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FACTS

Incorporated in the State of Texas as a Non Profit-Oct 2018

IRS 501(C)3 March 2019, but effective Oct 2018

2019 started with a successful 41 days of having our 22 foot display set up in the Golden Triangle Mall for the 2018 Holiday Season. We were able to visit with hundreds of people and promote our project. We were showcased on WFAA Channel 8 and NBC Channel 5. Local news coverage from the Denton Record Chronicle was also provided during this time.



We started 2019 with a presentation for the Veterans that live at Robson Ranch and the Rotary Club located in Justin, TX. We also purchased a 24 foot trailer to create a mobile museum that would be used to take on the road and promote the project. We soon discovered that the trailer would also be a benefit when working and placing the Patriot Markers on Veterans Graves.

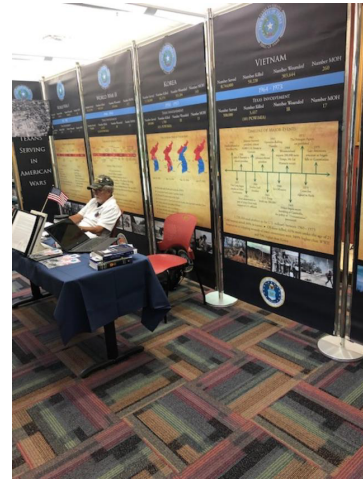


February and March were two busy months as we started a major renovation of the inside and outside of our mobile museum. Our mission was to have the trailer ready for display at the Ft. Worth Air Show in mid April. This included media on the inside and a wrap on the outside.





April was the month that we started our official events. We traveled to Ft. Worth on April 27th. for a static display at the annual props and hops air show at Meacham Field.



For the whole month of July, we sat up our mobile display in the Emily Fowler Library downtown Denton.



From 17 August to 26 August, we had the mobile trailer on display at the North Texas State Fair. We also started a collaboration with the University of North Texas, City of Denton and the Historic Denton groups to create a historic walking park called Veterans Village.



In September we participated in the Denton Main Street Car show and were invited guest to the War Remains Exhibit in Austin, Texas. This month we stepped up our program to get ready for our upcoming first and historic induction ceremony. The last part of September we placed 176 Patriot Markers on Graves of the WWI Veterans buried in the two Denton Cemeteries. This Month the TVHOF entered into a collaboration with the University of North Texas, for their computer science class to build a unique and robust web application to house our historic database. We also launched a Virtual Museum on our current website.



October, we did a live broadcast from the Springhill Marriott raising funds through the North Texas Day of Giving. We also traveled to Frisco, TX and did a live shoot for the Frisco Styles Magazine. Last event in October was the placement of American Flags on the 176 WWI graves by the Daughters of the American Revolution. In addition, the TVHOF sent two guest to the Christening of the US Miguel Keith (One of our November Recipients) in San Diego. We also had a display at the Peterbuilt homecoming celebration.

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November was our busiest month. We had our first historic induction ceremony, where we inducted 20 Texas Medal of Honor Recipients under the Valor

Category into our Hall of Fame. The event was well attended. We had six family members there to accept our Medal of Valor on behalf of their loved on. Congressman Michael Burgess, Texas State Representative Regional Representative for Lynn Stucky, and several City of Denton Council members were in attendance. The event was held at the Spring Hill Marriott Suites in Denton, TX.

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The remaining part of the year, we opened a mini museum showcasing our Hall of Fame and inductees at the Golden Triangle Mall. The TVHOF will be there for at least a year to raise funds and more awareness of our project.

2020

Continuation of Promoting and Preserving Texas Veterans History

Expansion and promotion of our Museum

Placement of Patriot Markers -Created the Remember them for ever (RTF) project.

In keeping with our mission, we have created the **Remember Them Forever (RTF)** Host and Research Program. The programs are geared to get more individuals, groups and community leaders involved to preserve the history, stories, sacrifices and accomplishments of our Texas Veterans that are buried throughout the state of Texas.

As an RTF Sponsor, you will have the opportunity to be part of a movement in preserving history for current and future generations. Since the beginning of WWI, Texas has had over 1.8 million Veterans who have served in all American wars and conflicts. Please find the following description of the programs and how your organization can be part of a unique group dedicated to REMEMBER THEM FOREVER.

RTF Host and Research Program? A group of individuals or organizations that have agreed to host and perform research at a cemetery as their RTF project.

The program is divided into two parts. Organizations can select one or both parts of the program as their responsibility. Responsibilities include:

Host Program

1. Locate the graves of Veterans in your host cemetery.
2. Take photos of each marker and location.
3. Place markers and wayside markers in the host cemetery.
4. Place and remove the American Flags on Memorial Day, the Fourth of July and Veterans Day.

Research Program

1. Research the history of each veteran buried in your host cemetery.
2. Document the stories/profiles of each veterans for placement in the Texas Veterans Hall of Fame database.

There are three sets of markers. The first is a hard-core plastic marker for each of the different wars or conflicts. It is a 6"x 6" marker with a rod that

allows the marker to be placed near the grave headstones and a place on top to house the American Flag or service flag of that veteran. On the back of the marker there is a QR code that is pointed to the profile of that Veteran that is buried in that grave. The second is a flat stone with the marker and QR code. While visiting that grave, visitors can scan the QR code and read about that veteran. The last marker display is a wayside sign that provides information about the RTF program and how the QR code works. Several of these signs can be placed in strategic places throughout the cemetery. Recognition of the RTF Host will be highlighted on the display marker as well. See below a sample display of the signs.



Note: We have placed over 280 markers in our one of Denton's two cemeteries. As of August 12, 2020 over 170 profiles have been completed and will be placed in our database.

Development of Veterans Village Park

Conduct our 2nd Annual Induction of Texas Veterans into our Hall of Fame set for November 21, 2020

Continue to attend events with our mobile trailer and displays.

Raise Funds through donations, events and grants

Explore opportunities for a permanent location of the Hall of Fame

Development of the Trail of Honor.

Tour of Honor

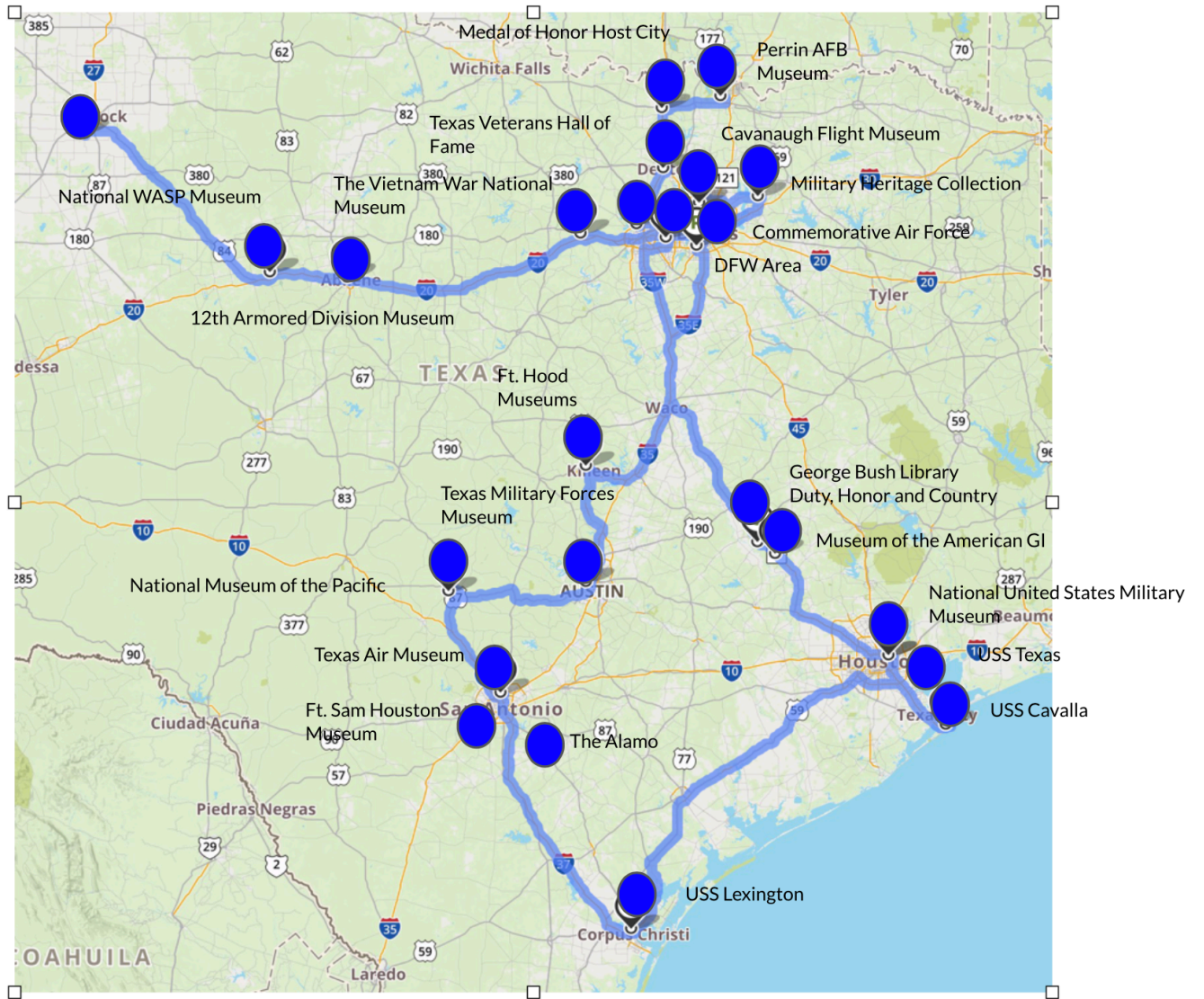
Introduction

Texas has over 2200 museums statewide. One hundred sixty-five million visit these museums on an annual basis. Twenty-one billion dollars is contributed to the American economy each year. The Trail of Honor and Preservation is excited and committed to promoting Texas History with the stories and preservation of military history that has made the State and America what it is today.

Before and after the Texas Revolution, Texas has had military forces in the Texas Navy, the Texas Republic, the Mexican War, the Battles along the Indian Frontier, the War between the States, the Spanish-American and Philippine-American Wars, World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Cold War, Peacekeeping Deployments and the Global War on Terror.

We now want to make sure we never forget the military units and the stories, sacrifices and accomplishments of those that have served and the military. The Texas Hall of Honor and Preservation traverses over 1200 miles highlighting key museums and other venues to remind current and future generations that freedom is not free and that we live in the greatest country in the world.

The Texas Veterans Hall of Fame and the Vets Village Memorial Park of Denton are pleased to provide you with this Trail. Enjoy your travels.



Tour of Honor

Texas Military Museums

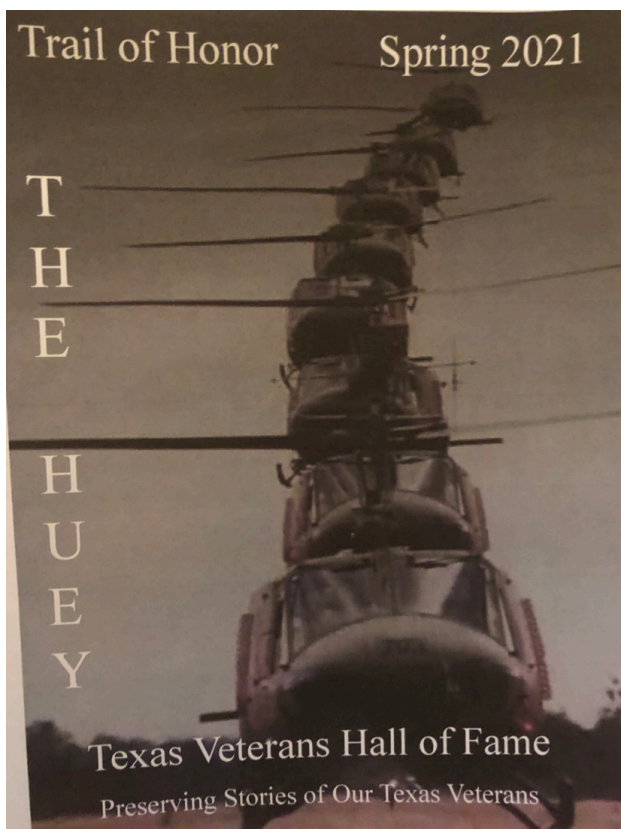
[Perrin AFB Museum](#) (Denison, TX)
[Texas Veterans Hall of Fame and Museum](#) (Denton, TX)
[Medal of Honor National Museum](#)-Coming Soon (Arlington, TX)
[Texas Military Forces Museum](#)-(Austin, TX)
[Texas Air Museum](#)-(San Antonio, TX)
[The Battle of the Alamo](#)-(San Antonio, TX)
[USS Cavalla Museum](#)-(Galveston, TX)
[National United States Armed Forces Museum](#)-(Houston, TX)
[George H.W. Bush Library](#)-(College Station, TX)
[Cavanaugh Flight Museum](#)-(Addison, TX)
[12th Armored Division Museum](#)-(Abilene, TX)

[Gainesville Host City Medal of Honor Recipients](#) (Gainesville, TX)
[Ft. Worth Aviation Museum](#) (Ft. Worth, TX)
[Ft. Hood Museums](#)-(Killeen, TX)
[National Museum of the Pacific](#)-(Fredricksburg, TX)
[Ft. Sam Houston Museum](#)-(San Antonio, TX)
[USS Lexington](#)-(Corpus Christi, TX)
[USS Texas](#)-(Houston, TX)
[Museum of the American GI](#)-(College Station, TX)
[Commemorative Air Force](#)-(Dallas, TX)
[Military Heritage Collection](#)-(Nevada, TX)
[Silent Wings Museum](#)-(Lubbock, TX)

Create a punch card system that allows visitors to travel to each of the museums and have it noted on their card. Earn rewards and discounts

for visiting that city, area and museum. Card can be turned in at the end of the year and entered into a drawing for prizes or cash awards.

Great opportunity for the host city or area to promote their other events and facilities for visitors through discounts or advertisement in the Trail of Honor Magazine.



Volunteer Hours Spent in 2019

Over 4,000 of Volunteer Hours Spent. This equates to over \$100,000.00 in valued hours for service as a non profit.

Major Purchases for 2019

Two All In One Computer and LED Displays. Valued at \$22,000

Merchandise and promotional Material-\$5,000

Major Expenses for 2019/2020

2019 Induction Ceremony-\$15,000

2020 Induction Ceremony-\$3,000 (Will be a virtual ceremony)

Resources:

TVHOF Website: www.txveterans.org

Donate Online: www.texasveteranshalloffame.org/donate

Induction Applications: <https://texasveteranshalloffame.org/forms>

TVHOF 2019 Inductions: <https://texasveteranshalloffame.org/recipients-valor>

WFAA Channel 8 TV Coverage: <https://www.wfaa.com/mobile/article/news/texas-veterans-hall-of-fame-planned-for-denton/287-618855200>

NBC Channel 5 News Coverage on placement of WWI Grave Markers: https://www.nbcdfw.com/news/local/world-war-i-veterans-honored-in-denton_dallas-fort-worth/205213/

NBC Channel 5 New coverage: https://www.nbcdfw.com/news/local/denton-vets-share-vision-for-texas-veterans-hall-of-fame_dallas-fort-worth/260482/

DRC article https://dentonrc.com/news/local-vets-want-texas-veterans-hall-of-fame-in-denton/article_f96e4be0-e8b9-515c-8051-067dfefb9672.html

Frisco, TX Styles Magazine: <https://friscostyle.com/stories/to-never-forget/>

2020 Induction Ceremony You Tube



Mini Museum You Tube



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