

Board Report
May 2021
Education – Stephan

- I will be away for the museum for the next two weeks. First to provide Interpretive Programming as part of the Georgia Humanities & Georgia State Parks Tricentennial Speaker Series, celebrating 300 years of Georgia's First Fort, Fort King George. This 12-part series highlights the history of Darien, Georgia and its impact on American and World History. My program is Part 5 in the series with a particular focus on the 19th Century Timber Industry and the Rafter Culture of South Georgia. I will then be traveling to provide a refresher Interpretation & Guest Services Training course at the Moab Museum in Moab, Utah, as they will be reopening to the public on June 1st. I have also been consulting with them on interpretive programming related to the traveling exhibit: *A World Transformed: The Transcontinental Railroad and Utah* from the Utah Division of Arts & Museums' Traveling Exhibitions Program which will have an exhibit opening on June 1, 2021
- We have recently confirmed that in conjunction with the National African American RV Association National Rally to be held at Cam-Plex July 18-25, 2021, Ms. Joyce Jefferson will be here at the Rockpile Museum as our Artist-In-Residence from July 19-24. She will present Living History programs as part of our *Black & Yellow Theatre: Voices of the Powder River Basin* program throughout that week. All programs will be open to the public and participants of the NAARVA National Rally. *STAY TUNED* as we will hopefully have some further updates on programming related to this week as well.
- Robert and I have been consulting with Wayne Worthen to further flesh-out an exhibit that will tell the story of Campbell County connections to Vietnam. The exhibit will ideally open to the public in August, in advance of the American Veterans Traveling Tribute (AVTT) Wall that will be here in Gillette, September 9-12, 2021. This exhibit will feature Walis Garst (16W/95, Army), Craig Marrington (17W/97, Army), and Robert Rogers (26E/31, USMC) as the anchor for the exhibit, while we intend to incorporate items from other Vietnam Vets of Campbell County that they took to Vietnam or brought back from Vietnam that will help illustrate their stories and connection for guests who witness the exhibit.
- The National Association for Interpretation notified me on April 21st that 7 out of 10 attendees to the Rockpile Museum's NAI Certified Interpretive Guide training workshop in February 2021 passed all requirements of the course and were officially Certified through NAI on April 20, 2021. I believe Robert has shared the official feedback and Instructor Evaluations of me, with all of you already. If not, or if you have any further questions please don't hesitate to reach out to me.