

2024

# Woodring Wall of Honor & Veterans Park Annual Report



ML Becker Educational Center  
Vietnam Memorial Wall

1026 S. 66<sup>th</sup> St.

Woodring Regional Airport

Enid, OK 73701

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American Military Heritage Museum

4125 W. Owen K. Garriott

Enid, OK 73701

# Leading the Charge

We are excited to begin our yearlong celebration of our upcoming 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of service to our veterans.

At the Woodring Wall of Honor, we take pride in preserving the military history both past and present and hold great anticipation for the future. In 2024, we focused on our strategy for growth over the next 5 years. Our veterans' park and military museum are dedicated to preserving and showcasing artifacts, exhibits, and stories related to military conflicts, strategies, and history. We are proud to serve as educational resource that provides visitors with insights into the impact of war on societies and cultures. We plan to continue to enhance our museum and veterans' park to assist visitors' understanding of our military history and host additional exhibits that illustrate specific events and themes such as the Civil War, the Constitution, WWI, WWII, Korean and Vietnam Wars, or the War on Terrorism. Our engaging displays encourage reflection on both the triumphs and tragedies of war while fostering a deeper appreciation for the sacrifices made. Remarkable things to come for the Wall of Honor!

Elaine Johns, Executive Director

"It's our goal at the Woodring Wall of Honor and Veterans Park to not only provide a place to remember, honor, and educate but to also promote a place of healing for our veterans. We've provided that for thousands of veterans and their families. But for me, "The Wall" is most meaningful. I try not to think of them as names being on "The Wall" but remember how I knew their names before they got there. The immensity of that wall and the more than 58,000 names, it's just incredible. That Wall is meant to encourage people to remember what the costs of war are. I lived it, future generations need to remember the cost of freedom"

Jack Toney, Board Member  
Woodring Wall of Honor and Veterans Park

## WOODRING WALL OF HONOR BOARD MEMBERS



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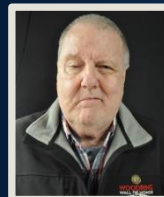
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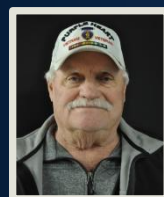
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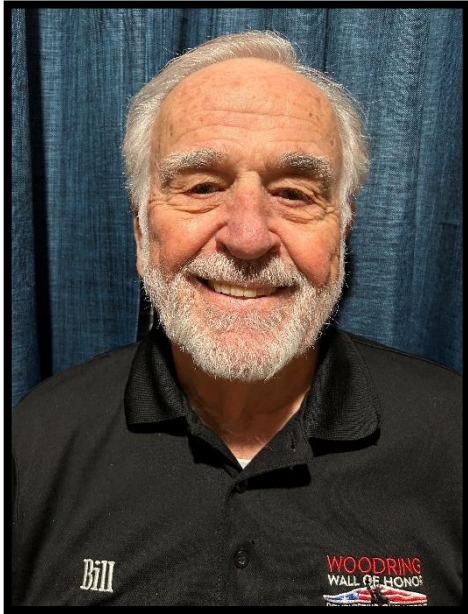


Nicole Messenger  
Board Member



Elaine Johns  
Board Member

## A Message from Bill Shaw, President of the Board



2024 has been a busy and successful year for your Woodring Wall of Honor and Veterans Park. The activities for Vietnam Veterans Day, Memorial Day and Veterans week were well attended and added numerous new contacts and supporters for the park. The exhibit at the old Sears location at the Oakwood Mall has added new exhibits and improved exhibits of information ranging from the Constitution of the United States through the conflicts that our veterans have served over the years. In addition, several volunteers have stepped up to help improve the exhibits and to guide tours of the facility. The exhibit was officially named the American Military Heritage Museum.

The Museum offers guided tours for school students and provides packets for all students to take home to remind them of the exhibits at the museum and the sacrifices of our veterans over the years. The Museum also hosts a representative of the Veterans Administration twice a month to help veterans with their claims for benefits and hosts the monthly meeting for the Enid American Legion Post and other service organizations. The facilities at the Museum and at Enid Woodring Regional Airport are also available for meetings of other organizations as the schedule permits.

Our amazing Executive Director, Elaine Johns, was inducted into the Hall of Fame of the Oklahoma Military Heritage Foundation. Congratulations to Elaine and sincere thanks for all your hard work on behalf of the veteran's park.

2025 is looking to see even greater growth. With additional volunteers we hope to expand the hours the museum is open, and the services provided to the community and all veterans.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Bill Shaw', written over a light blue grid background.

Bill Shaw  
President of the Board  
Woodring Wall of Honor and Veterans Park, Inc.  
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# Community Partnerships

## Boy Scouts of America Partners for Eagle Scout Projects

We collaborated with Boy Scout Troop #27 under the leadership of Cashen Shire to build a viewing pad and seating for the Woodring Airport Historical Mural.



The project also included creating a handicap accessible sidewalk to a large viewing pad. The Corvette Club of Enid bench was restored with new supports and placed on the pad. In addition to the concrete work, Cashen secured funding to place electrical lines to light the mural and repair the lighting at the Army gun display. We partnered as his mentor to provide contacts for funding and public speaking bullet points. Cashen made several presentations and raised more than \$6,000 which allowed for the purchase a professional 2' x 3' sign.



## Eagle Scout Project continued:

The sign shares the history of the airport, description of the mural, sponsors that made the mural possible and the donors who supported the Eagle Scout project. It is a stunning view at night and allows visitors to experience the remarkable history of our airport.



## International Birddog Aircraft Association IBDA

The Woodring Wall of Honor and Veterans Park, Inc., an award-winning Oklahoma educational center and home to Oklahoma's official Vietnam War Monument, is thrilled to announce receipt of another ample collection from the International Bird Dog Association (IBDA) currently located in Fredericksburg, Texas. We're overwhelmed by the IBDA's generosity, along with their collaboration to ensure that the Bird Dog memorabilia they are donating continues to build the future of educating our youth on the service of our veterans who flew the Bird Dog aircraft. The IBDA's gift was made possible with the donation of unique items attached to the Bird Dog aircraft along with an extensive research library which will bring in Bird Dog pilots from all over the world to Enid.

## Community Partnerships Continued

The Woodring Wall of Honor has partnered with the Oklahoma Veterans Administration to provide much needed assistance to Northwest Oklahoma veterans outlining veteran disability state-specific benefits. It includes financial assistance, educational opportunities, recreational benefits, housing and employment support, burial and memorial arrangements, tax incentives, VA resources within the state. The VA meets monthly at the American Military Heritage Museum at Oakwood Mall.

Wartime veterans and their surviving spouses, 65 years and older, may be entitled to a tax-free benefit called Aid and Attendance provided by the Department of Veteran Affairs. The Benefit is designed to provide financial aid to help offset the cost of long-term care for those who need assistance with the daily activities of living such as bathing, dressing, eating, toileting, and transferring. We work with retirement homes to help their residents apply for these benefits.

The American Legion Post #4 held a meeting to discuss the status of their charter. State leaders came together and several members took on the challenge to build the post and work to increase veterans' participation and membership. The post meets monthly at the American Military Heritage Museum. The group is actively participating in Boys State and arranges great speakers and a wonderful meal each meeting.

### Making an Impact through Community Partnerships

The Quilts of Valor Group, led by Jovita Lang, provides quilts for approved veterans. A beautiful handmade quilt was presented by the group to three WWII veterans, HB Evans, RD Lawrence and Dr. Earl Mabry.



Shirley Suttles leads another private quilting group and has provided more than 15 handmade patriotic quilts to our Legacy Veterans of the Year on Veterans Day, and for our Gold Star families on Memorial Day. The value of these quilts exceeds \$1,000 each. Erma Williams hand crocheted more than 7 Afghans for our veterans.



## Community Partnerships Continued

The Woodring Wall of Honor and the Corvette Club of Enid has a long-standing relationship. The car owners host an annual event and disburse the funding to local non-profits. Due to their generosity and support, we were able to expand the mural project. In addition to their club donation to the mural, individual members donated to the mural and the viewing pad project. One of their members also facilitated a craft show, food truck festival and encouraged members to display their cars throughout the mall! It was a tremendous success!



Vance AFB is a key asset to our city with their community involvement. The airmen from Vance have donated hours of volunteerism and support to the park. They wash the Vietnam and Living Walls, help with yard work, gardening, and assist with programs and events. Many airmen volunteered their skill sets to help organize the storage areas in the new American Military Heritage Museum.

The Blue Star Mothers have a long-time relationship with our organization. The mothers assist us with dedicated events that honor our veterans. We have jointly organized meals for veterans and helped with collection of items for their boxes sent to soldiers. This December, we hosted a Christmas Party for the Oklahoma National Guard by serving a meal to the soldiers and their families. Our organization secured the donations of food, prizes and gave away more than \$5,000 worth of gifts. The group had just returned from a deployment to Africa. We want to thank those that donated gift cards, money, food, and items for the giveaways. We plan to do this again next year.

The Carry the Flame Across America is a group that has supported us for more than 15 years. They arrange a ride that travels from California to Washington DC each year during May. They come through to bring riders to the Vietnam Memorial Wall. We also participate in the opening ceremony for the Jr. College World Series and they bring a Special Olympic type flame for the WWII, Korean, Vietnam, and modern-day warriors to carry around The bases. It's a moving ceremony that illustrates The value of our military and encourages patriotism in our next generation.



Pictured is WWII veteran RD Lawrence and CMSgt Harvey McReynolds

There are 58,318 names on the Vietnam Memorial Wall, of which over 990 are Oklahomans. Each name is of a loved one who paid the ultimate price and made the supreme sacrifice in the shedding of their blood and giving of their lives so that others might live in freedom. One of those brave men is USAF Captain Neil "Cherokee" Bynum from Vian, Oklahoma. I first met Neil in 1963 at Oklahoma State University. We were both in the Air Force ROTC Program. He was a natural leader, a patriot, and a man set on serving his Nation. Neil graduated in December 1966 and was off to Pilot Training at Vance AFB. I graduated in May of 1967 and was also going to Vance.

Upon graduating from Pilot Training, we both went to F-4 training and then assigned to the 8th Tactical Flying Wing (TFW) at Ubon Royal Thai Air Base in Thailand in 1969. After a few months of flying combat missions, we both were then hand-picked to become members of the Elite Wolf FACs. A specialized unit tasked to Seek Out and Destroy Enemy targets. On 26 October 1969, Neil was shot down and his body has never been recovered.

I then volunteered for a second combat tour and returned to the 8th TFW in April 1971 and again asked to join the Wolf FACs. I was subsequently shot down over North Vietnam and captured on 16 February 1972. On 28 March 1973, I was released from captivity during Operation Homecoming and returned to flying the F-4 and F-15 for 21 years.

Everyday day since my return, I have worn Neil's MIA Bracelet to keep his Memory Alive. Please Join me in NEVER FORGETTING those Whom have yet to Return Home.

Bill "Shortfinger" Schwertfeger, LTC, USAF, Ret



# Community Partnerships Continued



“Enid is the home of Vance Air Force Base. We love our military and veterans. We don’t just celebrate one day for the Veteran’s Day Holiday!”

“We celebrate a whole week!”

Col Jerald Gilbert, USA Retired  
City Manager, City of Enid



# Community Partnerships Continued

## Partners in the most Patriotic City in Oklahoma

City of Enid, Woodring Regional Airport and the Woodring Wall of Honor present these annual events:

March 29<sup>th</sup> – Vietnam Veterans Day Ceremony & Free Pancake Breakfast

May 25<sup>th</sup> – Ride of Valor & American Military Heritage Museum Open House

May 27<sup>th</sup> - Memorial Day Ceremonies & Hall of Honor Awards

Free Luncheon for Veterans and Families

June 16<sup>th</sup> – Rose Day at the Wall

November 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ride to Remember Motorcycle Rally

November 2<sup>nd</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> – Celebrate Freedom Week

Tuesday – Tree Planting Vance AFB

Wednesday – Free Luncheon for Veterans

Thursday – Veterans Storytelling – Gaslight Theatre

Saturday – Veterans Day Parade

Monday – Legacy Award Ceremony & Student Art Awards



## Honor and Remember

### Rose Day at the Wall

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E STOCKTON JR · MONTE L STAMM  
L BRITTENUM JR + VICTOR P BUCKLEY · JOE D WRIC  
MAS E DEVINE · MICHAEL L DRAKE · DANIEL C CAPITA  
CK A FINLEY · ROBERT FRANCIS M GIRARD  
N E HOWARD · RON SVEN S MASO  
RALEIGH J SNELL JR · R AARON WALK  
ARRILLO · JAMES D CAS KLES L WASHINGTON  
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AS T TOMSIC · DE WITT S VA CE · RICHARD E WESTFA  
SWELL JR · DONALD L BRINKO WSKI · SAMUEL L WILLIAM



## Community Partnerships Continued

In 2023, the Woodring Wall of Honor and Veterans Park became the first Chapter of the Oklahoma Military Heritage Foundation. The Military Heritage Foundation founded the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame to honor Oklahoma veterans. There are many more heroic and patriotic Oklahomans deserving of significant recognition so the Hall of Honor was established in 2023 to expand the impact of the Foundation and honor additional veterans.

These chapters will identify and nominate honorees who will receive a Hall of Honor citation and awards. The Hall of Honor awards are made throughout the year. We were honored to present Hall of Honor awards to four worthy veterans on Memorial Day, 2024. USN veteran Gene Atkinson, USMC veteran Jack Culbertson, USA veteran Jack Toney, and USN veteran Dr. Earl Mabry were presented by the Heritage Foundation Founder, General Douglas Dollar, USA Retired.



On Memorial Day, each year, we continue the strong support that Enid shows its military armed forces through services and events that honor our fallen and remember the sacrifices of those who served before us. Enid leads the charge to honor these honorable men and women who defended our nation. We have honored 215 of Oklahoma's fallen heroes since 2000.



This year we added a unique way to honor those who have earned the Medal of Honor through the Medal of Honor Ride. Vehicles and motorcycles rode to three sites in NW Oklahoma to pay tribute to three Medal of Honor recipients.

An amazing event occurred at the NJCAA Baseball World Series this year. WWII, Korea, Vietnam, and today's warriors carried a flame around the bases ending up at home plate. The families of two Medal of Honor recipients, a WWII USAAF airman and CMSgt Henry McReynolds raised the flame at home plate as a Blue Star Mother extinguished the flame following the "flame run" to begin the series.

# Community Partnerships Continued



## Community Partnerships cont.

Our greatest partnership is with the volunteers that make our organization what it is today. There are great values gained when individuals volunteer in non-profit organizations. Volunteering is a way to express one's humanitarian values that provide personal growth and development. Volunteering is a way to improve career prospects. It also helps develop and strengthen social ties. It is a way to gain knowledge, skills, and abilities. Our volunteers are our greatest asset. Their knowledge, passion and connections have allowed us to continue to grow and prosper in our mission to honor, remember, educate and heal. Their dedication to the veterans is unmatched and we are thankful for all they do. From mowing and treating the lawns to organizing fundraisers to serve as docents to securing additional exhibits for the museum, to welcoming visitors and giving tours, each role is so important to our overall goals. With that, we want to thank each and every one of them! Know you are appreciated!

**The passion to volunteer never stops!  
We volunteer wholeheartedly!**



## Impacting the Community - Education

One of our goals is to educate our next generation, not only of the value of all members of our armed forces but to provide hands on learning for subject they may not receive in the classroom. We have hosted more than 100 organized tours from small groups from retirement centers to large groups of students. We also began organizing tours with travel companies to open up additional tourism to our museums in Enid.

We host several oral history presentations each year. Testimonies have been presented by Chuck DeBellevue, USAF; Bob Ford, USA; RD Lawrence USAAF, Jack Toney, USA, Walter Scheffe, USAAF; Fran Hoad, USAAF; RD Bland, USAAF; HB Evans, USAAF; Bo Gritz, USA; Randy "Duke" Cunningham, USN; David McCoy, USN; Rick Allison, USMC; Jim Goodrich, USMC; Jake McNiece, USA; Spads Hoffman, USN; David Smith, USN George Bellmon, USMC; Bill Schwertferger, USAF; and ML Becker, USAAF.

Our Huey, the Workhorse of Vietnam exhibit included more than 40 testimonies of veterans who were tied to the Huey helicopter during the Vietnam War. Those oral histories are currently on display at the American Military Heritage Museum at Oakwood Mall and the ML Becker Educational Center. The testimonies range from crewing the aircraft, to flying the warbird, to being medi-flighted out of the war zone, to being transported to other drop zones. One testimony from a POW. More than 8 million views have been shared via social media.

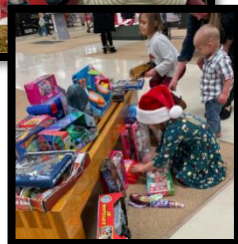
### Education and Outreach Oral History Presentations



# Impacting the Community - Education



# Impacting the Community – Honor & Remember



# Impacting the Community – Honor & Remember



Almost 80 years in the waiting....A WWII Bataan Death March survivor was finally awarded his Purple Heart Medal. We were privileged to be invited to the event on the OSU Campus. US Senator Mark Wayne Mullin presented the medal to his son, Tim Vanover.



The Telly Awards honor excellence in video and television across all screens. The City of Enid and WVoH won three Tellys for their submission, "The Huey, the Workhorse of Vietnam" videos.

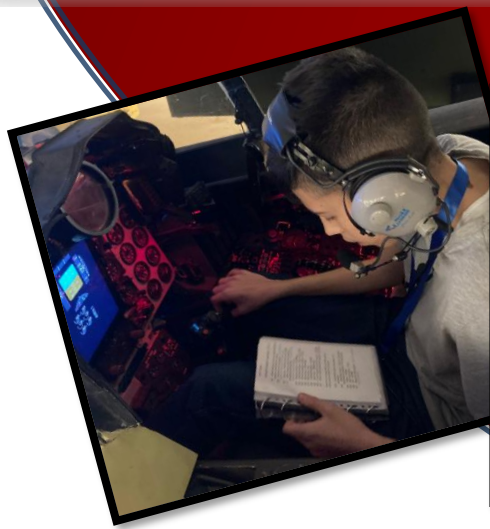


We were honored to be part of the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame induction ceremony. One of our volunteers was inducted into the Hall of Fame Class of 2024. Bob Ford made the nomination. Pictured is Jerry Shire, Gen Doug Dollar, Elaine Johns and Bob Ford.





# Building American Pride, Patriotism & Education



On November 2, 2024, the Woodring Wall of Honor and Veterans Park turned the exhibit into the American Military Heritage Museum at the Oakwood Mall.

We are open Thurs., Fri., and Sat. 11 - 4 pm

- F-4 Full Motion Simulator
- Cobra Helicopter
- Kiowa Helicopter
- Huey Helicopter
- F-86 Saberliner Jet/Jack Nicholas Jet
- MIG-21 Polish Aircraft – Vietnam era
- Bird Dog Aircraft – US Marine Corps
- Vehicles & Jeeps
- Heroes from the Heartland Portraits
- Vietnam era Mobile Kitchen Trailer
- Oral Histories
- Constitution
- Navy Deck & Fire Station
- Fall of the Berlin Wall
- German POW Camp – Alva, OK
- Mash Unit & Gulf War Ambulance
- Kids Zone & T-33 Simulator
- Meeting Space Available – Seating 100+

In late 2022, we were approached by the Kansas Military History Museum about their closure and the acquisition of their collection with a value of more than \$500,000. It took six months to bring the collection down to Enid for storage in the old Sears anchor store in the Oakwood Mall. Under the direction of one of our key volunteers, Justin Messenger, we began unpacking boxes, assembling aircraft, transporting vehicles and the process of setting up our merged collections into an educational history of American war. We schedule school tours for all age groups throughout the year. Teaching modules for educators are on our new web site for the Vietnam War and Constitution.

# Building American Pride, Patriotism & Education

# Preserving America's War History



Sharing America's War History with students and visitors



# Building American Pride, Patriotism & Education



Hennessey and Okeene Town Councils become Purple Heart Cities. Jack Toney, WVoH Board Member leading the charge to make sure all NW Oklahoma towns achieve this designation.



2025 Cities committed to date (1-2025) include Pond Creek, Crescent, Medford and Enid Woodring Regional Airport.



New viewing pad, bench and sign share the history of Woodring Airport and Woodring Mural details. Many are unaware that Clyde Cessna started his career in Enid. Also, Charles Lindberg, Amelia Earhart and Wiley Post laid out our runway locations for Enid to become the first municipally bonded airport in Oklahoma!



We held several book signings for military nonfiction novels



Students learn STEM lessons during day camps and tours. Student learned how helicopters fly during this tour.



We host Veterans Coffee Socials on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of each month.

Students hear life lessons and testimonies from Vietnam Veterans at the "Huey, the Workhorse of Vietnam" video stand.



WWII veterans autograph signs for upcoming release of new Adam Makos novel



VA Reps attend 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday to help with benefit submissions

# Building American Pride, Patriotism & Education



One of our main goals is to establish a Veterans Park as a regional and community park with diverse activities for people of all ages. Our park includes opportunities for school tours, educational events, festivals, STEM activities, lending library, museum, community rooms, walking trails, and special attractions. With the existing assets and the expansion of our museum we are well on our way to establishing our goals. We have a proven record of hosting successful events, ceremonies, and tours. We have established strategic and marketing plans in place. Over the last few years, we have continued to add

additional assets and programs while remaining a 100% volunteer non-profit organization. We continue to expand our events to include programs and free meals for veterans, contests for school children, Events that have expanded into week-long celebrations. We have developed multiple school curriculums for a variety of 2/4/6-hour tours with STEM activities and trained docents providing tailored education experiences.

We've made partnerships and connections that reach far beyond Oklahoma and serve as a "go to" resource regarding veterans' oral histories and experiences. We have become more than a small local veteran's park and will leave a legacy of military history for our next generation and beyond.

# Building American Pride, Patriotism & Education

Museum Day at the State Capitol Woodring Board of Directors Lobby for Support



Double E WoodWork builds shadow box for 48-star flag from 1945 era



Pinning Ceremony for a Vietnam Veteran while on a tour bus



PreSchool students enjoy a tour of the Airport, ML Becker Educational Center and A-26 Lady Liberty



Senior Adults from Brookdale Retirement Center tour the American Military Heritage Museum



4H Youth citing the Pledge of Allegiance at their monthly meeting at the ML Becker Educational Center



Governor Kevin Stitt visits the Veterans Park and places his dad and son's names on the wall

# Building for the Future



Ribbon Cutting  
International  
Birddog  
Research Library

Sept 2025



1920 Dump Truck  
under renovation



The Guitars 4 Vets program is a music therapy program that helps veterans cope with PTSD, anxiety, and depression. It provides free guitar instruction, a new acoustic guitar, and a guitar accessory kit to veterans through the Department of Veterans Affairs.

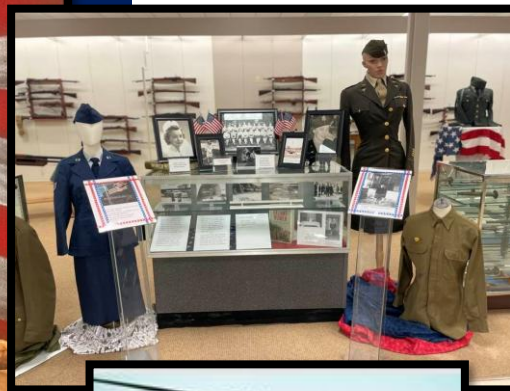
Starting Spring 2025



Vietnam Women's Memorial Canvas  
Created by Tox Morillo

To be dedicated to the Women who served in the Vietnam era '55-'75.

March 29<sup>th</sup> at 10 am



Women in the Military  
Exhibit

Include a Tribute to  
Nursing & Red Cross  
Opening Memorial  
Day Weekend



The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Of the End of the  
Vietnam War  
Lifesize Metal Huey  
Sculpture Project



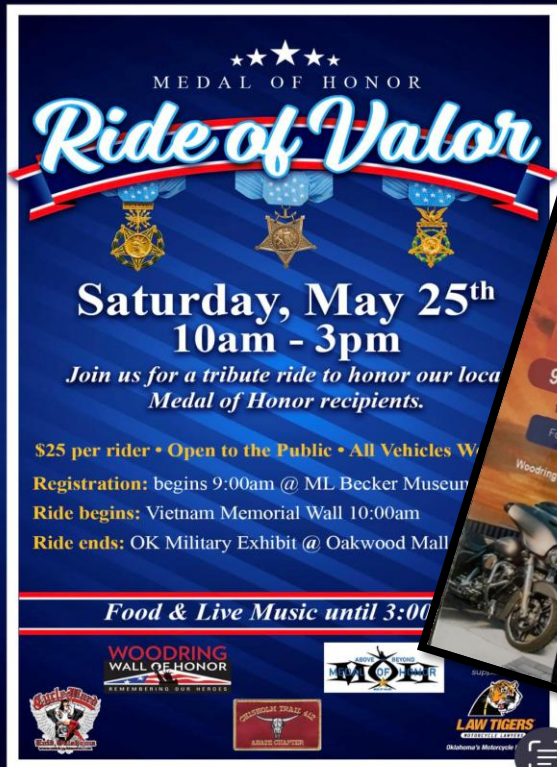
Spring/Summer 2025



The Kiowa Scout, Armed and Unafraid

Native American Military Tribute  
Opening November 2025  
Celebrate Freedom Week Nov 8-11

# Ways to Give



MEDAL OF HONOR  
**Ride of Valor**  
 Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>  
 10am - 3pm  
 Join us for a tribute ride to honor our local Medal of Honor recipients.  
 \$25 per rider • Open to the Public • All Vehicles Welcome  
 Registration: begins 9:00am @ ML Becker Museum  
 Ride begins: Vietnam Memorial Wall 10:00am  
 Ride ends: OK Military Exhibit @ Oakwood Mall  
 Food & Live Music until 3:00  
 WOODRING WALL OF HONOR  
 REMEMBERING OUR HEROES  
 LAW TIGERS  
 Oklahoma's Motorcycle Club



12th Annual  
**A RIDE TO REMEMBER**  
 Saturday November 2nd 2024  
 \*Breakfast @ Barnstormers 7:30a-10a  
 9am Reg. at The Woodring Wall of Honor  
 the Woodring Wall of Honor 1026 S 66th St from 9-10:45  
 Follow Tiffany Ward on Facebook for more details as they come  
 All proceeds benefit the Woodring Wall of Honor expansion and Veterans Park  
**\$20 FEE**  
 REG BEGINS OCT 5TH  
 WOODRING WALL OF HONOR  
 VIETNAM REMEMBRANCE POKER RUN  
 LAW TIGERS  
 Oklahoma's Motorcycle Club

- **Donate an Artifact** – Donate your military memorabilia, gun, knives, or vehicles/aircraft to the museum.
- **Monthly Giving** - Make a difference all year long in this easy, efficient and tax-deductible way.
- **One-Time Donation** - Every donation can make a difference. Make an impact now.
- **TV Advertising** – Place advertising on our TV's showcasing your business
- **Organize an Event** – Organize an event donating the proceeds to the Woodring Wall of Honor
- **Memorial/Honorary Gifts** - Honor a person close to your heart by making a gift in their name today.
- **Gift Planning** - Leave a legacy of caring by including the Wall of Honor in your estate and financial plans.
- **Stock Gifts** - Giving stocks or mutual funds is a win-win for you and for all the veterans we serve.
- **Donate a Vehicle** - Donate your car, truck, RV or boat—you could qualify for a tax deduction at the same time.
- **Real Estate Donation** - Donating real estate to support the Woodring Wall of Honor and our veterans is easy!
- **Corporate Partnerships** - Fulfill your company's objectives and create a lasting impact within your community when you partner with us.



Thank you to all of our sponsors and donors who continue our mission to honor, remember, educate and heal.



**Digital TV Advertising**  
 Yearly Advertising  
 \$25 per month  
 Short term advertising  
 \$35 per month  
**WE WILL NOT FORGET**  
 Contact the Woodring Wall of Honor for additional details



# 2023 Financial and Operational Performance

To view the financials in its entirety, please inquire at the ML Becker Educational Center offices.

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| Form <b>990</b><br><br>Department of the Treasury<br>Internal Revenue Service   | <b>Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax</b><br>Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)<br><br>Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.<br>Go to <a href="http://www.irs.gov/Form990">www.irs.gov/Form990</a> for instructions and the latest information. | OMB No. 1545-0047<br><br><div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"><b>2023</b></div><br><br>Open to Public Inspection   |
| <b>A</b> For the 2023 calendar year, or tax year beginning , 2023, and ending , 20  |  |  |
| <b>B</b> Check if applicable:<br><input type="checkbox"/> Address change<br><input type="checkbox"/> Name change<br><input type="checkbox"/> Initial return<br><input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminal<br><input type="checkbox"/> Amended return<br><input type="checkbox"/> Application pending              | <b>C</b><br>WOODRING WALL OF HONOR AND<br>VETERANS PARK INC<br>PO BOX 248<br>ENID, OK 73702-0248   | <b>D</b> Employer identification number<br>20-1154941<br><br><b>E</b> Telephone number<br>(580) 297-5322<br><br><b>G</b> Gross receipts \$ 63,001.   |
| <b>F</b> Name and address of principal officer: HENRY KING<br>SAME AS C ABOVE   |  | <b>H(a)</b> Is this a group return for subordinates? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/><br><b>H(b)</b> Are all subordinates included? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/><br>If "No," attach a list. See instructions. |
| <b>I</b> Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) ( ) (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527  |  | <b>H(c)</b> Group exemption number   |
| <b>J</b> Website: N/A   |  |  |
| <b>K</b> Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other   |  | <b>L</b> Year of formation: <b>M</b> State of legal domicile: OK   |
| <b>Part I Summary</b>   |  |  |
| <b>1</b> Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <u>TO PROVIDE A SUITABLE SETTING AND SITE TO RECOGNIZE THOSE SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES FOR THEIR COUNTRY</u>  |  |  |
| <b>2</b> Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.  |  |  |
| Activities & Governance   | <b>3</b> Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a) .....   | 3 8  |
|   | <b>4</b> Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) .....   | 4 8  |
|   | <b>5</b> Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2023 (Part V, line 2a) .....  | 5 0  |
|   | <b>6</b> Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) .....  | 6 0  |
|   | <b>7a</b> Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 .....   | 7a 0.  |
|   | <b>7b</b> Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, Part I, line 11 .....   | 7b 0.  |
| Revenue   | <b>8</b> Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h) .....   | Prior Year 686,158. Current Year 62,809.   |
|   | <b>9</b> Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g) .....  |  |
|   | <b>10</b> Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d) .....  | 166. 192.  |
|   | <b>11</b> Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e) .....   |  |
|   | <b>12</b> Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) .....   | 686,324. 63,001.   |
| Expenses  | <b>13</b> Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3) .....   | 500.   |
|   | <b>14</b> Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4) .....  |  |
|   | <b>15</b> Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10) .....  |  |
|   | <b>16a</b> Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e) .....   |  |
|   | <b>b</b> Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) .....   |  |
|   | <b>17</b> Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e) .....   | 114,018. 110,790.  |
|   | <b>18</b> Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) .....  | 114,518. 110,790.  |
|   | <b>19</b> Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12 .....   | 571,806. -47,789.  |
| Net Assets or Fund Balances   | <b>20</b> Total assets (Part X, line 16) .....   | Beginning of Current Year 1,209,864. End of Year 1,162,075.  |
|   | <b>21</b> Total liabilities (Part X, line 26) .....  | 0. 0.  |
|   | <b>22</b> Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20 .....   | 1,209,864. 1,162,075.  |
| <b>Part II Signature Block</b>  |  |  |
| Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge. |  |  |
| Sign Here   | Signature of officer<br>HENRY KING   | Date<br>SEC/TREASURER  |
| Paid Preparer Use Only  | Print/Type preparer's name<br>WILLIAM B HANN, CPA  | Preparer's signature<br>Date<br>Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed PTN P00422480  |
|   | Firm's name<br>HANN PLUMMER, PLLC  | Firm's EIN 82-3162934  |
|   | Firm's address<br>206 E RANDOLPH<br>ENID, OK 73701   | Phone no. 580-297-5322   |
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IN MEMORY  
Of the Men and Women Who  
Served in the Vietnam War  
and Later Died as a  
Result of Their Service  
We Honor and Remember  
Their Sacrifice

"I approached the "Wall" in the Spring of 1989 wearing my 1966 issued flight jacket. Although it was dedicated in 1982, I put off going for 7 years. I carried with me a photo of my detachment that included 2 of my fellow pilots that were on the wall-- Dedrick and McKinsey. I thought I would find their names, place the photo appropriately below each, salute and leave. —Not even close—upon finding them, emotions flowed as I held my salute for at least 10 minutes. No one passed in front of me. Some big tough old marine gunny sergeant came up next to me firmly put his arm around my shoulder and said, "Welcome Home Captain."

Bob Ford, US Army  
Black Cat 2-1  
Vietnam Helicopter Pilot

