

Denver Veterans Day Parade Event

After Action

After an early start (7AM), We got the Museum set up and we were ready to go by 0930. We had a few visitors before the Parade started at 10:00.



At 11:45 the wind came up, just about the time the Parade ended. We were scrambling to take down the tent and put away the T-Shirts and other memorabilia when quite a few people from the parade plus bystanders came by the trailer and took refuge inside. Rick remarked, "that he had not seen that many people in the Museum in a long long while".

In the mean time because the wind intensified, the event organizers came by and told us we would have shut down. We could see from a distance many canopies were flying. So with tears in our eyes, we began taking down the rest of the display despite having a whole lot of visitors still in the trailer. Helping out were Rick Beaver, Carl and Barbara Cavalluzzi, Dale House, Phil Lanphier, Mike Poindexter, Terry Olson, and Ben Prieb.

Still, we did had quite a few visitors and had a whole lot of fun with our guests. We taught them how to fly the Huey, put the helmet on them to make them "Real Helicopter Pilots", and passed around the Chicken Plate.



I was with a retired Airforce Couple and responded to the question, "How did you get in the Army"?. Of course, I took them on a journey from our "Time Line". The Brochure's and the Draft Notice Provided the explanation. Then, for some unexplained reason, that led us into the first lines from the Fix'n to Die Rag by Country Joe and the Fish. Another visitor joined in and soon we were all singing the first lines to the Song:

c'mon on all you big strong men
Uncle Sam needs your help again
he's got himself in a terrible jam
way down yonder in Vietnam
so put down your books and pick up a gun
we're gonna have a whole lot of fun

We had a lot of fun till we had to leave. I gave a call to Dennis Poirier to come get the trailer which came several hours before we were to leave. Dennis said it would be about an hour and a half. So, we decided to get a cup of coffee when we discovered all the other vendors had already left. McDonalds was only a block away, so off we went. Soon Dennis came and took the Museum away to be used another day.

