



P R E S S R E L E A S E

War of 1812 Memorial to be dedicated at Veterans Park in College Station

College Station, Texas; May 26, 2012 -- The **Brazos Valley Veterans Memorial (BVVM) Board of Directors** is honored to host the dedication of the **War of 1812** memorial on the Lynn Stuart Pathway at Veterans Park on **Friday, 1 June 2012 at 10:00 a.m.** The keynote speaker for the dedication is Lt. Cmdr. Jonathon Chavane, USN (ret.). The respectful and patriotic event will take place near the Louis L. Adam Plaza, Brazos Valley Veterans Memorial, Veterans Park and Athletic Complex. The park is .8 miles east of Hwy. 6 on Harvey Rd. (Hwy. 30) in College Station.

Two hundred years ago, 1 June 1812, President Madison delivered a War Message to Congress asking that war be declared on Great Britain. The life size bronze statue, created by J. Payne Lara of Navasota, is sponsored by the **city of College Station, Brazos County, Brazos Valley Veterans Memorial Foundation, and city of Bryan.** The statue is entitled, "Don't give up the ship!" and joins five other statues along the half-mile history trail. Statues commemorating the American Revolution, the War for Texas Independence, Korean War and World War II have been dedicated over the last two years.



The BVVM will be launching a capital campaign for the Vietnam Memorial this summer. Donations are currently being accepted for all the memorials.

Memberships in the BVVM, reproductions of the history panels, and table top size maquettes of the statues are all available on request. Organizations or individuals interested in contributing to the preservation of our nations' military history can contact BVVM at: info@bvvm.org or call 979.450.3296.

The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional to how they perceive veterans of early wars were treated and appreciated by our nation. — George Washington



Liberty or Death
American Revolution



Come and Take It
War for Texas
Independence



Day of Infamy
World War II



Katchi Kapshida
We Go Together
Korean War Memorial



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