

After Action Report Golden History Museum “Fall Fest”

Planning for the Golden Fall Fest began back in April When the Golden History Museum contacted us through Terre Deegan Young (Donut Dolly) to help them plan a tribute to the Vietnam Veterans as a celebration of the end of the Vietnam War. On July 15th, Bill Bates and I met Stephanie Gilmore, Curator for the Golden History Museum, in a meeting in Golden to discuss what that may look like. At the same time they asked us if we would be interested in joining them for their “Fall Fest” to help kick off the Salute to the Vietnam Veteran celebration.

So on October 5th our Helicopter War Museum became a big part of the “Fall (Autumn) Fest”. We have also been invited to the “Vietnam Veteran Gathering” on November 18th, 2025, to discuss what will become an Exhibit at the Golden History Museum in commemoration of the end of the Vietnam War.

The Fall Fest had many activities: Native American Dancers were right next to us at the eastern end of the Golden History Park. The park has many permeant buildings that continue West for another block including an 1876 School house exhibit, an operating Blacksmith exhibit along with several other historic buildings. Face painting, petting zoo, Tarot Reading, Live Music, Big Trucks from the Golden City Street Department.



Our Museum was in the #1 location and received Top Billing. Lunch was provided by Woody's Wood Fired Grill, and Jimmy Johns Sandwiches, compliments of the Golden History Museum.

We saw approximately 450 guests between 1000 and 1500. They were all very appreciative of our Service. Barbra Cavalluzzi, Bill Bates, Wick Clark, Bruce Girvin, Dale House, Greg Mann, and Kim, I don't know her last name but Greg knows her, was very helpful in all areas that needed help, and Doug Neil.



Incidentally, we moved the Museum on Saturday to be sure it would be able to get into position prior to the beginning of the event on Sunday. The City was to block the parking lot for our use. It had one of the few charging stations in the city. I was worried that someone would sneak past the barricade to charge their car. We had a team set up the Museum to ensure it would be ready to go the next morning; They were Bill Bates, Wick Clark, Doug Neil,

and Dale House. Doug bought the Beer. Thank you for all who participated and a Big Thank you to Terry Olson for assembling the volunteers. A Toast to you all.

