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**When:** Saturday May 25,2024

**Destination:** Vietnam Memorial, 34 Country Club Road, Angle Fire, NM

**Meet time:** 7:30am

**Meet location:** Target – Paseo & I-25

**Departure time:** 7:45am

Route: Two beautiful routes cannot be driven due to some serious DOT road construction being done on HWY 434 out of Mora to Angel Fire And the HWY leading from Taos to Angel Fire.

Depart for the La Ba Jada Rest Stop at 7:45 and arrive by 8:30. We will leave the rest stop at 8:45 for Las Vegas. Our caravan will by-pass Las Vegas and continue on I-25 to Wagon Mound. Passing Wagon Mound, we continue to Springer and exit on 419, then take HYW 58 to Cimarron. We will turn left on HWY 94 and head for Eagle Nest and Angel Fire for the Memorial.

I am still working on the parking. The Memorial took one of the parking lots and is building a smaller version of the Vietnam wall that will be in D. C., and they will probably not be finished in time. I am trying to secure other spots. Here comes the tough part. **I will need a final head count to secure parking NO LATER THAN Thursday May 9th 2024.** As I said earlier, the Memorial will be a busy this day so please let Mary know if you are attending and how many people will be with you.

I told the memorial management that we **will not** be disrupting the celebration by lifting the car hoods and having any lovely women hanging out to show the cars 🚗.

Lunch:

Before we leave the site for lunch, I want to read a poem to close out our visit here today.

We will be dining at J&Rs Fun Bakery and Cafe at 3453 Mountain View #1 in Angel Fire@ 2:00pm.

Wind: the wind constantly blows at the Memorial so I suggest that the women might wear a hat to keep their hair looking gorgeous and a wind breaker. The men who don't have any hair might lather up with sun screen and hope for the best.

### **Memorial History**

In the 1960s Victor Westphalia (Doc) as he wanted to be called and his wife Jeanne purchased over 800 Acres of land named the Val Verde Ranch near Angel Fire with the intentions of building a resort consisting of houses a golf Course and Swimming pool and tennis Court, but their plans took a sudden change when on May 22 1968 their eldest son Lt. David Westphalia and fifteen of his men were ambushed and killed at Con Thien just South of the DMZ. David was laid to rest in the Santa Fe National cemetery In June of 1968. Miss Westphalia suggested to Doc to use their son's death insurance to build a memorial in their sons name and the fifteen other men that died with David. There is a sad note about this, and David could not be exhumed and place with his parents at their grave site. I am not sure why.

I am so proud to have had the pleasure of bringing you to this beautiful location and I hope you enjoy this gorgeous setting and the gathering of men and women showing reverence with their soft voices and their tears for their lost friends, husbands, brother's and fathers.

Thanks,  
Bob Parnell  
Activities

