Project Welcome Home
Bronze Maquette 40”
View # 8 Front Right
Sculptor
James J. Nance
2017

Artist Jim Nance and the Statue of the Airman

The statue of the airman that will be featured in the new Vietnam Veterans Commemorative Park is being created by artist and veteran James J. Nance. Jim graduated from the United States Air Force Academy and served as a pilot in the U.S. Air Force for 5 years, including a tour of Vietnam. After working as a bush pilot in Alaska, Jim joined the commercial aviation industry, and had earned the rank of senior international Captain by the time he retired from Northwest Airlines in 2007.

Jim has been developing his artistry for the past 35 years, and has worked on several Vietnam-related pieces. In 2009, he was commissioned by the Air Force Academy to create a bronze relief map of Vietnam and Southeast Asia; a copy of this map is currently installed in the Museum’s T.A. Wilson Great Gallery. Jim’s passion for aviation and incredible skill as a sculptor make him the perfect artist to create the airman for the Vietnam Veterans Commemorative Park.

A Lasting Legacy

What better way to honor the legacy of the Vietnam Veteran in your life than with a permanent tribute plaque in the Commemorative Park? You have the opportunity to personalize a metal plaque with a name, military rank or other information, which will appear on a low wall along the footpath to the park’s flag pavilion. Plaques ordered by August 2018 will be installed in time for the park’s opening ceremonies, and will be a lasting testament to your veteran’s service for generations to come.

For more information on tribute plaques, click here >>
Meet the Project Welcome Home Veteran Committee

In November, the Museum hosted a discussion panel with the Project Welcome Home committee members called "The Vietnam War - Perspectives from Air Combat Veterans." In addition to the session being recorded and available for the public to view online, the January/February 2018 issue of Aloft, the Museum's member magazine, has a feature story on the event.

There are several ways to get to know the project's committee of veterans and hear their stories:

- Read the War Machine story in Aloft >>
- View the event taping on the Museum's YouTube channel >>
- Read about them on the project website >>

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