



Philadelphia Vietnam Veterans Memorial

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The Big Brother

Charles T Hershey of Springfield Avenue, Southwest Philadelphia, "really enjoyed the status of 'the big brother, Hershey's sister remembered. When his youngest sister cut her own hair, he told her she was "the prettiest girl on the block," When another sister didn't like her prom date, he fixed her up with his best friend. Once, when speaking to his family from a hospital ship in



Charles T. Hershey

Vietnam, he asked if his brother was practicing baseball. "Chickie" Hershey graduated from West Catholic High School in 1965. He worked at Maura's hardware Store in Manayunk, and attended Drexel Institute of Technology at night. He was engaged to be married when he enlisted in the Army in April 1967. The 21-year-old sergeant was a squad leader in Company A of the 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), in Vietnam. He died in Quang Tri Province on Nov. 13, 1968. He

Concrete Got; Wall of Names Revealed

Workers have taken down the concrete backing for the granite panels depicting scenes from the Vietnam War. The panels, which are being stored on-site, will be re-installed on the new walls for the opening from Spruce Street. This is



the first time such a view has been available since the Memorial was dedicated in 1987. The "Got Concrete" campaign has resulted in more than 100 yards donated, which among other things is being used for the base on the new granite marker along Spruce Street and the new plaza for the Republic of Vietnam Heritage and Freedom Flag Monument on the south side of the site. Photos of the work on the site are available on the pvvm web site below.

<http://www.pvvm.org>

Memorial Turns to Crowd-Funding to Fill Gap

PVVM Fund Board Member Gerry Miller has launched a page on a popular crowd-funding web site, GoFundMe, to raise \$75,000 to help close a \$126,000 gap needed to complete the project in its entirety. Crowd-funding is an internet based tool that permits individuals to raise money for causes they support. It's easy to do and you can support Gerry by clicking on the following link.

www.gofundme.com/7rqclq

If you prefer, you can also help by following the link below directly to the donation page on our web site or by mailing a contribution to PVVMF, P.O. Box 18776, Philadelphia, PA 19132.

<http://www.active.com/donate/pvvm>.

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In addition to Memorial news and bios of the 646, you will be able to

was posthumously awarded the Silver Star. Survivors include his father, a brother and three sisters.

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<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Philadelphia-Vietnam-Veterans-Memorial/478560822159698>

Flags Needed for Memorial

A U.S. Navy Sea Cadet is collecting flags for the Memorial to replace those that become damaged. Weather and wind take a toll on flags.

Nathaniel Carroll, a George Washington High School sophomore and Sea Cadet, is seeking the following donated flags: US - 6X10 feet or 5.5X9 feet; POW 5X8, all Armed Services flags, 3X5. The flags can be delivered to Nathaniel at 1938 King Arthur Road, Philadelphia 19116 or call custodian Jim Moran at 267-973-0625. Nathaniel has promised to deliver flags monthly to the custodian and said "I want to make sure PVVM always has flags to honor and show the respect and dignity all our fallen heroes deserve." He will accept monetary donations as well.

Checks can be made out to PVVMF.

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