



NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY



MARCH 29, 2025
JOHNSON COUNTY ARMORY



SAMMY L. DAVIS - MEDAL OF HONOR





In 2015, Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans, Inc. (WHVV.org) was founded to honor Vietnam Era Veterans and their families. Medal of Honor Recipient Sammy Davis and his wife Dixie asked Jill Fewell to head up a special state project to “show gratitude to Indiana Vietnam brothers & sisters” and make sure they “are appreciated and not forgotten”. Producing Indiana’s 20,000 *A Time To Honor* book/DVD’s was made possible with a generous grant from the Lilly Endowment.

Collaborating with the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs and the Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution brought the mission to FIND, THANK and REPAY Hoosier Vietnam Era Veterans (those who served in the military during the Vietnam War years of 1955-1975). The first official Indiana Vietnam Veterans Gift Event debuted on March 29th, 2021. COVID-19 couldn’t stop reaching out to Veterans, so a “drive-thru” book presentation to each veteran happened outside in the parking lot of the Indiana Veterans Center. Since that first day, community partners held over 250 special “Welcome Home” community events all over the state. Jill Fewell and Bonnie Wooten visited all 92 Indiana Counties having over 1,000+ community volunteers who showed up to give gratitude, honor, and respect to those who served during Vietnam. As part of Indiana’s history, this extensive and unprecedented outreach took this history book to Indiana public libraries, high schools, military museums and ensured VA Hospitals and County Veterans Service Officers have *A Time To Honor* on hand.

WHVV connects Veterans and their families to vital resources and make sure they know how to access and apply for their earned benefits.





The Journey Home

Armory Auditorium Showtimes

11:00am 1:00pm 3:00pm



10:00AM - 1:30PM, 2:30PM-4:00PM HUEY HELICOPTER RIDES

Please see the American Huey 369 Crew table to sign up.

NOON - BUFFET LUNCH SERVED

If you need assistance with your plate, please let a volunteer know.

2:00PM RECOGNITION CEREMONY

The ceremony serves to recognize all Vietnam War Era Veterans who served in the military during 1955-1975. Veterans will join us on stage to receive a special Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans commemorative coin. Individuals and organizations who have supported Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans, Inc. will also be recognized on stage.

DOOR PRIZES MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN

We will call names for door prize winners throughout the day.

Thanks to all individuals, companies, and organizations who contributed!



**INDIANA GOLD STAR FAMILIES MEMORIAL MONUMENT
760 N. PENNSYLVANIA STREET - INDIANAPOLIS**

RECOGNITION CEREMONY

WELCOME

Jill Fewell, Executive Director Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans

PRESENTATION OF COLORS

Indy Metropolitan Military Honor Guard

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Bonnie Wooten, Board Member - Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans

NATIONAL ANTHEM - RECORDED BY LEANN RIMES

OPENING REMARKS & INTRODUCTIONS

Jill Fewell, Executive Director Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans

WREATH LAYING

Elaine Sholty, Indiana DAR State Regent

Laying of the wreath commemorates those who gave their lives, prisoners of war & those still missing in action from the Vietnam War.

TAPS

Bruce McKee, Spirit of '45 Taps on the Square

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Sammy L. Davis, Medal of Honor Vietnam

AWARDS

Sammy L. Davis, Jill Fewell, Bonnie Wooten - Presenters

SERVICE MEDLEY - US COAST GUARD BAND

Joe Devito - Outreach Director, Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs

VIETNAM VETERANS PRESENTATION & GROUP PHOTOS

RETIREMENT OF COLORS

GOD BLESS AMERICA

CLOSING REMARKS





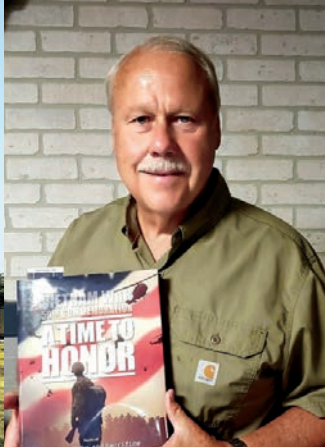






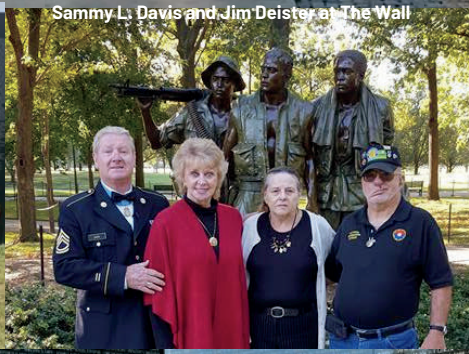


Veteran's National Memorial & Shrine
Museum - Fort Wayne
Permanent Vietnam Wall OPEN 24-7





Indiana Rangers at The Wall - Rushville



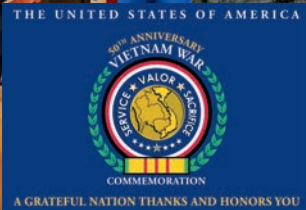
Sammy L. Davis and Jim Deister at The Wall



Jill Fewell presents *A Time To Honor* to Vietnam War 50th Commemoration Chief Operations Officer Chuck Crosby and Chief Jimmy Tom



Wreath Laying at The Wall - D.C.
Bonnie Wooten and Jill Fewell





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