

Veteran's Memorial Day Event

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The Vietnam Conflict

Ladies and Gentlemen, Honored Guests, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Brothers and Sisters of the military past and present.

May our Heavenly Father and Lord Jesus Christ be with us today.

We are here today to remember and honor all those men and women who gave their lives for our freedoms. Not just for this Country, but for all freedom loving people throughout the world.

Every war was different in many ways. For example, the Vietnam war was known as the teenage war, average age 19 ½. Our adversaries were young also, kids fighting kids.

Tour of duty was 12 to 13 months, if you were lucky. Over 58,300 killed in action and about 480,000 men and women injured and scarred for life.

Guerilla warfare, there were no front lines, the rice patties and the jungles were the fighting grounds.

Elements such as climate which was normally over 100 degrees and very humid. Then there were the monsoon rains with diseases, insects, snakes, leeches and swollen rivers.

Homecoming from the war.....There was no homecoming.

National controversy and public sentiment ranged from apathy to hostility.

America has participated in over 10 different wars since 1846 to present. Over 1,150,000 young men and women gave their lives for our freedoms. We must never forget those that gave their lives for our freedoms that we have today. And we must never forget the wounded, missing in action and prisoners of war.

The United States of America is the greatest nation in the world only because of our freedoms and laws that follow the Articles and Amendments to the United States Constitution.

Memorial Day is the holiday for us to remember those that gave their lives for our freedoms. War is really hell and it should be the absolute last resort for our nation to take.

We should pray for the people in all the world,
for other nations,
for other races,
for people who think differently
and live differently.

Help us to respect, understand, and love each other.

Forgive all injustice.

Let wars end and give us peace.

A recent survey from the University of Chicago shows some disturbing facts about Memorial Day.

ONLY 38% of Americans say patriotism is very important, down from 70% in 1998.

39% of Americans say religion is very important, down from 62% in 1998.

This must change. We can not keep losing that which this Country was founded on, FAITH in God and Country.

And Veterans, you who survived the war, have a SACRED obligation to recall and remember those who did not come back alive or are Missing in Action.

We all sacrificed something. Some sacrificed all.

Pray for those families and friends for loss.

Thank you each and every one for being here to Honor those fallen soldiers.

Thank You,

God Bless America