



THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA VIETNAM WAR COMMEMORATION



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Dear Commemorative Partners,

We are now just 3 weeks from [Welcome Home! A Nation Honors our Vietnam Veterans and Their Families!](#)

Join us May 11-13 in Washington, D.C. on the National Mall at both the JFK Hockey Fields and West Potomac Park (map at right) as we honor Vietnam veterans and their enduring legacy of service, and welcome them home! Festivities commence **Thursday, May 11 at 11 a.m.** with an Opening Ceremony at the west end of the JFK Hockey Fields. A ribbon-cutting with special remarks and a **flyover** by four Vietnam War period Huey helicopters in 4-ship formation formally opens **Camp Legacy**.



*Aerial View of Welcome Home locations on the National Mall.
(Original photo courtesy of National Park Service)*

This **3-day interactive, immersive experience**, which runs from **10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily**, will highlight the legacy of our Vietnam veterans, and the contributions of individual citizens, our allies, the Services and nongovernmental organizations during the Vietnam War period. It will feature daily performances by various drill teams, bands and musicians; highlight national and military historical museum exhibits, including Vietnam veteran-centric association and group exhibits; eight different panel discussions; daily afternoon precision **parachute drops** by the [U.S. Army Golden Knights](#); two areas showcasing six Vietnam War period static displays (four Huey helicopters and two vehicles); a Veterans Services Hub; Continuing Legacy Hub; rally points for veterans and their families to gather; and sunset performances by military service bands and drill teams closing out each day. **Saturday's 1 p.m. Welcome Home celebration** will be co-hosted by NFL legend and broadcaster Joe Theismann, and former Miss America and ESPN reporter Sharlene Wells Hawkes, as well as other special guests. It will include a flyover, multimedia effects, jumbotrons, narration, singing, military bands and guest performers all honoring our Vietnam veterans and their families. View the [complete schedule](#), daily breakdown on our [Welcome Home page](#), as well as maps and “getting there” information on our [resources page](#).

More than **90 organizations** are participating, including Vietnam Veterans of America, Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Sons and Daughters in Touch, American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., Gold Star Wives of America, Department of Veterans Affairs, United Service Organizations (USO), American Legion, Honor Flight Network, Wreaths Across America, Smithsonian Institution, Stars and Stripes, Rolling Thunder, our military service branches and allies *to name a few!* See the full list via [Welcome Home](#) or our [Media Kit](#).

If you are unable to attend in person, we encourage you to **host watch parties** as we live-stream Thursday's Opening Ceremony and Saturday's Welcome Home celebration via our [Facebook page](#). **See you there!**

~ The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration Staff ~

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