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### **PEACE AND REMEMBRANCE MARCH**

**24 – 27 MAY, 2017**

Once again I will be making the 80 mile march from Raton to The Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Angel Fire. This is my 9<sup>th</sup> time making this march. I do this to demonstrate my support of all Men and Women currently Serving in the military, all Veterans of all Wars, their Families, and also the POW/MIAs' and their Families. By making the self sacrifice involved in this March I hope to Honor them all.

I am seeking donations to be given to the David Westphall Veterans Foundation. These donations will allow them to continue the wonderful work they do for the Veterans and The Memorial in Angel Fire. I will present all donations upon my arrival at the Memorial on May 27, 2017. If you would like to make a donation to this worthy cause, make your check Payable to the David Westphall Veterans Foundation. Please mail your donation to 646 Galisteo Ave. Raton, or you can drop them off at the Raton Regional Aquatic Center. All donations must be received by

May 22, 2017. For more information call me 575-445-3881.

As this will be the last time I make this March, I would like to give them a large donation amount. The last time I did this in 2012 I presented them with donations

of \$1500. Please if you can make a donation to this worthy cause.

Yours in appreciation,

COL. (RET) Gilbert N. San Roman



### **What is this March?**

It is a march that I founded in 1982. Local Vietnam Veterans Made the March from Raton and Springer that year. We marched to the Memorial in Angel Fire.

I again made the march in 1983 with 2 other Veterans. I have since made this march in 1987, 1992, 1997, 2002, 2007, 2012, and this year. The number of participants has dwindled due to age and physical limitations. That is why this will be the last march.

It is for Peace, as those who have faced war, pray for peace and to Remember those who paid the ultimate Sacrifice as well as the POW/MIA issue and the families. It is not a huge event, I raise donations and give them to the David Westphall Veterans Fund.

It is a place of healing for Vietnam Veterans. The memorial was started by Dr. Victor Westphall whose son David was KIA in Vietnam in 1968. He started the Memorial with the death insurance money.

Many Thousands of people have visited it over the years. It is quite a Memorial, like I said it is a place of healing and Peace for Vietnam Veterans and their families. They have Ceremonies every Memorial Day at the Memorial.

It was how I came to find peace from my wartime experiences. You have a lot of time to think over 80 miles.

Here is a link that gives more info on the Memorial.  
[https://www.facebook.com/AngelFireMemorial/?hc\\_ref=PAGES\\_TIMELINE&fref=nf](https://www.facebook.com/AngelFireMemorial/?hc_ref=PAGES_TIMELINE&fref=nf)

It's day to day operations still run on donations. I am seeking donations to the David Westphall Veterans Fund is why I sent you the email. It is legitimate, not a scam. I will be turning 64 in June so this will be the last time I make this March.

Like I said it is not a big event, my way of giving back and remembering and honoring those who served, those who died, those still missing, and the families.

I hope this helps.

Gilbert

601<sup>st</sup> Photo The Rat Pack 72-74

[I (the editor) checked out the organization's Facebook page and found this:]

[David Westphall Veterans Foundation](#), November 8, 2015

As Veterans Day approaches, we're sending out highest regards and appreciation to Vietnam veteran GILBERT SAN ROMAN, who has made his Peace and Remembrance March -- from Raton to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial State Park in Angel Fire, NM -- every five years since 1982, in a very personal effort to raise funds for the Memorial. In 2012, his march raised about \$1500, which he delivered to the David Westphall Veterans Foundation. He covers 84.1 miles in each of these marches to "honor all soldiers who never came home, their families, the POW/MIA's and their families, for all Veterans of all wars and their families, and for peace so our brave men and women serving in uniform around the globe can return to their families." Today we honor you and say Thank You and Welcome Home! (Photo by KRTN Multi-Media, taken in November 2014 at the dedication of Veterans Park in Raton, where Gilbert was guest speaker)

If you wish to contribute:

Make your check Payable to the:

David Westphall Veterans Foundation.

Mail your donation to:

Gilbert San Roman, 646 Galisteo Ave, Raton, NM 87740