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**EXHIBIT TO ACCOMPANY VIETNAM TRAVELING MEMORIAL WALL
AT CHENNAULT AVIATION AND MILITARY MUSEUM**

Secretary of State Tom Schedler is announcing the opening of a special exhibit, "Reflections of the Vietnam War," on Tuesday, Nov. 6 in conjunction with the display of the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall in the Pardue Room at the Chennault Aviation and Military Museum. Designed and executed by staff member Davis Haywood, the exhibit includes soldiers' letters, uniforms, helmets, weapons, first aid kits, mess kits and news stories.

"I am honored that the Museum is once again hosting the Wall," said Secretary Schedler. "It's an outstanding tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice in defending our nation."

The Wall will be on display from Friday, Nov. 9 through Wednesday, Nov. 14. The schedule of events is as follows:

Friday, Nov. 9
9:30 a.m.

Patriots Parade from Monroe Regional Airport to Chennault Aviation and Military Museum featuring honored guests, bands and Patriot Guard Riders motorcycles.

10:30 a.m.

Opening ceremony with Secretary of State Tom Schedler; Sammy L. Davis, Congressional Medal of Honor recipient and Vietnam veteran (courtesy of Woodmen of the World); and George Patton Waters, grandson of World War II hero Gen. George Patton. Wall open 24 hours, security posted, counselors available. Museum open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for self-guided tours.

Saturday, Nov. 10

Wall open 24 hours, security posted, counselors available. Museum open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for self-guided tours.

Sunday, Nov. 11

Wall open 24 hours, security posted. Museum open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for self-guided tours.

3 p.m.

Veterans Day Ceremony: Maj. Gen. Hunt Downer, retired, guest speaker; AT-6 vintage airplane Missing Man fly-over.

4 p.m.

Veterans and their families served meal (courtesy of Chase Bank).

5 p.m.

Lighting of Veterans Freedom Christmas Tree on Museum lawn opening “Christmas on the River” holiday season events.

Monday, Nov. 12

Wall open 24 hours, security posted, counselors available. Museum open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 13

Wall open 24 hours, security posted, counselors available. Museum open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 14

Wall open until 4 p.m., security posted, counselors available; Museum open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

4 p.m.

Closing ceremony: Iraqi War veteran Raymond Downs presents “A Soldier’s Tribute.”

For more information about the Chennault Aviation and Military Museum, call 318.362.5540, email nell.calloway@sos.la.gov or visit www.sos.la.gov/camm. For more information about the Friends of the Chennault Aviation and Military Museum, visit www.chennaultmuseum.org.

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