



BRAZOS VALLEY
VETERANS MEMORIAL

KOSOVO WAR STATUE DEDICATION CEREMONY

Oct. 13, 2025 • 9 a.m.

Brazos Valley Veterans Memorial
Veterans Park & Athletic Complex
3101 Harvey Road, College Station, Texas

Master of Ceremony

Tom Turbiville
BVVM Board Member

National Anthem

Paul Torres
Bryan City Councilman

Invocation

Col Gerry Hince, USA (Ret.)
American Legion Post 159

Keynote Introduction

CAPT Corey Keniston, USN (Ret.)
BVVM Board Member

Keynote Address

COL Wendy A. Woodard, USAF (Ret.)

Flag Presentation

LTC Theresa Schulz, USAF (Ret.)
American Legion Post 1938
and GYSGT Doris Carter, USMC (Ret.)
BVVM Board Member

Rifle Salute & Taps

Honor Guard
American Legion Post 159



KEYNOTE ADDRESS

COL WENDY A. WOODARD, USAF (RET.)

Retired from the United States Air Force in August 2023. Prior to retirement, she was the Individual Mobility Augmentee to the Vice Commander, 18th Air Force, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois.



Col Woodard entered the Air Force in 1997 after earning her bachelor's degrees in History and Humanities from the United States Air Force Academy. After completing pilot training, Col Woodard was a B-52H pilot, a KC-10A aircraft commander, and a sailplane instructor and evaluator pilot. Col Woodard also served as the Chief of Protocol for the 3-star Commander, Air Force Reserve Command, and the Chief of Plans and Programs for a Reserve Flying Training Group, where she was also a T-1A instructor pilot. She was the AFROTC Detachment Commander at New Mexico State University and University of Texas at El Paso.

As a KC-10A pilot, Col Woodard performed multiple deployments to United Arab Emirates and Qatar in support of OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM. She is a Command Pilot with over 2,600 flight hours and 580 combat hours. After retirement, Col Woodard volunteered with several nonprofit organizations and currently is a Professor of Practice at Texas A&M University, where she mentors young leaders in the Corps of Cadets.

EDUCATION

- 1997 Bachelor of Science, History and Humanities, United States Air Force Academy, Colo.
- 2003 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2006 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2011 Master of Arts, Counseling and Leadership, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
- 2015 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Aug. 2021–2024: IMA to the Vice Commander, 18th Air Force, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.
2. June 2018–2021: Commander, AFROTC Det. 505, New Mexico State University, N.M.
3. May 2015–June 2018: Chief, Plans & Programs, 340th Flying Training Group, JBSA-Randolph, Texas
4. Nov. 2014–May 2015: Chief, Force Execution Branch, AFRC Force Generation Center, Robins Air Force Base, Ga.
5. Sept. 2012–Nov. 2014: Chief of Protocol, HQ Air Force Reserve Command, Robins AFB, Ga.
6. Jan. 2012–Sept. 2012: Deputy Commander, Cadet Group Two, USAFA, Colo.
7. March 2004–Sept. 2012: Sailplane Evaluator Pilot, USAFA, Colo.
8. April 2001–March 2004: KC-10A Aircraft Commander, McGuire AFB, N.J.
9. Jan. 1999–April 2001: B-52H Pilot, Barksdale AFB, La.
10. Oct. 1997–Jan. 1999: Joint Undergraduate Pilot Training, Vance AFB, Okla.

ABOUT THE STATUE & SCULPTOR

The Kosovo War statue, “Combat Pilot,” represents the first female military service member honored within the Brazos Valley Veterans Memorial.

Born in nearby Brenham and raised in Navasota, sculptor J. Payne Lara showed an early interest in drawing and demonstrated exceptional talent for molding and shaping clay figures. Growing up in a family of cowboys, Lara draws inspiration from his Texas heritage, which continues to influence his art today. He has sculpted all of the bronze statues displayed along the Lynn Stuart Pathway at the Brazos Valley Veterans Memorial, and his work has been featured in numerous publications and television programs.

The Brazos Valley Veterans Memorial recognizes the service and sacrifices of all veterans from our nation’s wars, as well as the War of Texas Independence. Along the Lynn Stuart Pathway, visitors can view 16 completed statues and sites, including the soon to be dedicated statue commemorating the Armed Forces Expeditionary Operations: Dominican Republic Panama, Grenada.

7th Annual
BRAZOS VALLEY
GIVES ♥

— OCTOBER 21 • 2025 —

A Day of Giving Championed by
Community Foundation of the Brazos Valley

WE STILL NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Help us add to the memorial to serve as an educational venue for many, future generations. Donations are welcome for a specific statue site or for the memorial grounds in general.

Early giving is underway at:
BrazosValleyGives.org/organization/BVVM

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 \$250 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.



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