



September 1, 2000

Dear VDHA Member,

I am writing to you with the wonderful news that the second War Dog Memorial is to be placed at the National Infantry Museum at Ft. Benning, Georgia. The War Dog Memorial will be located on beautiful Sacrifice Field and the dedication ceremony is Sunday, October 8, 2000 at 11:00 a.m. I know you understand and appreciate the historical significance of this site. Also, the War Dog Memorial will be a welcome complement to the Military Working Dog exhibit already open within the Museum.

I realize the dedication date is very close to the long-planned VDHA Reunion in Washington D.C., and that it may be difficult for you to attend both events. We had hoped to avoid this situation, but selected this date for a variety of reasons including availability of speakers, weather, and funding. I hope you will make every effort to attend this very moving ceremony; it certainly would not be complete without you.

We are planning another unforgettable ceremony that will touch a special place in the hearts of all. Noted military historian, Stephen Ambrose will be the featured speaker along with other military, veteran and civilian leaders. David Glen Easley and the "War Dogs" band will again perform live during the ceremony. K9 teams from Ft. Benning, Lackland and local law enforcement agencies will participate in the ceremony. It is sure to be a memorable day with many fitting tributes. Please call us toll-free at **M-F, 8-5 PST**, to let us know if you are able to join us.

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The VDHA has selected the following hotel for accommodations.

Holiday Inn – North:

Additionally, the VDHA is organizing a post-dedication dinner at the hotel on Sunday night. No-host cocktails will begin at 5 pm, and dinner is at 6:30 pm. Cost of the dinner is \$13.82. Please call Joan _____ to reserve your room and to let her know if you are attending the dinner.

I look forward to seeing you at Ft. Benning and know it will be a phenomenal tribute to all dog and handler teams. Because of our efforts, the VDHA and the War Dog Memorial Fund have provided lasting tributes to the canine teams and will make sure these heroes are remembered by all. Please contact us if you should need additional information.

Sincerely,

Jeff Bennett

President, War Dog Memorial Fund, Inc.