

MEXICAN WAR MEMORIAL DEDICATION CEREMONY

Wednesday, Sept. 13 • 5:30 p.m.



BRAZOS VALLEY
VETERANS MEMORIAL





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Memorial for all Veterans of the Brazos Valley, Inc.

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Mexican War Memorial Dedication

Sept. 13, 2017

Lynn Stuart Pathway • Veterans Park & Athletic Complex
3101 Harvey Road • College Station, Texas



CALL TO ORDER

SGM Perry Stephney, USA (Ret.)
BVVM Board of Directors

NATIONAL ANTHEM

COL Lawrence Lippke, USA (Ret.)
Brazos Valley Chorale

INVOCATION

MAJ Glenn Burnside, USMC (Ret.)
Chaplain, BVVM Board of Directors

MEXICAN WAR ERA MUSIC

Brazos Brass
"The Death of Ringgold" by J.W. Turner.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

LTG Randolph House, USA (Ret.)
President, BVVM Board of Directors

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

GEN Michael W. Hagee, USMC (Ret.)
*33rd Commandant of the United States
Marine Corps. (2003-2006)*

MARINES' HYMN

Brazos Brass
Directed by Mary Sullivan McNeel

RIFLE SALUTE & TAPS

American Legion Post 159

KEYNOTE ADDRESS



General Michael W. Hagee


General Michael Hagee joined the U.S. Navy in 1963 and received a commission in the U.S. Marine Corps as an infantry officer upon graduation from the United States Naval Academy in 1968. He retired as Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps at the end of 2006.

During almost 39 years of service as a Marine, he held numerous command assignments that included platoon, company, battalion, Marine expeditionary unit, division and Marine expeditionary force. His staff positions included operations, training teaching and manpower billets as well as executive assistant to the Deputy Secretary of Defense and executive assistant to the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

General Hagee's other joint assignments included policy and operational responsibilities at the unified command level, liaison to the Presidential Envoy to Somalia and member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

His military service took him to a wide variety of countries in every area of the world. Besides serving tours in Japan and Germany, he deployed to and operated in the Mediterranean, the Caribbean, the Western Pacific, Northern Europe, Korea, Africa, the Middle East, South Asia and Southeast Asia. He has interacted with senior military and civilian leaders throughout the world.

He holds a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the U.S. Naval Academy, a masters degree in electrical engineering from the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School and a masters degree in national security studies from the U.S. Naval War College.



General Hagee’s U.S. awards include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal with two palms, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit with two Gold Stars, Bronze Star with Combat “V”, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with Gold Star, Navy Achievement Medal with Gold Star, the Combat Action Ribbon and the National Intelligence Distinguished Service Medal; and personal decorations from France, Japan, Colombia, Mexico and Spain.

He is currently a director on several boards of directors of major U.S. companies and non-profit organizations. He also provides advice to the senior leadership of several other U.S. companies.

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“General Hagee is a Marine’s Marine....From the fire-swept rice paddies of Vietnam to Operation Iraqi Freedom, his keen vision and steadfast leadership have set the standard for future generations of Marines....a courageous leader whose discerning wisdom and deep sense of duty have been a linchpin to the security of this Nation during a truly challenging time – we have been fortunate in having him as the Commandant of the our Corps of Marines.”

*Senator Kay Bailey Hutchinson, Texas
Senate Floor Speech on Sept. 29, 2006*

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Known for his high ethical standards and dynamic leadership, he personally developed a four-year Character Development Program at the U.S. Naval Academy at the direction of the Secretary of the Navy (1994).

MEXICAN WAR MEMORIAL

The Mexican-American War played a critical role in defining the border between the two nations that remains in place today.

In 1847, knowing that the capture of the Palacio Nacional would greatly disrupt the Mexican army, General Winfield Scott ordered his forces, including United States Marines, to seize the enemy fortress during the Battle of Chapultepec.



On Sept. 13, 1847, after two days of battle, the Marines gained control of Chapultepec Castle, better known as “Halls of Montezuma”, and raised the American flag over the palace to mark their victory. Upon returning home, these same Marines presented this flag to the Commandant of the Marine Corps. The victory at the Halls of Montezuma remains a part of Marine Corps tradition, immortalized in the opening line of the Marines’ Hymn.

In recognition of funding completion, members of the the Brazos Valley Veterans Memorial board of directors and the Brazos Valley Marine Corps League Detachment 1391 hosted a groundbreaking on Nov. 10, 2016, the U.S. Marine Corps’ 241st birthday. Today’s dedication ceremony also marks the 170th anniversary of the Battle of Chapultepec.

ABOUT THE SCULPTOR – J. PAYNE LARA

Born in nearby Brenham and raised in Navasota, J. Payne Lara showed an early interest in drawing, and he displayed an exceptional talent for molding and shaping clay figures. Growing up in a family of cowboys, Lara’s Texas heritage serves as an important source of inspiration for his art. He has sculpted all of the bronze statues on display along the Lynn Stuart Pathway at the Brazos Valley Veterans Memorial. His art has been featured in a variety of publications and television programs, and it continues to earn him recognition today.

ABOUT THE MUSIC PERFORMED BY BRAZOS BRASS

The “The Death of Ringgold” was composed by J.W. Turner. This five stanza choral was written in memory of the death of Major Samuel Ringgold at the battle of Palo Alto. According to some sources he was the first United States officer to fall during the Mexican-American War.

Sincerest thanks to all of our contributors and participants!

CHARLES & ANITA SZABUNIEWICZ

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE BRAZOS VALLEY DETACHMENT 1391

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COL Lawrence Lippke, USA (Ret.) | Brazos Brass: John McSpadden
(Trumpet), Robert Herring (Trumpet), Mary McNeel (Horn), David Wilborn
(Trombone) & Larry Campbell (Tuba)



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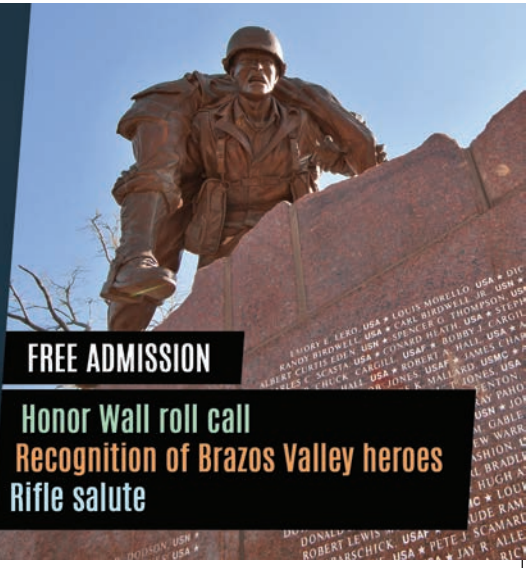
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VETERANS DAY CEREMONY & PROGRAM

Friday, Nov. 10
5:30 p.m.

Louis L. Adam Memorial Plaza
Veterans Park & Athletic Complex

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Honor Wall roll call
Recognition of Brazos Valley heroes
Rifle salute

We Can Do It!



*Rosie the Riveter statue represents the
homefront during the war effort.*

Free admission!



WORLD WAR II HOMEFRONT MEMORIAL DEDICATION ROSIE THE RIVETER PROJECT

Thursday, Dec. 7 · Noon · Veterans Park

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