



**BRAZOS VALLEY**  
VETERANS MEMORIAL

**WORLD WAR I STATUE  
DEDICATION  
&  
VETERANS DAY CEREMONY**

**Sunday, Nov. 11, 2018**

**Louis L. Adam Memorial Plaza**

**Veterans Park & Athletic Complex  
3101 Harvey Road • College Station, Texas**



# World War I Statue Dedication Program

Sunday, Nov. 11, 2018 • 4 p.m.

Louis L. Adam Memorial Plaza  
Veterans Park & Athletic Complex  
College Station, Texas

<b>Call to Order</b>	SGM Perry Stephney, USA (Ret.)
<b>National Anthem</b>	The Brazos Brass & Brazos Valley Chorale
<b>Invocation</b>	MAJ Glenn Burnside, USMC (Ret.)
<b>World War I Era Music</b>	Brazos Valley Chorale
<b>Welcome</b>	LTG Randolph House, USA (Ret.)
<b>Keynote Introduction</b>	Louis Newman
<b>Keynote Address</b>	Dr. Don Wilson
<b>Special Presentation</b>	LTG Randolph House, USA (Ret.)
<b>Roll Call of World War I Gold Stars</b>	Bill Youngkin, Esq.
<b>Rifle Salute &amp; Taps</b>	American Legion Post 159



*“The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional to how they perceive veterans of early wars were treated and appreciated by our nation.”* –UNKNOWN

## KEYNOTE ADDRESS

### **Don W. Wilson**

*Seventh Archivist of the U.S.*



**D**on W. Wilson was born on Dec. 17, 1942 in Clay Center, Kansas. He earned his bachelor's degree from Washburn University, and master's and Ph.D. in history from the University of Cincinnati.

Wilson served on the history faculties at the University of Michigan and Washburn University, and worked as a research professor at the Center for Presidential Studies at Texas A&M University. He also worked at the Kansas State Historical Society and the State Historical Society of Wisconsin. Wilson started his National Archives career at the Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library and became the first Director of the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library in 1981.

In 1987, President Ronald Reagan nominated Wilson to be the first Archivist of the United States after the National Archives regained its independent agency status in 1985. He was also the first Archivist to be appointed by a President since Wayne Grover in 1948.

During Wilson's tenure, the National Archives at College Park, also known as Archives II, was built. This facility, one of the most advanced archival facilities in the world, increased the National Archives' storage space exponentially and allowed for new preservation techniques. He also established the National Archives Foundation.

After resigning as Archivist in 1993, Wilson became the Executive Director of the George Bush Presidential Library Foundation, and in 2009 Wilson became the President and CEO of the Woodrow Wilson Library and Museum.



# WWI GOLD STARS

The original Service Star banner, designed by Captain Robert Queisser in 1917, depicted a blue star for each of his two sons serving on active duty. The banner became a symbol of patriotism across America and visually illustrated a family's contribution to the war effort. Later, as casualties occurred, gold stars were exchanged with the blue ones to depict the death and sacrifice of that family.



## BRAZOS COUNTY GOLD STARS



Below is a list of soldiers from Brazos County that made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country during World War I.

Buchanan, Robert Leslie  
Cotrophia, Salvatore Carlo  
Crenshaw, Phelan S.  
Dehart, Arthur  
Dyess, Chester Bruce  
Eden, George Austin  
Elmore, Walter  
Endler, August  
Graham, Cyrus Earle  
Gregg, Donald  
Hall, Aaron, N.  
Harrington, Nelse  
Hill, Henry  
Holmes, Tom  
Lang, Elmer Earl  
Leigh, John William  
Lero, Joseph F.  
Lipscomb, Addie Claudiss  
Meekins, Lee Roy  
Mims, Homer Thomas  
Nero, Phillip

Opersteny, Frank T.  
Palmer, Jesse Adrian  
Parker, Joseph Walter  
Pate, Milton Ray  
Reed, Enolie  
Richie, Allen  
Richie, Neal  
Richmond, Will  
Rittenhouse, Johnnie  
Rouffino, Andrew  
Scasta, Emil Joe  
Scott, Arthur Cleveland  
Sims, Marshall G.  
Smith, George  
Snook, Lonnie M.  
Suber, Lawrence Ross  
Valenta, Joseph  
Walton, Osie  
Williams, Walter  
Wilson, Ruben Lee



# GOLD STAR AGGIES



The below list contains the names of sons of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas (Texas A&M) that made the ultimate sacrifice in service to the country during World War I.

Abney, William Hamilton	Fuchs, John William	Peters, Herbert Nic
Allison, Elmer Curtis	Gardner, Benjamin Howard, Jr.	Peyton, Harry Lamar
Anderson, Farris Shelton	Goldbeck, Eric Albert	Prime, Wendall Francis
Barfield, Clifton Power	Gorman, Edwin Mobley	Regenbrecht, Ferdinand
Bevill, Walter Gustavos	Graham, Cyrus Earle	Riesner, Edmund Laretz
Bourland, William Fowler	Greer, James Frank	Rust, Charles Edward
Brailsford, Thomas Reed	Harrison, George Little	Sawyer, Joseph Zetuc
Brown, Vories Pomeray, Jr.	Hausser, Charles	Slaton, Frank William
Bull, Richard Platt, Jr.	Hays, Albert Boyd	Smith, Joseph Louis
Burford, John Herbert	Jones, Hamlet Park	South, Ira Walter
Butts, John William	Keeling, Walter Sherman	Splawn, George Watson
Carter, Joseph Daniel	Loftus, Luke Witt	Suber, Lawrence Sullivan Ross
Cox, Romeo Willis	Luhn, Graham Daniel	Teague, Charles Leroy
Craig, Samuel Reid	McFadden, Willford Jr.	Thomas, William George
Crocker, Norman G.	McKimmey, John Clyde	Thompson, John Percy Street
Crook, Edward Bishop	Matthews, John Lamar	Wellage, George Francis
Curtis, Manson Franklin	Mayers, Haydn Porter	Woodman, Coney Uncas
Easterwood, Jesse Lawrence	Moore, John Hartwell	Woodson, James Madison Jr.
Ellis, James Graves, Jr.	Murphy, John Bolanz	Woolley, Richard P.
Findlater, James Ronald	Nolte, Robert Walker	Wright, Benjamin Fisk
Florence, Hubert Rowland	Norwood, Stephen Allen	Yates, Horace Conrad

## BRAZOS COUNTY WORLD WAR I CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Formed on Jan. 10, 2017, the Brazos County World War I Centennial Committee is an all-volunteer group organized to raise awareness of the sacrifices and legacies of World War I through education and commemoration.

Learn more at [BrazosCountyWorldWar1.com](http://BrazosCountyWorldWar1.com).

# Veterans Day Program

**Sunday, Nov. 11, 2018 • 5:30 p.m.**

Louis L. Adam Memorial Plaza  
Veterans Park & Athletic Complex  
College Station, Texas



<b>Honor Wall Roll Call</b>	Bill Youngkin, Esq. & Tom Turbiville
<b>Welcome Remarks</b>	LTG Randolph House, USA (Ret.)
<b>Invocation</b>	MAJ Glenn Burnside, USMC (Ret.)
<b>National Anthem &amp; Texas Our Texas</b>	The Fightin' Texas Aggie Band
<b>Special Recognition of Community Partners</b>	LTG Randolph House, USA (Ret.)
<b>Special Recognition of Brazos Valley Heroes</b>	Bill Youngkin, Esq.
<b>Service Medley</b>	The Fightin' Texas Aggie Band
<b>Keynote Introduction</b>	LTG Randolph House, USA (Ret.)
<b>Keynote Address</b>	GEN Mark Welsh, USAF (Ret.)
<b>Rifle Salute</b>	Ross Volunteers
<b>Taps</b>	The Fightin' Texas Aggie Band



## KEYNOTE ADDRESS

### GEN Mark A. Welsh III

*USAF, Ret.*



General Mark A. Welsh III became Dean of the Texas A&M University Bush School of Government and Public Service in August 2016 after retiring from the United States Air Force.

Welsh, who was born in San Antonio, earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the U.S. Air Force Academy and a Master of Science degree in computer resource management from Webster University.

During his distinguished military career, he served as the 20th Chief of Staff of the Air Force from 2012-2016. As Chief of Staff, he was the senior uniformed Air Force officer responsible for the organization, training and equipping 664,000 active-duty, Guard, Reserve, and civilian forces serving in the United States and overseas.

As a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, he and other service chiefs functioned as military advisers to the Secretary of Defense, National Security Council, and the President. Prior to becoming Chief of Staff, Welsh served as Commander of the U.S. Air Forces in Europe and Commander of NATO's Air Command, Ramstein Air Base, Germany; Associate Director of Military Affairs at the Central Intelligence Agency; and Commandant of the United States Air Force Academy.

He received numerous awards and decorations during his military career, including multiple awards of the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, and the Distinguished Flying Cross.



# 2018 Wall of Honor



BRADLEY AARON	USA	OLIN FINDLEY BREWSTER, SR.	USA
RICHARD H. ABRAHAMS	USA	OLIN FINDLEY BREWSTER, JR.	USA
EDUARDO ALVARADO	USA	TED R. BURDINE	USAF
MAX ST. C. AMOSS, JR.	USN	GERALD M. BURKHART	USAF
MICHAEL C. AMOSS	USN	WILLIE BURRIDGE	USA
ZACHARY E. ANGELLO	USN	RICHARD E. BUTTON	USMC
HOWARD CARLTON ARD	USA	MARK BUXKEMPER	USN
WILLIAM FRANKLIN BAILEY "WF"	USA	AARON K. BUZZARD	USA
WINFRED LEE BAKER	USAF	ALVIN J. CAMPBELL, SR.	USAF
CURTIS R. BARBER, JR.	USA	JAMES C. "JIM" CANDLER	USA
PHILIP M. BARNES	USA	ROBERT H. CANNON	USA
JERRY BASEY	USA	JOHN PAUL CARPENTER, JR.	USAF
JOHN M. BEAKLEY	USAF	ROY C. CASTILLO	USMC
MICHAEL R. BEGGS	USMC	THOMAS D. CHAMBERS	USN
EARL A. BEMUS	USA	CARL D. CHAMBERS	USN
FLOYD WAYNE BERRY	USA	LEO D. CHAVARRIA, SR.	USA
NEIL DEWAYNE BERRY	USMC	FRANK CHAVARRIA, JR.	USN
WILLIAM A. BILSING II	USN	JOSE C. CHAVEZ	USA
LUTHER SMITH BIRD	USAF	JOHN PAUL CHOATE	USMC
ALFRED NEAL BIRDWELL	USN	PANCO CECIL "SHORTY" CHOATE	USCG
WERNER W. BIRKELBACH	USA	JESSE COCKE SR.	USA
REUBEN E. BIRKELBACH	USA	JESSE COCKE JR.	USAF
CLARENCE E. BIRKELBACH	USA	CALVIN RYAN MORGAN COFFER	USMC
JOHN PATRICK BLAIR	USMC	MEREDITH LEANNE COFFER	USAF
JOHN PATRICK BLAIR, JR.	USN	NATHAN DEAN COFFER	USN
JOSEPH DANIEL BLAIR	USAF	OLEN SETH COLE	USN
SAMANTHA LYNN BOBINSKI	USA	ALTON "NAP" COLE	USN
KEVIN GUY BOWLEY	USA	CHARLES ALLEN COLE	USA
JOSEPH W. BREWSTER	USA	RONNIE ROY COLLINS	USA





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RICHARD W. COMLEY	USAF	RYAN S. DURHAM	USA
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JACK L. CORNISH, JR.	USN	JAMES E. EDGE	USAF
HUGH P. COSTON	USA	CHARLES E. EDGE	USA
DEMETRIUS STEPHEN COUNTOURIOTIS	USMC	GARY L. EDGE	USMC
ROBERT JAMES CRAVEY, SR.	USN	GARY L. EDGE II	USMC
ROBERT JAMES CRAVEY, JR.	USAF	MARK EMMONS	USA
TOMMIE DEE CRAVEY	USAF	ROBERT ERWIN ESTES	USA
JOSEPH E. D'AGOSTINO	USA	MILTON BERTRAND EVANS	USA
JEFFREY KEITH DANIELS	USMC	STEVE W. EVERETT	USAF
THOMAS V. DANIELS, JR.	USAF	ROBERT U. FALKENBURY	USMC
BOBBY JOE DARNELL, SR.	USA	FRANK LEO FALLWELL	USN
CRAIG BERNARD DARNELL	USA	MICHAEL WAYNE FARRER "THUNDER CHICKEN"	USMC
CHARLES FRANKLIN DAVIS	USA	MIKHAIL ALEKSANDR FEDORCHIK	USAF
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CLINTON D. DEMPSEY	USMC	FELIX FLORES, JR.	USMC
DENNIS M. DEREESE	USA	DARWOOD FRENCH	USA
LEOPOLDO DIMANDO	USA	RICHARD C. FRIEDBERG	USA
STEPHEN DIMANDO, JR.	USN	CHRISTY GANTT	USA
JUSTIN KEITH DITTFURTH	USN	MYRON S. GANTT	USA
JAMES ROY "JED" DORMAN	USAF	JIMMY DON GANTT	USN
JAMES LARRY DORMAN	USAF	PEDRO GARCIA, JR.	USAF
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ROBERT J. DUNN	USAF	ALEXANDER JORDAN GONZALES	USMC
JEFFREY W. DURHAM	USAF	DECEDERIO GONZALES	USA



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LINDSEY TODD GRAHAM	USA	HEATHER HUMPHREY	USN
BRENDAN C. GRAHAM	USA	BRET HUMPHREY	USN
AARON ALAN GREENE	USAF	THOMAS PATRICK BACA II	USA
CURTIS JEFFERSON GREER	USN	CARL A. IVEY III	USAF
LAWRENCE GREGG	USN	LARRY JACOBSEN	USA
JOHN E. GUIDO	USN	GARY B. JAETZOLD	USMC
OREN COOPER GUILBEAU	USA	DONALD J. JALUFKA	USMC
ROBERT M. GUNN, SR.	USAF	LARRY ROSS JAMES	USA
GARY D. HALL	USA	ROBERT EUGENE JASS	USAF
ROBERT ANTHONY HAMILTON	USMC	ANDREW B. JOHNSON	USAF
EDWARD H. HANDLY, JR.	USA	MARK L. JOHNSON	USA
JOE TOM HANEY	USA	DONALD N. JOHNSTON	USAF
HENRY ANTON HANSON	USN	WILLIAM E. JONES	USAF
TOM D. HARMON	USA	DANNY L. JONES	USAF
WILLIAM T. HARPER	USA	TOMMY L Z JONES	USA
CARROL EUGENE HARRIS, SR.	USA	NICK JOZWIAK	USA
STANLEY ROBERT HARRIS	USA	FRANKLIN J. KARASEK, SR.	USA
CAROL HENRY HENDRIX	USN	FRANKLIN J. KARASEK, JR.	USA
ERNESTO L. (ERNIE) HERNANDEZ	USA USAF	DON G. KASPAR	USA
TRAVIS V. HINES	USMC	ROBERT SCOTT KELLNER	USN
TED L. HODGES	USAF	JOHN G. KEY	USA
WILBERT D. HOLT	USA	RICHARD J. KILLIAN	USA
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HOWARD JOHN LEBLANC	USAF	PETE MONTELONGO, JR.	USAF
REX A. LEE	USMC	JESSE T. MONTELONGO	USA
CLARENCE LLEWELLYN LEINWEBER	USA	HOWARD WELDON (PETE) MONZINGO	USA
WILLARD LEVIN	USAF	ROBERT T. MOORE	USN
JOHN ARTHUR LILLIE	USA USN USAF	NEIL E. MORRIS	USN
RYAN ARTHUR LILLIE	USA	DAYTON MOSES	USAF
BRIAN M. LINDSAY	USMC	MELVYN ROBERT MOSS	USA
WILLIAM "BILL" LINNSTAEDTER	USN	M. GAYLAND MOULDER	USN
CHARLENE J. LUECK	USN	ERIC J. MUEHR	USMC
CHARLES N. LUNDY	USA	STEPHEN MULLE	USN
GERALD J. MARKOWICH	USA	TERRELL S. MULLINS	USA
LLOYD WAYNE MARTIN	USMC	ROBERT D. MURPHY	USA
NANCY MARTINEZ	USA	BARDIN H. NELSON	USN
MICHAEL E. MARTINEZ	USN	STANLEY WAYNE NEWMAN, JR.	USMC
BOBBY WAYNE MATHIS	USA	ALFRED B. "NICK" NICHOLS, JR.	USAF
ROBERT E. MCALPINE	USAF	DALE W. NORRIS	USAF
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JUSTIN W. MCCOURY	USA	TYRA JANE MORGAN NUNN	USN
JAMES D. MCDONALD	USA	WALTER L. OLIVER	USAF
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LANDON R. MEEKMA	USA	JOSEPH PARKER	USAF
JOSEPH J. MEKOLIK	USA	MIKE A. PATRANELLA	USA
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CLAY PERRY	USA	VINCENT ROSAS, JR.	USA
GLENN EARL PETERS	USA	JOSEPH ROSS	USN
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MITCHELL D. PETTIT	USA	DONALD EDWIN SABOL, JR.	USAF
CHAD MICHAEL PETTY	USA	AMBROSE C. SAENZ	USA
JOHN EDWIN PIERSON	USA	ARTHUR Y. SAENZ	USMC
LARRY G. PIERSON	USA	ANDRE F. SAENZ	USA
DANNY HARRIS PILLSBURY	USAF	ADAM V. SAENZ	USA
WILLIAM S. PITMAN	USA	ROY CLARENCE SANDERS	USA
CLIFTON E. PLACE	USA	DONALD MAURICE SANDERS	USA
ROLAND "FUZZY" PRATT	USA	ROBERT A. SCHAEFER	USAF
EDWARD C. PRATT	USA	RONALD G. SCHARBER	USA
DANNY R. PRAYTOR	USMC	ROBERT E. SCHILLER, JR.	USN
WILLIAM EDGAR PRICE	USA	WALTER HENRY SCHUMACHER	USA
ERNEST ALBERT PROCHASKA	USMC	PERRY J. SCHWIERZKE, JR.	USA
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ROY T. RAMIREZ	USN	DAVID RIVERS SEGREST	USAF
CLARENCE MARTIN RANCK, JR.	USA	MATTHEW PHILIP SEGREST	USMC
STEVEN KLIFFORD RAY	USA	MICHAEL JOSEPH SHAW	USA
SAM RAYBURN	USN	DAVID A. SHELDEN	USA
LEA EDNA HORSTMANN RAYBURN	USA	SALVATORE E. SILEO	USA
LARRY G. REED	USN	HARROLD GRANT SIMPSON	USA
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GLENN T. STARNES	USMC	RICHARD ALBERT WEST	USA
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DANNY WAYNE STRAIN	USN	MARVIN E. WHITTAKER	USA
JAMES A. STURDIVANT	USA	JOHN DAVID WHITE	USAF
HAZEL G. STURDIVANT	USA	GARY D. WHITE	USAF
MICHAEL LARRY SULLIVAN	USAF	PATRICIA DERNICE WHITE	USA
JAMES ELLIOTT SUMMERS	USAF	WHITNEY B. WILKINSON	USN
WALTER MICHAEL SURRENCY	USN	SARA B. WILLIAMSON	USAF
DONALD A. SWEENEY	USA	THOMAS E. WINSHIP	USAF
QUINAN WANINIS SWING	USN	FREDERICK WINTER	USN
CHARLES L. TERRY	USA	BRAMLET ELTON WISE III	USA
DENNIS TEWELL	USAF	DUANE S. WOLFE	USMC
PENROD S. THORNTON	USAF	WAYNE J. WOOD	USMC
JOSHUA TITUS	USA	WILLIAM CLIFFORD WOODINGS, JR.	USA
MICHAEL L. TODD	USN	SAM YOON	USMC
JACK L. TODD	USN	CARL LEASE YOUNG	USA
LEON A. TRIGGS	USA	VANCE LYNN YOUNG	USA
PAUL S. VAN DYKE	USCG	EUGENE H. ZULKOWSKI, SR.	USA
JOSEPH E. VINCENT, JR.	USA		
JOE R. VYTOPIL	USA		
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# Brazos Valley Veterans Memorial History

Chartered in 2000 as a non-profit corporation, the Brazos Valley Veterans Memorial (BVVM) is supported by generous community residents, organizations, and partners, including Brazos County and the municipalities of Bryan and College Station. The BVVM's all-volunteer board of directors proudly contributes their time and resources to salute our veterans. Their mission is to proactively pay tribute to veterans through an educational venue where future generations can learn that freedom comes with a heavy price.

On Nov. 10, 2002, Former President George H.W. Bush helped dedicate the BVVM, and later said that the memorial is of similar quality to those on the famed mall in Washington, D.C.

## **LOUIS L. ADAM MEMORIAL PLAZA & WALL OF HONOR**

In May 2002, Don Adam, chairman of The Adam Corporation and veteran of the U.S. Army, provided the first major gift to the memorial. In gratitude, BVVM named its main plaza Louis L. Adam Memorial Plaza in honor of his father, who also was a U.S. Army veteran. Within the plaza sits the 250-ton red granite Wall of Honor, which serves as the memorial's primary feature. The wall highlights the etched names of almost 6,000 military service members from all periods of U.S. history who are family and friends to those residing in the Brazos Valley. Notable names include 24 U.S. presidents and seven former Texas A&M University students who received the Medal of Honor, the

nation's highest military award. The bronze sculpture mounted atop of the Wall of Honor is the work of artist Robert Eccleston from Schuylar Falls, New York. Eccleston served as a U.S. Army Ranger in the 10th Mountain Division before beginning his career as an artist.

## **LYNN STUART PATHWAY**

The half-mile pathway was dedicated on Sept. 22, 2006 and is named after Brig. Gen. Louis Lynn Stuart (U.S. Army). It winds throughout the 12-acre site and includes memorials that commemorate the sacrifices of veterans during each of our nation's major wars. Also, along the path are steel benches with donor plaques, interpretive historical panels and granite markers. All of the bronze statues along the path were designed and sculpted by artist J. Payne Lara.

The American Revolution statue, titled "Liberty or Death," was dedicated on July 1, 2010. A bronze Continental soldier is shown in a dramatic pose.

The War for Texas Independence site, titled "Come and Take It," was dedicated Oct. 2, 2010, the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Gonzales. The bronze statue depicts a rugged frontiersman.

The Korean War site, titled "Katchi Kapshida" or "We Go Together," was dedicated Nov. 11, 2010, around the 60th anniversary of the start of the Korean War. The site features statues of a Korean soldier and an American soldier, standing together against a common enemy.

The first World War II site statue, titled “Day of Infamy,” was dedicated Dec. 7, 2011, the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. The site features a bronze statue in the likeness of President George H.W. Bush as a young U.S. Navy airman.

The War of 1812 site statue, titled “Don’t Give Up the Ship,” was dedicated June 1, 2012, the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of the war.

The second World War II site statue, titled “Letters from Home,” was dedicated Nov. 11, 2013. Sculpted in the likeness of C.J. Allen of Bryan, the statue features a U.S. Army infantryman reading a letter from home. The memorial pays tribute to those who served in Europe as well as those who supported the war effort back home.

The Vietnam War statue, titled “HOT LZ,” was dedicated May 31, 2014. The site monument features a bronze UH-1D Huey helicopter with soldiers preparing to drop onto a dangerous (or “hot”) landing zone.

The Civil War site statue, titled “Going Home,” was dedicated April 9, 2015. The monument features two bronze statues in the likeness of soldiers from opposing sides, each looking back at his former enemy.

The Indian Wars site was dedicated Sept. 21, 2016, and features two statues in the likeness of unlikely allies: a U.S. Army Buffalo Soldier and a scout of the Tonkawa Tribe.

The Mexican War site, titled “Halls of Montezuma,” was dedicated on the 170<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Chapultepec, Sept. 13, 2017. The monument features a statue of a Marine seizing the enemy fortress.

The third World War II site statue, titled “Rosie the Riveter,” was dedicated on Dec. 7, 2017, National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. It’s the first female to be honored in the BVMM and was chosen to represent all of the women who helped win the war by managing the homefront and working jobs usually held by men so they could go off to fight.

Today, we are dedicating the World War I statue, titled “Over the Top,” on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the World War I. The site features two soldiers, one in the trench and one on the lookout.

## ABOUT THE SCULPTOR J. PAYNE LARA

All of the statues along the Lynn Stuart Pathway were designed and sculpted by artist J. Payne Lara.

Born in Brenham and raised in Navasota, Payne showed an early interest in drawing, with an exceptional talent at molding and shaping clay figures at a very young age. The seriousness of his artistic talent became clear in high school, when he won many area and regional art awards, including a Best of Show award at the 1990 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. That honor earned him a scholarship to the Cowboy Artists of America Museum in Kerrville. He studied intensely in oil painting and sculpture.

Payne’s art continues to earn him awards and recognition as well as features in a variety of publications and television programs.



# FUTURE MEMORIAL STATUES

## **Spanish-American War**

To be dedicated on May 24, 2019

## **Philippine Insurrection**

To be dedicated on May 24, 2019

## **China Relief Expedition**

To be completed in 2020

## **Mexican Border Service**

To be completed in 2020

## **Southwest Asia (Gulf War)**

To be dedicated on Feb. 28, 2021

## **Expeditionary Operations (Granada, Panama, Dominican Republic)**

To be completed in 2022

## **Kosovo War**

To be completed in 2023

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## **We still need your support!**

Our statues help recognize a significant number of veterans and family members for their sacrifices and the sacrifices of their ancestors on behalf of Texas and the United States. Your donations help us maintain the Brazos Valley Veterans Memorial and add to the unique Lynn Stuart Pathway military history trail. Donations are welcome for specific war memorials or for the 12-acre memorial in general.



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## **Bryan Rotary Field of Valor**

During the week of Veterans Day, Bryan Rotary displays 1,000 American flags at Veterans Park. Rotary members also lead tours of the American Mile and Lynn Stuart Pathway history trails for fifth-grade students.

To dedicate a flag or become a Veterans Week docent at next year's event, visit [bryan-rotary.org](http://bryan-rotary.org).



## **THE BRAZOS VALLEY VETERANS MEMORIAL FUND**

**Would you like to support the Brazos Valley Veterans Memorial through a one-time or recurring gift in memory of a beloved veteran? Email [president@cfbv.org](mailto:president@cfbv.org).**

The foundation accepts a wide range of assets, including securities, real estate, life insurance and deferred gifts. The foundation is also recognized as a 501(c)(3) public charity by the IRS, which allows donors to take maximum tax deductions for their charitable gifts.

Established in 2003, the Community Foundation of the Brazos Valley serves as your trusted partner for everything charitable through its work with donors, businesses and non-profit charities to build and sustain vibrant communities. To learn more about the foundation, visit [cfbv.org](http://cfbv.org).

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# WALL OF HONOR



**Do you have a beloved veteran you'd like to add to the Wall of Honor?**

The veteran may be living, deceased or active, and does not have to be a Brazos Valley resident. The cost is \$150 per name, and the application deadline is Aug. 15 each year.

New additions are recognized at the annual Veterans Day Ceremony. Names received after Aug. 15 will be recognized the following year.

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