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The AVTT Traveling Wall will Visit Shavano Park, Texas October 10th-13th, 2019

The Public is invited to four-day showing coinciding with opening of LYND's new corporate headquarters and Vietnam War Museum - The Army Grunt's Story

SAN ANTONIO, TX - LYND, is a homegrown commercial real estate company, has arranged to bring a traveling version of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C. to greater San Antonio during a four-day period in October. The visit coincides with the dedication of the [Vietnam War Museum](#) that will be built inside LYND's new corporate headquarters currently under construction in Shavano Park. A 50th reunion of a U.S. Army unit the company's founder and chairman emeritus Michael Lynd Sr. served will take place the same weekend.

"My father's service in Vietnam meant a great deal to him and it helped shape the fiber of our company," said A. David Lynd, president and CEO. "With that in mind, we thought it would be fitting to showcase this important historic period in our country while celebrating a momentous milestone in our own company's history - a new 35,000-square-foot corporate home built from the ground up."

At 360-feet long and 8-feet high, The [AVTT Traveling Wall](#) is the largest traveling Vietnam wall replica in the country. It will be set up adjacent to the new headquarters site at 4001 Pond Hill Road, Shavano Park, Texas and open to the public 24 hours a day from Thursday, October 10 to Sunday, October 13.

On Friday, October 11 there will be two events open to the public. At 4pm, there will be an opening ceremony for The AVTT Traveling Wall honoring all the men and women who fought in the war, especially those who sacrificed their lives. Immediately after, a ceremony is planned to dedicate the Vietnam War Museum - "The Army Grunt's Story" - an annex of the Southwest Florida Military Museum & Library in Cape Coral, Florida.

The annex was the brainchild of Lynd Sr., who was a member of the U.S. Army's C-2-1 of the 196th Light Infantry Brigade (Americal Division) in Vietnam.

"Our museum will be dedicated to all of the grunts who put their lives on the line fighting in the rice paddies, jungles, mountains and beaches," said Lynd Sr., whose company turns 40 years old next year. "The stories will be told from the point of view of the combat infantrymen so the public can better understand the challenges these brave soldiers faced. We also hope this effort will help to explain why our country went to war to assist the South Vietnamese people."

The museum will include documentaries, books, letters, news articles and other artifacts from the era. It will also feature kiosks with audio/visual recordings and a mannequin in authentic combat gear. The museum will be open to the public shortly after its dedication. There are more than a half-million Vietnam veterans estimated to live in Texas according to the Military Officers of America Association.

Also occurring during the weekend, C-2-1 of the 196th Light Infantry Brigade (Americal Division) will hold its 50th Anniversary reunion in San Antonio. A special dinner is planned on the rooftop of the LYND headquarters on Saturday evening.

Special guests for the dinner and museum dedication include two retired Army officers with distinguished military careers. [Major General James L. Dozier](#) and [Lieutenant General Walter F. Ulmer, Jr.](#) were both awarded Silver Star Medals for valor in combat in Vietnam. Years later, General Dozier made news when he was kidnapped from his residence in Verona by the Red Brigades while serving at a NATO headquarters there. He was rescued 42 days later by an Italian special police unit. General Ulmer later served as a Division and Corps commander and as Commandant of Cadets at West Point.

John Baines, founder and chairman of the [Vietnam Veterans Memorial of San Antonio](#), will join the Generals in speaking at the AVTT Traveling Wall ceremony.

Another special guest for the weekend will be [Chris Noel](#), a very popular actress and pin-up model who made numerous visits to troops and hosted her own radio program during the Vietnam War. She survived two helicopter crashes during that era.

For more information on The AVTT Traveling Wall exhibit, visit www.avtt.org or call 903-825-1998.

Members of the C-2-1 of the 196th Light Infantry Brigade (Americal Division) who would like to take part in the reunion weekend should contact Ashley Brymer at abbrymer@hotmail.com or 805-710-1378.

Casanova Barbecue will cater the events.

For more information on the Vietnam War Museum, visit www.vietnamgrunts.org

Wall photos:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/1rd0p18vkpu1hqe/AACmBNMX1FOX2m3RiPWYi8Kfa?dl=0>

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