

Broomfield Vietnam Veterans Symposium

VIETNAM WAR SYMPOSIUM - 60th ANNIVERSARY



Join over a dozen local Vietnam War veterans in an all-day symposium as they recount their experiences from 60 years ago. Learn what the war was *really* like from the men and women who were there.

SPECIAL FEATURED SPEAKER:

Marine Aviator Lt. Col. Orson Swindle

Shot down over North Vietnam • Cellmate with John McCain
in the infamous "Hanoi Hilton" POW camp for six years

SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2025

9 A.M. - 4 P.M.

Free Admission

Broomfield Civic Auditorium

Sponsored by the Veterans Museum Broomfield

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The City & County of Broomfield

Over 300 Vietnam Veterans gathered at the Broomfield Auditorium to hear veterans of the Vietnam War talk about their experiences. The Symposium featured speakers from all facets of the War including Terre Deegan Young (Donut

Dolly), RMC Vice President and DFC recipient Bill Bates, and Lt. Col. Orson Swindle who had been shot down on his last mission over North Vietnam. He was captive for over 7 years and at one point, Senator John McCain was his cell mate at the Hanoi Hilton for a couple of those years. Despite the horrific treatment the POW's received, he had these words to pass on to the youth of our nation, "Don't ever give up on America".





RMC Vice President and DFC recipient Bill Bates made a presentation about his tour in Vietnam. He presented two stories which became Articles in the Aviator and the DFC magazine.

The Event was Sponsored by the Broomfield Veterans Museum. As I mentioned before, the event was well attended. We had a table set up in the foyer to advertised our Helicopter War Museum and upcoming events. Our Docents in attendance were; Bill Bates, Carl Cavalluzzi, John and Robin Cunningham,

Wick Clark, Al Harinck, Dale House, Doug Neil, Terry Olson, Mike Silva, and Chris Towne.

