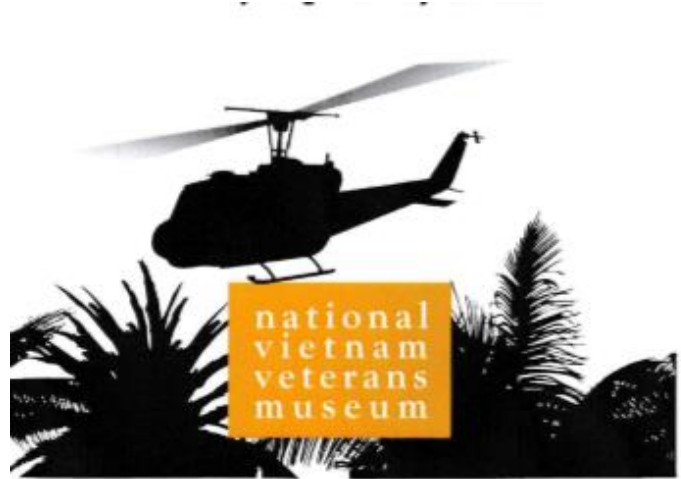


# national vietnam veterans museum



## **BEQUESTS**

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### **MISSION**

The Mission of the National Vietnam Veterans Museum is to remember, interpret and understand the experience of the veterans of the Vietnam era and the enduring impact of the war on society.

### **OUR MUSEUM**

The longest journey starts with the smallest step, and for our Museum, our journey started in 1996 with John & Krishna Methven towing a trailer around Australia telling the story of the Vietnam War.

Throughout that journey and the years that followed, the collection has grown from the contribution of artefacts and memorabilia from Veterans and their families.

Almost 60,000 Australians served in Vietnam and any one of them could have had the passion, commitment and dedication to have established the National Vietnam Veterans Museum and it could have been anywhere in Australia. But it wasn't founded by just anyone and it wasn't founded just anywhere. We know the story but John & Krishna started this journey and supported by a large team over the years, have achieved this incredible Museum we have today.

In some ways our location reflects the isolation from mainstream society felt by many Vietnam Veterans, but the soul of our Museum could never be closer to the spirit of our veterans. It has a unique sense of place. It's heart and soul is here and this is the spiritual home of Vietnam Veterans and it's here to stay.

Our Museum is a cathartic place for veterans to remember, talk, and reflect on a time and place that so significantly impacted their lives.

We are not a memorial of war, we are a custodian of their stories, this will be a place of

commemoration, of undeniable truth, of implicit trust, of pilgrimage, a resting place for our dead and a spiritual home for our living Veterans.

The story of our men and women who served and who sacrificed, in and after Vietnam, must be told accurately, without bias, without politics, and upholding the finest traditions of our defence force.

The Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia's motto is, "Honour the dead, but fight like hell for the Living". And what better way to do just that, by making a bequest to the National Vietnam Veterans Museum.

Making a bequest is not only a mark of deep honour and respect, but it would also be a tremendous contribution towards the legacy of Vietnam Veterans.

### **BEQUESTS**

At the National Vietnam Veterans Museum, bequest donors play an especially important role in creating a place that seeks to remember, interpret and relate the experience of the veterans of the Vietnam War and the enduring impact of the war on Australian society. Your bequest allows us to plan ahead and confidently pursue our aim for the benefit of all Australians now and in the future.

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### **THE NATIONAL VIETNAM VETERANS MUSEUM FOUNDATION**

The most effective way to make a bequest to the National Vietnam Veterans Museum is through our National Vietnam Veterans Museum Foundation.

The Foundation was created to help build a secure and independent financial base for the National Vietnam Veterans Museum.

All gifts (unless otherwise specified) are invested strategically, providing capital growth and ongoing income to strengthen the Museum's financial position.

Making a bequest through the National Vietnam Veterans Museum Foundation will maximise the value of your support and see the benefit of your generosity continue well beyond your lifetime.

The National Vietnam Veterans Museum Foundation has been endorsed under the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 as an income tax exempt charitable entity and deductible gift recipient.

### **MAKING A BEQUEST**

When forming your bequest plans, we encourage you to have a confidential discussion with our General Manager about creating a bequest that meets your personal goals for giving.

There are various options when making a bequest to the National Vietnam Veterans Museum Foundation; some of the most common are:

- A percentage bequest - This is often regarded as the most flexible way to give as you don't have to adjust the value of your gifts to account for inflation, or changes to your total assets.
- A residual bequest - This is a gift of whatever is left in your estate, after you have taken care of your loved ones.
- A specific or pecuniary bequest - Where you give a specific sum of money or asset.

All bequests are welcome, whatever the size, and there are no fees.

You will also need to consider whether you wish to designate the purpose of your gift or make an unrestricted bequest that can be used to support the area of greatest need. The examples below may assist your advisers when drafting your Will:

#### **Unrestricted Bequest:**

I give to the National Vietnam Veterans Museum Foundation (ABN 34 133 827 308), in Victoria, Australia, [the sum of \$\_\_\_\_] or [\_\_% of my estate], free of any tax or duty. Such sum is to be applied to the [general purposes] of the National Vietnam Veterans Museum Foundation and I direct that a receipt from an authorised officer of the National Vietnam Veterans Museum Foundation, shall be a good and sufficient discharge to my executors in respect of this gift.

#### **Specific Bequest:**

I give to the National Vietnam Veterans Museum Foundation (ABN 34 133 827 308), in Victoria, Australia, [the sum of \$\_\_\_\_] or [\_\_% of my estate], free of any tax or duty. Without creating a binding trust, I direct that the funds be used and applied for the purposes of \_\_\_\_\_ or if the purpose no longer exists then for a similar purpose at the discretion of the National Vietnam Veterans Museum Foundation. I direct that a receipt from an authorised officer of the National Vietnam Veterans Museum Foundation, shall be a good and sufficient discharge to my executors in respect of this gift.

The above examples should not be taken or relied upon as providing legal advice. You should make your own enquiries and seek your own independent legal advice on the wording of any bequest made in favour of the National Vietnam Veterans Museum Foundation.

We also strongly recommend you seek independent legal advice to ensure the validity of your Will and that it accurately reflects your intentions. We also strongly recommend you seek independent legal advice to ensure the validity of your Will and that it accurately reflects your intentions.

### **WE WOULD LIKE TO PERSONALLY THANK YOU**

The National Vietnam Veterans Museum greatly values the gifts, large and small, that help us fulfil our purpose.

We welcome the opportunity to thank our supporters and keep them updated on what is happening at the Museum, but often we don't learn about a bequest until it is too late to express our gratitude.

Please let us know about your decision to make a bequest to the National Vietnam Veterans Museum. It will give us the chance to thank you personally, to discuss your preferences for the application of the gift, and to share important news with you.

All discussions about bequests will be treated with the strictest confidence.

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**For more information about making a bequest  
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