Wings of Heroes Gala: Honoring Those Who Served in Vietnam

"Those who served in Vietnam are known for their tenacity and determination and we are proud to welcome them home with honor." - Scott and Linda Carson

The Museum hosted the Wings of Heroes Gala last month to honor those who have served. This fabulous evening combined close-up encounters with Vietnam-era military aircraft (including the newly-reassembled B-52 #2584), live music from the 1960's and 70's, and an auction to support the new Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park. The event was co-chaired by Scott Carson, retired CEO of Boeing Commercial Airplanes, and Major General Pat Brady, who received the Medal of Honor for his service piloting helicopters during the Vietnam War.

The highlight of the evening was the Procession of Honor, where over 100 veterans of the Vietnam War from all branches of the US military, and even a veteran from the South Vietnamese military, were formally thanked for their service and "welcomed home." Each of the veterans' stories exemplified duty, honor and sacrifice, and they were deeply powerful for everyone in attendance.

Click here to see more photos from the evening! >>

Come See the Park in Miniature!
If you've visited The Museum of Flight in the last several weeks, you might have noticed that we have a new scale diorama of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park in our lobby. This miniature park features a model of our very own B-52 #2584, which was painted to match the Vietnam-era livery of the full-size aircraft outside, and landscaping pieces that were custom printed using a 3D printer.

Special thanks to the dedication and hard work of Austin Ballard of our Restoration team, and Michael Gudor and Max Welliver from Raisbeck Aviation High School.

Vietnam Film Series

This monthly movie series will explore the Vietnam War from the air, ground, on the home front, and through the lens of soldiers, pilots, journalists and film makers. The movies are FREE with Museum admission, and an introduction to each film will be provided by a Vietnam veteran from the Distinguished Flying Cross Society.

The June film is Platoon (1986): Chris Taylor is a young American who volunteers for combat in Vietnam. His platoon is made up of more experienced soldiers, and led by two NCOs who couldn't be more different. When an illegal killing happens on a village raid, the group is divided and Chris quickly learns that he is fighting two battles: one with the enemy, and another with the men of his platoon.

Platoon won four Academy Awards in 1986, and was the first Hollywood film to be written and directed by a veteran of the Vietnam War.

July 29 at 2:00 PM
William M. Allen Theater
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