

# Vietnam Traveling Wall: A Heroes' Tribute

The City of Mission invites you to attend this tribute...

## **Wednesday, March 11- Wall Arrival Day**

A convoy led by the Mission Police Department, and Veteran motorcycle riders (American Legion Riders, Rio Grande Valley Patriot Guard Riders, McAllen Chapter of the American Bikers Association) will escort the American Veterans Traveling Tribute Vietnam Wall. The convoy should arrive at the RGV State Veterans Cemetery 2:30-2:45pm for a special drive by. TAPS will be playing in the background and some veterans will be on site. The wall should arrive at the Mission Event Center (MEC) located at 200 N. Shary Rd. approximately 3:00 p.m. A flag detail will be on location and Veterans from America's Last Patrol will be at the MEC to salute and welcome the wall.

## **Thursday, March 12- PFC Joel Corona Day**

After nearly 50 years, a Valley hero will be laid to rest. A memorial and final salute will be held Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 11 a.m. for Missing in Action/Killed in Action PFC Joel Corona at the RGV State Veterans Cemetery. The City of Mission will also host a special wreath laying ceremony for the family of the Pharr native, after the memorial service 12:30 p.m. at the MEC.

## **Friday, March 13- Gold Star Family Day**

10:00 a.m. The City of Mission will pay tribute to the 146 fallen Vietnam service members who called the RGV home. Valley Gold Star Family members (relatives who have lost a loved one in military service) will read each name to remember the South Texas heroes, followed by the ringing of a bell in their honor.

## **Saturday, March 14- A Heroes' Tribute Ceremony Day**

4:00 p.m. The City of Mission will host a special ceremony at the MEC to commemorate the wall coming to Mission. A remembrance service, including TAPS, will honor and pay tribute to the 58,307 brave Vietnam Veterans our nation lost in the war. Of those fallen service members, 146 called the RGV home. Senator Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa is slated to be the keynote speaker.

