



Veterans Memorial

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The City of Joshua is accepting applications for name spaces for the Joshua Veterans Memorial walls to honor our Veterans. Each name space will have three lines of information available. The veteran's name and information will be engraved into a customized plaque and set on granite below the corresponding branch of service.

Requirements for submittal:

- * Veterans must have an Honorable or General-Under Honorable Conditions Discharge
- * A copy of the service members DD214 or other official paperwork
- * Service member's dedicatory Information
- * A payment of \$100.00 *(waived)*
- * Completed application form

Incomplete applications will not be accepted. **All submissions are contingent upon City Council approval.** Applications will be collected and approved on an annual basis. Engraving will be scheduled, and a ceremony will be scheduled on Memorial Day.

Section 1 - Veteran's Information			
Rank <i>Lt. Col.</i>	First Name <i>William "Bill"</i>	Middle Initial <i>R.</i>	Last Name <i>Horton</i>
Military Branch - Chose One <input checked="" type="radio"/> Army <input type="radio"/> Navy <input type="radio"/> Marine <input type="radio"/> Air Force <input type="radio"/> Coast Guard			Please circle if applicable <i>family member</i> <input checked="" type="radio"/> KIA <input type="radio"/> POW <input type="radio"/> MIA
Dates of Active Service <i>6/1/59 - 5/24/76</i>			Is this Veteran receptive to a phone call for information regarding their dedicatory information? <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Wars and Campaigns Served <i>1 tour in Germany (36 mos.) 2 tours in Vietnam (34 mos. total) Vietnam War</i>			Medals, Awards and Honors: <i>see attached (page 2)</i>

Section 2 - Veteran's Dedicatory Information as it will appear on the wall	
Fill out the template below to indicate how you request the veteran's dedicatory information to be displayed on the wall.	
Line 1 Rank abbreviation - First & Last Name (initial permitted if spacing allows)	
Line 2 Dates of Service	
Line 3 Wars/campaigns served/medals & honors received. There will be one space used between each abbreviation of military honors. *Please note that the official military abbreviations will be used for consistency. See example	
Example: COL John A Doe 1968-1988 Vietnam NDSM VCM	
Line 1	<i>Lt. Col. William "Bill" Horton</i>
Line 2	<i>6/1/59 - 5/24/76</i>
Line 3	<i>Test pilot for U.S. Army (both fixed-wing & rotary)</i>

Section 3 - Purchaser's Information			
Name <i>Ray Horton</i>	Phone Number [REDACTED]		
Address [REDACTED]	City <i>Joshua</i>	State <i>TX</i>	Zip <i>76058</i>
Email [REDACTED]	Alternate Phone Number [REDACTED]		
Signature of Purchaser <i>Ray Horton</i>	Date <i>1/6/23</i>		

Awards & Decoration:

Parachute Badge	Army Aviator Badge	National Defense Service Medal	Vietnamese Service Medal
Air Medal (24)	Air Medal w/V	Bronze Star w/2 clusters	Army Commendation Medal
Distinguished Flying Cross		Senior Army Aviator Badge	Master Army Aviator Badge
Distinguished Flying Cross		Combat Infantry Badge	Meritorious Service Medal
Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry w/Silver Palm			Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry w/Silver Star

LTC William Ray Horton

LTC Horton was born in Abilene, Texas, December 16, 1936. He graduated from Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene in 1959, having majored in mathematics and chemistry. He was named an ROTC Distinguished Military Graduate and was commissioned in the Field Artillery June 1, 1959. He earned a Master of Science Degree in Aerospace Operations Management from the University of Southern California in 1971.

He served a three-year tour in Germany and two tours in Vietnam, totaling thirty-four months. In Germany, his assignments included that of a Field Artillery Battery Commander and in Vietnam, he was commander of general support aviation with the Fifth Special Force Group and First Cavalry Division and commander of a CH-47 Chinook Company. He also served as an aviation battalion executive officer in Vietnam. Other assignments were that of an Assistant Secretary of the General's Staff and Chief Protocol Officer at Fort Rucker, Alabama.

"Bill" was rated in January, 1961. He was a Senior Army Aviator with over 4,000 flight hours, equally divided between fixed-wing and rotary aircraft and was an instrument flight examiner. He graduated from the US Naval Test Pilot School in November 1970, class 56, and was assigned to the US Army Aviation Engineering Flight Activity at Edwards AFB from February 1972 until his death May 26, 1976. At the time of his death, he was Test Director of the UTIAS (Utility Tactical Transport Aircraft System) Program. (Boeing Vertol's YUH-61A and Sikorsky's YUH-60A.) It was the largest contract that had ever been awarded the Army. In addition to the Army Test Team, a Navy Test Team was also assigned to him. He served on the Evaluation Board to select a new attack helicopter for the Army, spending ten months in St. Louis, the US Army Aviation Systems Command. He also was Test Director for Bell's (Fort Worth) 214 Evaluation and tested the Blackhawk gun ship, world's fastest helicopter. His final flight was in a T-42A Beech twin engine aircraft which lost an engine and crashed in the Sierra Mountains fifteen miles southwest of Bishop, California. With him were Captain Michael Hawley, a West Point graduate engineer and Private Alan Schardijn. He was a member of the Society of Experimental Test Pilots..

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THIS MEMORIAL IS
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THE MEMORY OF ALL
U.S. ARMY FLIGHT TEST
CREWMEMBERS WHO
LOST THEIR LIVES IN
SUPPORT OF
EXPERIMENTAL
FLIGHT TESTING

11 AUGUST 1970
MAJ RICHARD AUSTIN

22 FEBRUARY 1970
MAJ FREDERICK F

CPT KENNETH F

26 MAY 1970
CPT MICHAEL A

LTC WILLIAM A

PV2 ALAN C

13 JUNE 1970
MAJ DOUGLAS L

12 AUGUST 1970
MAJ JAMES M

11 AUGUST 1983
MAJ RICHARD D JOHNSON
LTC AUSTIN K VEATCH JR

22 FEBRUARY 1974 OV-1
MAJ FREDERICK D DANILOFF
CPT KENNETH F SCHRANTZ JR

26 MAY 1976 T-42
CPT MICHAEL A HAWLEY
LTC WILLIAM R HORTON
PV2 ALAN C SCHARDIJN

12 JUNE 1981 AH-1
MAJ DOUGLAS L DOWD

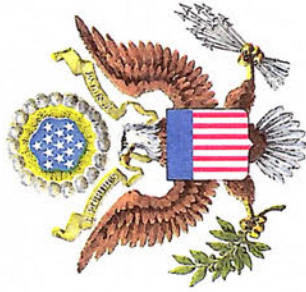
19 AUGUST 1983 AH-1
MAJ JAMES M O'BRIEN

24 APRIL 1986 L-13
CW3 PETER G PETERSEN

16 JULY 1992 C-23
DAC WILLIAM Y ABBOTT
MAJ MICHAEL B FARMER
DAC ROBERT D ROBBINS

20 JULY 1992 V-22
CW4 (RET) PATRICK J SULLIVAN

Honorable Service



in the Armed Forces of the United States of America

In grateful Memory of

LIEUTENANT COLONEL WILLIAM RAY HORTON

*Who Died while in the Service of our Country
as a Member of the*

United States Army

on the 26TH day of MAY 1976 This certificate is awarded
as a testimonial of Honest and Faithful Service

Martin R. Hoffman
Secretary of the Army