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NH Veterans Home holds Vietnam War Veterans Day Ceremony

TILTON, NH: Veterans throughout the state and the general public are invited to attend the New Hampshire Veterans Home's (NHVH) Vietnam War Veterans Day ceremony on Friday, March 29th at 11:00 a.m. at 139 Winter Street in Tilton, NH. This special observance commemorates the hardships suffered and sacrifices made by three million Americans during the Vietnam War as well as their families who supported them.

Nancy Warner and Terry Farish, keynote speakers, will represent the 625 Red Cross Sisters who served in Vietnam as 'Donut Dollies'. Their address will explain their mission and honor their Brothers who served in the military as well as their Sisters who served alongside them with the Red Cross. The ceremony will take place in the Home's 'Town Hall' great room, accessible via entrance at the corner of Winter Street and Colby Road in Tilton.

In 2012, President Obama signed a presidential proclamation designating March 29 as the annual observance of Vietnam War Veterans Day. The signing of the proclamation marked the anniversary of the departure of the last American troops from Vietnam on March 29, 1973. The NHVH is currently home to 71 Vietnam Era Veterans who served in the Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, Army National Guard and Air National Guard.

Additional speakers will also honor those who served to provide the 'Welcome Home' soldiers did not receive when returning from deployment overseas. The Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 41 and Service Credit Union are providing sponsorship for the event.

The New Hampshire Veterans Home is home to men and women veterans who have served their country and fellow New Hampshire citizens. NHVH was established in Tilton in 1890 as the Soldier's Home for Civil War Veterans and is a recipient of the Quality of Life Award from the NH Department of Health & Human Services, the Business Inspiration Award from the Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce, and the Platinum Veteran-Friendly Business award from the Department of Military Affairs & Veterans Services. The mission of NHVH is to provide high quality, professional long-term care services to the Granite State's elderly and disabled veterans with dignity, honor, and respect. NHVH is the State's only longterm care facility dedicated exclusively to veterans. For more information, call (603) 527-4400 or visit www.nh.gov/veterans, www.facebook.com/nhveteranshome.

Photos:



The Southern New Hampshire University Color Guard posts Colors at the start of the Home's Vietnam War Veterans Day ceremony in 2023.



Members of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 41 gather at the Home's 2023 Vietnam War Veterans Day ceremony. Paul Lloyd, NHVH Board Chairman, led the ceremony and is pictured on the left, back row, adjacent to Ray Goulet, Chapter President.



Robert "Bobby" McKeen III, US Army Korean and Vietnam War Veteran, shares a picture of a lifelong friend he met while serving in Vietnam.



Rita Landry, US Air Force Korean Conflict veteran, studies facts about the Vietnam War during the Home's Vietnam War Veterans Day ceremony in 2023.