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## VIRGINIA WAR MUSEUM NEW VIETNAM WAR EXHIBIT

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. (August 10, 2018) – In honor of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War, The Virginia War Museum will be opening a temporary exhibit "Beyond Tet: The Vietnam War 1968-9," on Friday August 24, 2018, honoring the Men and Women who served during those critical years of the Vietnam War. The Exhibit contains significant artifacts never previously displayed at the museum, including Admiral John S. McCain's uniform, Special Forces uniforms and equipment as well as items relating to the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Vietnamese and allied contingents. It will also highlight the stories and experiences of Vietnam Veterans from the Hampton Roads area. The Gallery is being dedicated to LTC Mel Bailey a Vietnam Veteran of the 1st Aviation Brigade as well as one of the museum's most dedicated volunteers and advocates, who passed away in July 2018 and assisted greatly in the preparation of this exhibit as well as every other renovation during the past decade.

The gallery is open daily and is free with regular Museum admission (\$8.00 Adults/\$7.00 Active Duty Service Personnel/\$7.00 Senior Citizens and \$6.00 for Children ages 7 to 18.

For more information, visit the museum's website <u>www.warmusuem.org</u> or call 757-247-8523.