vietnam War veterans from North Texas continue moving forward.

A Go Fund Me page (<https://gofund.me/5fd860977>) was recently launched by the Foundation to help raise money for the building of a world-class Vietnam war monument in Fort Worth. To date, more than \$90,000 has been raised towards the \$355,000 goal, according to the TCVMF Board of Directors.

"More than 240 county residents died as a result of the conflict," according to Jim Hodgson, president of the TCVMF. "Currently, there's no local memorial to honor those killed in Vietnam, but we're intent on changing that.

"We're developing a permanent display in Fort Worth's Veterans Memorial Park to honor North Texas service members for their sacrifices, as well as commemorate the loss to their 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.

The Fort Worth City Council recently pledged money from the Future Community Partnerships Fund to assist with creation of the memorial on Camp Bowie Blvd. The Council voted to match up to \$200,000 of the memorial's cost.

"That was fantastic news," Hodgson notes. "Our efforts to honor Vietnam war-era veterans from Tarrant County have been moving forward for some time now, but this is truly a great leap in the right direction.

"The City of Fort Worth's matching funds put us well on our way to completion, but we still need the communities help. That's why the Go Fund Me page was launched."

A memorial website is now active, and people are encouraged to visit <https://www.tcvmf.us> for more information. A Facebook page has also been launched to raise money and awareness of the project (<https://www.facebook.com/TCVMF>).

Incorporated as a 501(c)(3) in July 2022, TCVMF aims to honor the men and women of North Texas who died during or due to the Vietnam War.

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