SHSU HEROES
November 8-12, 2010
LSC Art Gallery
The Veterans Resource Center and the Collegiate Veterans Association would like to welcome you to the SHSU Heroes exhibit. On display are pictures and biographies of currently serving alumni, students, faculty, and staff of SHSU. Also included are family members of university faculty, staff, and students who are current serving or are veterans. Through other generous contributions, you are invited to view several valuable and historic pieces of military memorabilia.

This exhibit is dedicated to honoring those members of the Sam Houston State University family who have served, or continue to serve, our country through military service.
We invite you to be a part of the display by wearing a yellow ribbon.

Family Tradition
Display of a Yellow Ribbon is a sign of loyalty to family, friends or loved ones away in the military, or to welcome them home.

Background
Did you ever wonder where the Yellow Ribbon Support Tradition came from? Many think it came from the 1973 Tony Orlando and Dawn all-time classic: “Tie a Yellow Ribbon Round the Ole Oak Tree.” Actually it came from the Classic 1949 Movie with John Wayne “She Wore A Yellow Ribbon” directed by John Ford that stars John Wayne. The female lead wore the yellow ribbon to express her undying love for a cavalry officer. The Cavalry uniform pants had a yellow stripe down the side; thus the yellow ribbon.
SUPPORT
SHSU HEROES

Please make a donation to the
Veterans Resource Center.
You will be supporting
Veterans and their families at
Sam Houston State University.

BECOME A FRIEND OF
THE VETERANS
RESOURCE CENTER!
Name: KC David
Branch: United States Army

K.C. has two brothers, Brandon and Kash, that attend SHSU. His youngest brother Kash plays football for the Bearkats.

K.C. David is a Medic in the Green Berets. His parents are Tim and Lynda David. He has 4 brothers and one sister. K.C. is a bearkat fan and has worn this cap throughout his 2 1/2 years of training to become a Green Beret. This cap deployed with K.C. in October. His one regret about deploying at this time was that he has to miss the remaining Bearkat football season.

Upon graduation from high school in 2001, K.C. received a baseball scholarship to college. After September 11, K.C. came home and joined the military. He joined the Air Force for 2 years but then realized he wanted to be a member of the US Special Forces so he changed military branches and joined the Army. K.C. is married and has a wife named Erin. K.C. continues to wear his SHSU hat daily to show his support of the Bearkats!
The POW/MIA Table

You may notice this small table here in a place of honor. It is set for one. This table is our way of symbolizing that members of our profession of arms are missing from our midst. They are commonly called POW's or MIA's...we call them comrades.

They are unable to be with us this evening and so we remember them.

This table set for one is small... it symbolizes the frailty of one prisoner against his oppressors.

The table cloth is white... it symbolizes the purity of their intentions to respond to their country's call to arms.

The single rose displayed in a vase reminds us of the families and loved ones of our comrades in arms who keep faith awaiting their return.

The red ribbon tied so prominently on the vase is reminiscent of the red ribbon worn on the lapel and breasts of thousands who bear witness to their unyielding determination to demand a proper accounting for our missing.

A slice of lemon is on the bread plate... to remind us of their bitter fate.

There is salt upon the bread plate... symbolic of the family's tears as they wait.

The glass is inverted... they cannot toast with us tonight.

The chair is empty... they are not here.

The candle is reminiscent of the light of hope, which lives in our hearts to illuminate their way home, away from their captors, to open arms of a grateful nation.

The American Flag reminds us so that many of them may never return, and have paid the supreme sacrifice to insure our freedom.

Remember... all of you who served with them and called them comrades, who depended on their might and aid, and relied on them... for surely... they have not forsaken you

"FREEDOM IS NOT FREE"
FALLEN BEARKATS

08 JUN 1990: CPT Norris G. McNicola (USMC ROTC Class of 1989)
A/C crashed and died while on a training flight from St. Petesburg. Crash caused by T/H failure when the tail broke off under the wing striking the tail rotor.

06 SEP 1989: FERGUSON, D., James R., of Yakima, WA.
Died in an accident at Yakima Air Field. Yakima, WA. He was assigned as a platoon leader of A Battery, 1st Battalion, 68th Air Defense Artillery, Fort Lewis, WA. and died while participating in a training exercise. He was commissioned in the U.S. Army in the 1960s, through the ROTC program. At his funeral his wife told us that she had him dressed in his boots and black forest green by USMC (I'm back then).

Blackhawk helicopter crashed and burned in Germany, while attempting to land at Fruedlesdorf, N.J. The cause of the accident was an imbalance between the two external, wing-mounted fuel tanks. CPT Downes was the assistant and head of the ROTC unit at Fordham University in 1969.

1 Apr 2003: CPT Alfred C. Noltehman (USMC Class of 1971, former ROTC Cadet)
He was killed in Iraq on 1 April 2003 while working as a security contractor for a California based construction company traveling in a convoy that was attacked near Fallujah. At one of the US Army Reserve Civil Affairs Command and had recently completed a tour in Afghanistan. There was a USMC Vets scholarship named after him.

08 Nov 2003: CPT Randy J. Johnson, USMC Class of 2000
CPT Johnson was killed in action in Mosul, Iraq by suicide bomber during dismounted vehicle operations. He was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Division.

NEVER FORGET!