

PRESS RELEASE



THE NAMES OF THOSE...

Vietnam Veteran **J. Kimo Williams** is developing an art installation that will include a video monitor to scroll the names and dates of death of every US military member who died as a result of their service in Vietnam.

The names will be presented alphabetically by state, name, and official date of death. The recorded award-winning composition *Symphony for the Sons of Nam*, written by Williams in 1991, will accompany the video presentation for the entire 20 hours it requires to complete the entire list of **THE NAMES OF THOSE**.

The physical art piece includes an enlarged cast-iron replica of the Vietnam Service medal created by Somalia Veteran and Shepherdstown resident, **Erich Ruth**, and an enlarged digital photo image of the Vietnam Service ribbon photographed by **J. Kimo Williams** and printed on satin fabric. Consultants and contributors for **THE NAMES OF THOSE** project include Army Veteran **Carol Williams**, **Dr. Rebecca Williams**, and Shepherdstown metal artist, **Dan Tokar** of Willow Forge.

Additional information, to include a PDF of a prototype rendering, a YouTube video rendering link, and a PDF full prospectus can be found at www.kimopics.com.

Donations are requested to support this effort and are accepted at www.kimopics.com. All donations will be used for the construction, development, marketing, and presentation of **THE NAMES OF THOSE**. Donors can make a contribution in recognition of a specific individual or provide a personal comment if desired.

The premiere installation is scheduled to be unveiled and presented over a three-day event, 10am to 8pm March 26th, 27th, and 11am to 5pm March 28th, 2021, at the Shepherdstown War Memorial Building in Shepherdstown, West Virginia. Public Law No: 115-15, *Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017* officially designated March 29th as the official day to recognize Vietnam Veterans and their service to country. In that spirit as a part of this installation and the official recognition weekend, selected Vietnam Veterans' Art Expressions will be on display, which will include the visual arts, book signing, films, music, and much more.

THE NAMES OF THOSE is not associated with a 501c3 organization, and donations are not tax-deductible as a charitable contribution.

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