

## Veterans Tribute Airshow and Texas Historical Commission Marker Dedication

### Camp Billy Machen Memorial Park

Honoring

### Billy Wayne Machen



Petty Officer Machen was the first US Navy SEAL killed in Vietnam. He died of wounds received in an ambush when he exposed himself to enemy fire to protect his teammates.

Thursday, October 17, 2024

2:30 - 4:30 PM

1707 Machen Lane

Lake Gilmer, Texas 75644

- 1:30 pm Gates open. Free admission. Free parking. Bring lawn chairs.
- 2:30 pm Motorcade Vietnam helicopters, Historical Military Motor Vehicles, East Texas Patriot Guard
- 3:00 pm Posting of the Colors, Gilmer High School AFJROTC  
National Anthem, Buckeye Band  
B-52 Salute From The 93rd Bomb Squadron, Barksdale AFB, LA
- Welcome, Steve Dean, Captain USAF Retired  
Invocation, Mike Kessler, Pastor, First Baptist Church  
Upshur County Judge Todd Tefteller, Proclamation and Resolution  
State Representative Cole Hefner, Texas House of Representatives  
US Congressman Nathaniel Moran
- Armed Forces Medley, Buckeye Band
- 3:30 pm Keynote Speaker Alan Metzler, Coach, Texas State Champion Gilmer Buckeyes
- Unveiling of the Texas State Historical Marker  
The Family of Billy Machen
- Posting the Navy SEAL Flag  
Veterans Band of Brothers and AFJROTC
- Anchors Away Buckeye Band
- 4:00 pm VETERANS TRIBUTE AIRSHOW \* MISSING MAN FORMATION