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Veteran's Day: dedication and ceremony

A&M rededicates WWI memorial

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There weren't as many people as expected, but those who did attend the Veteran's Day ceremony at Kyle Field Sunday were not disappointed.

With a crowd of about 4,500, the ceremony began with the dedication of the Eli Whiteley Medal of Honor Park, a four-acre park bordering both sides of University Drive just west of the railroad tracks along Wellborn Road.

Eli Whiteley is the only living recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Corps of Cadets members, dressed in the original uniforms of the World War I and World War II Color Guards, marched across Kyle Field to the pre-recorded music of "The Stars and Stripes Forever."

An American flag that has flown over the U.S. Capitol and the Arlington National Cemetery, as well as the Philippine island of Corregidor, where Aggies held a muster during WWII and again in 1946, and Pointe du Hoc, France, where Lt. Col. Earl Rudder led an attack, was raised during the ceremony.

The wife of the late Earl Rudder presented Texas A&M President Frank Vandiver with the flag, which represents the five

great conflicts of the United States. The flag will hang in the Rudder Complex beside Rudder's picture.

"The record of the Texas Aggies is a proud one," Vandiver said as he accepted the flag.

"A&M takes pride in traditions, especially in the tradition of service to our country. We've had Aggies fighting from the Spanish-American War to Grenada and Lebanon."

Lt. Gen. Ormond Simpson led the rededication of the WWI Memorial Monument on the north-west corner of the drill field.

The monument was moved during the construction of the Albritton Tower, first to storage in the Physical Plant and then to a temporary site by the Memorial Student Center.

"In WWI, as always when freedom is threatened, Aggies responded," Simpson said. "Fifty-five Aggies died in that war, but A&M didn't forget its own."

"In 1921, there were 55 memorial trees planted around the main drill field with the names of each Aggie inscribed on each tree.

"It was on this field that those men played, passed in review and drilled, and it's entirely appropriate that the monument be permanently placed here."

Simpson said he hopes stu-

dents will come to the monument in times of reflection.

"It's not a cemetery," Simpson said. "It's a place for students to ponder about themselves and their challenges and how they'll meet them."

"It's a place where they can dream impossible dreams --not being cynical enough to know these dreams are impossible --and carry them out anyway. For we have enough cynics, we have too many, and we need more dreamers."

The Ross Volunteers followed Simpson's speech with a three-volley salute and taps. The crowd had a moment of silence and the Singing Cadets sang "My Buddy."

The Aggie Wing of the Confederate Air Force then performed a missing-man fly over with four aircraft used in WWII and landed at Easterwood Airport, where they were on display.

Military tanks were displayed beside Kyle Field and there were three military helicopters on the drill field.

Lt. Gen. James F. Hollingsworth, Class of '40, said that patriotism is more than just parades and waving flags on July Fourth and Veteran's Day.

"Patriotism is the love of God, the love of country, the love of people," Hollingsworth said.

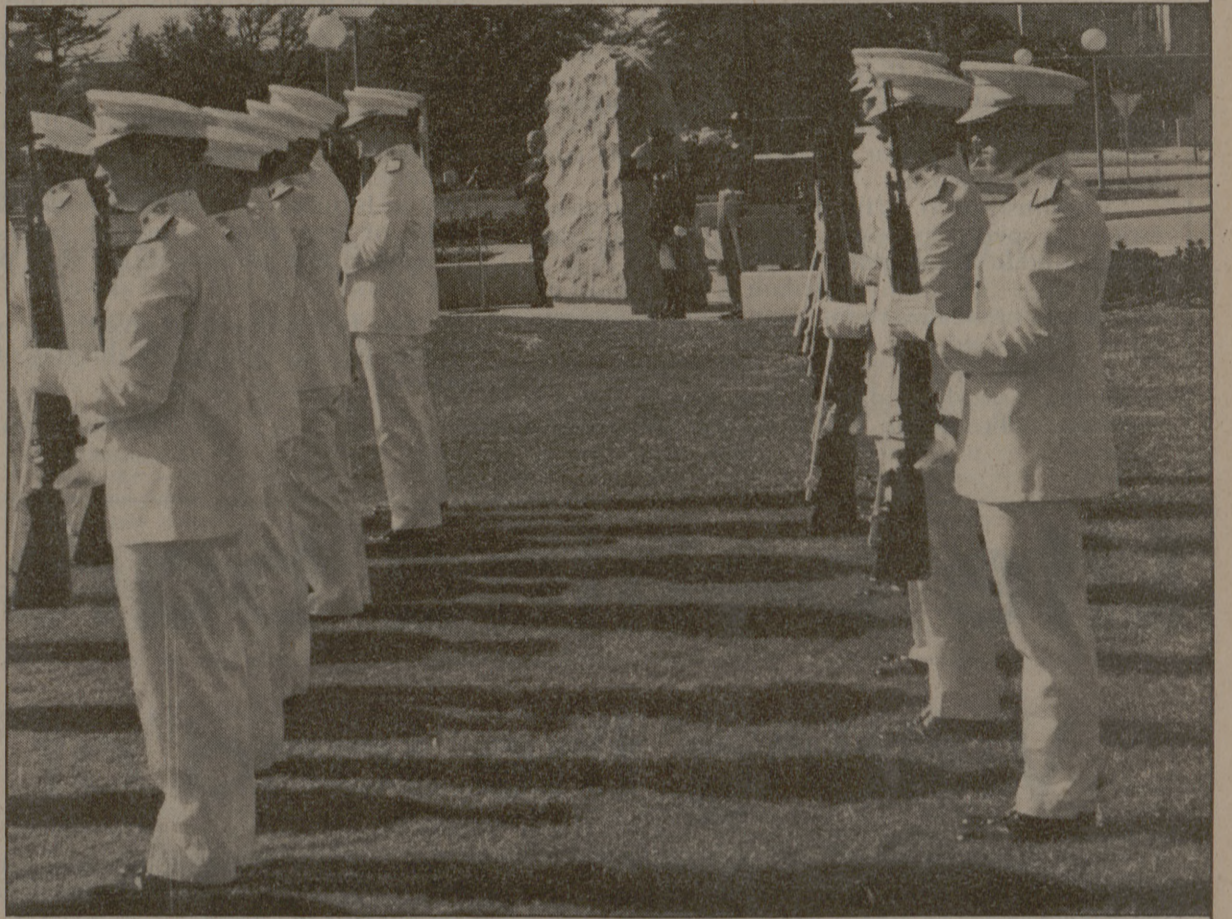


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Rededication of the World War I memorial



Photo by STEPHANIE ROSS

Tim Peacock from Fort Hood shows Nathan Rhey of Bryan the ALT IS Cobra, an army helicopter. The helicopter was on the drill field as part of Veterans' Day here. The dedication

of the Eli Whiteley Medal of Honor Park highlighted the ceremonies. Whiteley is the only living recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor.

President Reagan accepts memorial

United Press International

WASHINGTON — President Reagan accepted the Vietnam Veterans Memorial as a national monument Sunday, telling thousands of former servicemen gathered beneath gray skies, "thanks for your courage."

And, said Reagan, "thank you for being patient with your countrymen" who, now nearly a decade after the Vietnam war, have finally welcomed them back home.

With that, Reagan signed papers accepting the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, built by vets themselves with more than \$7 million in private donations, as a national monument located near the Lincoln Memorial.

The memorial includes a 500-foot black granite wall inscribed with the names of 58,022 Americans lost in Southeast Asia, plus a statue of three servicemen representing all the more than 2.7 million Americans who served in Vietnam.

The president, who turned

down an invitation to attend the 1982 dedication of the memorial, citing security reasons, went to the Veterans Day ceremony directly upon his return from his post-election vacation in California.

Reagan, dressed in a trench coat and accompanied by his wife Nancy, was greeted with warm and sustained applause by the gathering that numbered in the several thousands and included many vets in old battle fatigues.

"Let me say this to Vietnam veterans gathered here today," Reagan said, speaking slowly and emotionally. "When you returned home, you brought solace to the loved ones of those who fell. But little solace was given to you."

He said, "Some of your countrymen were unable to distinguish between their native dislike for war and the stainless patriotism of those who suffered its scars."

"But there has been a rethinking there too. Now we can say to you, and say as a nation, thank you for your courage."

Texas A&M's library — a question of adequacy

Editor's note: this is the first part of a three part series on the library.

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Administrators, faculty and graduate students use the same word to describe Texas A&M University's Sterling C. Evans Library: inadequate.

On the surface, the library appears quite adequate. It houses more than 1.5 million books, 2.2 million microfiche and microfilm and 67,000 maps. In 1979 the library building was expanded to six floors and now easily houses the collection. In fact, the library's collection will have to grow by almost one-third before the available space is filled.

As a teaching library, it has few problems. The library staff and administration have good relations with students, faculty and staff, the 1982 Institutional Self-Study of the library says.

The library's budget has increased at a 13.9 percent annual rate for the past 10 years.

With these resources, why do administrators, faculty and graduate students still call the library inadequate?

Though 1.5 million may seem like a large number of books, the library here is at least 600,000 volumes short, according to the Clapp-Jordan formula for evaluating university and research libraries. In other words, the library's collection con-

Aggie history in archives

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Reporter

If it's the history of Texas A&M or anything related to the University you want, then the University Archives on campus probably has it.

David Chapman, assistant archivist, encourages students to

tain only 66.7 percent of the volumes it should.

With about 40 volumes per student, Texas A&M ranks 25th among leading land-grant institutions. As a comparison, No. 1 Illinois has five

times as many (166 volumes per student), No. 8 Missouri has twice as many (77) and No. 16 Oklahoma State University has one and a half times as many (55).

Another school inevitably used

come and use this vast accumulation of historical information. "It's a great place to do a research paper, we've got so much material," he said.

The archives consists of three units: University Archives, His-

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for comparison is the University of Texas. The difference between the two libraries is about like the record on the football field where UT has won 63 of 90 match-ups. In the library rankings, Texas is No. 8 in the country with almost five million volumes, 90 per student. A&M is 72 places back, at No. 80, with fewer than 1.5 million volumes.

But the measure of the adequacy of a library doesn't depend solely on its rankings. A survey conducted as part of the self study says undergraduates are satisfied with the collection.

"However, as students mature, their level of satisfaction with all aspects of the library collection decreases, and only about 60 percent

of graduate students think the book and journal collection is adequate," the self-study says. "It may be concluded that, although Texas A&M's library is a relatively good undergraduate library, it is less than totally satisfactory as a graduate library. Only a little over half the responding faculty expressed approval of the adequacy of the book and journal holdings..."

University President Frank E. Vandiver expresses dismay over the collection. In his 1982 state of the University address he said the library needed a minimum of four million volumes to meet the University's needs.

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Israel refuses to free militia officials

United Press International

JERUSALEM — Israel Sunday rejected Lebanon's demand that it free four Lebanese Moslem militia leaders, casting a shadow over the future of talks on the withdrawal of an estimated 10,000 Israeli troops from southern Lebanon.

Lebanese newspaper reports said the future of the stalled talks rested on U.S. efforts to persuade Israel to free the four. They said Lebanon was willing to resume the negotiations Wednesday if the United States was successful.

A spokesman for the U.S. State Department in Washington said he

had no information on the reports and no independent confirmation was available.

The four detainees are officials of the Shiite Moslem Amal movement, which has been fighting the Israeli occupation of southern Lebanon, and were among 11 people arrested by Israeli troops Thursday in the city of Sidon.

The arrests came a day after Lebanon and Israel held the first round of their military-level talks on a pull-out of Israeli troops who invaded Lebanon in June 1982 to drive out the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Israel rejected the demand in a military communique, which called on Amal to halt attacks on Israeli troops during the negotiations.

Israel Radio said the government had contacted U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy, now on a Middle East shuttle mission, and Gen. William Callaghan, head of a U.N. peace-keeping force in southern Lebanon, on the possibility of resuming the talks.

Berri, under pressure from Moslem fundamentalists opposed to the Lebanese-Israeli talks, Friday said attacks on Israeli troops would continue. He also called for a general

strike Monday in southern Lebanon to protest the arrest of the Amal officials.

The four include Mahmoud Fakhri, head of Amal operations in southern Lebanon, whom the Israelis suspect of planning guerrilla attacks.

Israel has lost 601 troops since its 1982 invasion, many of them victims of almost daily attacks by Shiite Moslem guerrillas. A military spokesman in Tel Aviv said a soldier was critically wounded in an attack early Sunday on an Israeli patrol south of Sidon.

Free shuttle bus service to be provided for bonfire

Just as it is for the football games, concerts and other special events at Texas A&M, finding a place to park at bonfire is an impossible mission.

This year, however, the University Police Department is trying to improve the situation by providing free shuttle bus service Nov. 29 during bonfire.

That night, from 6:30 to 9:30, six shuttle buses will run continuously from Olsen Field to the bus stop on Throckmorton Street. People are encouraged to park in Parking Annex 60, across

from Olsen Field.

"Traffic is going to be a problem at bonfire," said Bob Wiatt, director of security and traffic for the University Police Department.

"We hope this service will help anyone who has to drive," Wiatt said. "This is our contribution to having a fun-filled evening without the hassle of traffic."

Wiatt said Parking Annex 60 can hold about 600 cars. Any overflow, he said, will be put in either Parking Annex 56 or 61.

SWAMP: rethinking tradition