



NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY

Let's gather, remember, and celebrate National Vietnam War Veterans Day.

WHEN: Monday, March 29, 2021 at NOON.

WHERE: Vietnam Memorial, Wesley Bolin Memorial Park, Phoenix, Arizona

WHY: To thank Vietnam veterans and commemorate their service in the Vietnam War and to recognize the service and duty rendered by all servicemen and women of this era.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: It is preferable you wear a mask as we are still in a pandemic, but we will be outside and observing spacing. No food or beverages will be served, and the nearest toilets are in the Capitol Building across the street.

PROGRAM: Informal gathering, a few speeches, recognition of Vietnam service

On March 29, 1973, combat and combat support units withdrew from South Vietnam, and returning Vietnam veterans did not always receive respectful welcomes home. Now, Vietnam Veterans are gaining respect that was not so freely given upon their return. The war involved five U.S. presidents, 500,000 U.S. military personnel, lasted nearly two decades, and left an indelible mark on the American psyche.

National Vietnam War Veterans Day on March 29 honors the men and women who served and sacrificed during the longest conflict in United States history. Over 58,000 gave their lives serving their country. Their performance was outstanding, defeating the Communist aggressors in all the main battles, and it forced the enemy to sign a peace treaty. The biased media, academia, and others defamed their service as they returned home in 1973. In 1975, the Communists conquered Saigon two years after U.S. forces left.

March 29 honors Vietnam Veterans on the anniversary of the withdrawal of military units from South Vietnam. President Donald Trump signed the Vietnam War Veterans Day Act on March 28, 2017, calling for U.S. flags to be flown on March 29 for those who served.

Col. Joe and Oscar