



# **GULF WAR STATUE DEDICATION CEREMONY**

**SUNDAY, FEB. 28 • 3:30 P.M.**



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Veterans Park & Athletic Complex  
3101 Harvey Road, College Station, TX



<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	SGM Perry Stephney, USA (Ret.) <i>BVVM Board of Directors</i>
<b>NATIONAL ANTHEM</b>	Brazos Valley Chorale
<b>INVOCATION</b>	MAJ Glenn Burnside, USMC (Ret.) <i>Chaplain, BVVM Board of Directors</i>
<b>WELCOME</b>	LTG Randolph House, USA (Ret.) <i>President, BVVM Board of Directors</i>
<b>GOD BLESS THE USA</b>	Brazos Valley Chorale
<b>KEYNOTE INTRODUCTION</b>	LTG Randolph House, USA (Ret.) <i>President, BVVM Board of Directors</i>
<b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS</b>	GEN James D. Thurman, USA (Ret.)
<b>UNVEILING OF STATUES</b>	LTG Randolph House, USA (Ret.) <i>President, BVVM Board of Directors</i>
<b>RIFLE SALUTE</b>	Texas A&M University Corps of Cadets Ross Volunteers
<b>TAPS</b>	Fightin' Texas Aggie Band Bugler

# KEYNOTE ADDRESS



## **GEN. JAMES D. THURMAN**

**U.S. Army (Ret.)**

A native of Marietta, Oklahoma, General Thurman earned his commission through ROTC at East Central Oklahoma University in 1975. His first three commands were in Germany where he led a troop in the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, the 2d Squadron, 2d Armored Cavalry Regiment; followed by the 3d Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 3d Infantry Division. He then commanded 2d Brigade, 3d Infantry Division at Fort Stewart, Georgia. His next assignment was as the Commander, Operations Group at the National Training Center and later as the Commanding General. He then commanded 4th Infantry Division at Fort Hood, Texas and Baghdad, Iraq. He commanded V Corps in Germany and U.S. Army Forces Command. His most recent assignment was as Commander, United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command and US Forces Korea.

Gen. Thurman has significant Army and Joint staff experience, including Assistant to the Chief of Staff for Plans and Policy (J5), Allied Forces Southern Europe, Regional Command South in Italy; Director of Training, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3, Headquarters, Department of the Army; Chief, Operations, Coalition Forces Land Component Command, C3, in Kuwait; Director, Army Aviation Task Force, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3, Headquarters, Department of the Army; and Deputy Chief of Staff, G3/5/7, Headquarters, Department of the Army.

Gen. Thurman has extensive operational combat experience. His combat assignments were as a battalion executive officer in the 1st Cavalry Division during Desert Shield/Storm from 1990-91; the Chief of the Plans and Policy Division for Allied Forces Southern Europe in Kosovo from 1999-2000; the Chief of Operations, C3, for the Coalition Forces Land Component Command during the invasion of Iraq from 2002-03; and the Multi-National Division Commander responsible for all coalition operations in Baghdad in 2006.

Gen. Thurman holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from East Central Oklahoma University and a Master of Arts in Management from Webster University. He has attended numerous military schools and is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College and the Army War College.

His military awards and decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal and the Distinguished Service Medal (four oak leaf clusters), the Defense Superior Service Medal (one oak leaf cluster), the Legion of Merit (three oak leaf clusters), the Bronze Star Medal (one oak leaf cluster), the Meritorious Service Medal (five oak leaf clusters), the Army Commendation Medal and the Army Achievement medal (three oak leaf clusters). Gen. Thurman is a Senior Aviator and has earned the Combat Action Badge, the Parachutist Badge, the Army Staff Identification Badge and the Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge.

Gen. Thurman relinquished command of United Nations Command, Republic of Korea – United States Combined Forces Command, and United States Forces Korea on Oct. 2, 2013 and retired from active duty on Dec. 1, 2013. Since his retirement from the U.S. Army, Gen. Thurman operates JD Thurman Enterprises, a Strategic Consultant business. He is a strategic consultant for Bell, a Textron Company, on the Future Vertical lift program.

Gen. Thurman has been married to the former Delia Lee Hilton for 47 years. They have two daughters, Jaime Crystal Brown and Carey Lee Thomas, who is deceased.

He has served on an Advisory Board for General Electric for Aircraft Engines since April of 2014.

In March of 2015, Gen. Thurman was appointed by the late Senator John McCain Former Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee to serve as one of the eight Commissioners on the National Commission on the Future of the U.S. Army.

# FUTURE MEMORIAL STATUES

TO BE COMPLETED BY 2026

## WAR ON TERROR

Dedication Ceremony is Sept. 11, 2021 at 7 p.m.

## MEMORIAL ENTRANCE PROJECT

## MEXICAN BORDER SERVICE

## CHINA RELIEF EXPEDITION

## KOSOVO WAR

## EXPEDITIONARY OPERATIONS (Granada, Panama, Dominican Republic)

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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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## ABOUT THE SCULPTOR – J. PAYNE LARA

Born in nearby Brenham and raised in Navasota, J. Payne Lara showed an early interest in drawing, and he displayed an exceptional talent for molding and shaping clay figures. Growing up in a family of cowboys, Lara's Texas heritage serves as an important source of inspiration for his art. He has sculpted all of the bronze statues on display along the Lynn Stuart Pathway at the Brazos Valley Veterans Memorial. His art has been featured in a variety of publications and television programs, and it continues to earn him recognition today.

## ABOUT THE BRAZOS VALLEY VETERANS MEMORIAL

Chartered on July 17, 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.

# 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 on Nov. 11 at 5:30 p.m. Names received after Aug. 15 will be recognized the following year.

**DOWNLOAD AN APPLICATION AT [BVVM.ORG](http://BVVM.ORG)**



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