





# The Eighth Anniversary of National Vietnam War Veterans Day

March 29, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Washington, D.C.



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# Wreath-Laying Ceremony in Honor of all Vietnam Veterans and their Families for their Dedicated Honorable Service and Sacrifice

# 10:00 a.m. Invocation and Opening Remarks

- Maj. Phil Persing, Regimental Chaplain, 3<sup>rd</sup> U.S. Infantry Regiment
- Maj. Gen. Edward J. Chrystal, Jr., U.S. Army, Director, VWC
- The Honorable Doug Collins, Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs

#### 10:16 a.m. Military Procession and Wreath-Laying

### Center Wreath for "National Vietnam War Veterans Day"

The Honorable Doug Collins, Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs

Maj. Gen. Edward J. Chrystal, Jr., U.S. Army, Director, VWC Mrs. Fern Sumpter Bush, Principal Deputy Director, DPAA

## Second Wreath "To Honor our Nation's Warriors"

Mr. Jan Scruggs, Founder of Vietnam Veterans Memorial Mr. Jack McManus, President, Vietnam Veterans of America Ms. Mandy Robins, sister of Sergeant First Class John R. Adams \*

#### Third Wreath "To Honor our Warriors' Families"

Ms. Wende Ruffin-Lowry, Gold Star Daughter of Lt. Cmdr. James T. Ruffin Dr. Thomas Barrett III, Gold Star Son of Staff Sergeant Thomas J. Barrett, Jr. Ms. Susan Creed Percy, Gold Star Wife of Lt. Cmdr. Barton S. Creed

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10:30 a.m. Amazing Grace

**Bagpipers** 

10:37 a.m. *TAPS* 

Bugler

10:39 a.m. Reverse Procession

Procession will be followed by the playing of "Garryowen" by bagpipers

10:42 a.m. Legacy, Remembrance and Reflection Ceremony

- Vietnam Veterans Business Association honors the legacy of all our Vietnam veterans
- America's Gold Star Mothers, and Gold Star Wives of America remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice
- We reflect on the selfless contributions of the American Red Cross Donut Dollies







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<sup>\*</sup> Among the 1,573 Unaccounted-For Americans from the Vietnam War