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TEXAS VIETNAM VETERANS WAR MEMORIAL

The Vietnam War was perhaps the most divisive conflict in American history. Yet one sentiment about the war unites all who live in the Lone Star State - we owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to those Texans who died or went missing during that 20-year battle.

The Texas Vietnam Veterans War Memorial honors the more than 35 hundred soldiers whose lives were dramatically altered as a result of their deployment to Southeast Asia. As with the larger memorial in Washington, D.C., donations from the public, and only donations from the public, built this monument.

The four vertical, red-granite panels you see situated along the fountain bear the names of those Texans who fell in the line of duty. The fifth panel to the side lists those Texans who were prisoners of war or went missing in action.

President George Herbert Walker Bush dedicated this memorial in 1989 at a ceremony attended by hundreds of Vietnam War veterans.

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