



# THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA VIETNAM WAR COMMEMORATION



## Program Schedule:

### **Welcome Home!**

*~ A Nation Honors our Vietnam Veterans and their Families ~*

*May 11-13, 2023*

*The National Mall, Washington D.C.*

**JFK Hockey Fields and West Potomac Park**

### Thursday, 11 May

#### **11 a.m. JFK Hockey Fields Parade Ground: Opening Ceremony and Ribbon-Cutting**

This ceremony formally opens Camp Legacy.

#### **11 a.m. – 6 p.m. JFK Hockey Fields: Tribute wear blue Mile**

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#### **11 a.m. West Potomac Park: Wreaths Across America Radio Live Broadcast**

From West Basin Drive, Wreaths Across America will be broadcasting their radio show live.

#### **12 p.m. JFK Hockey Fields Parade Ground: Drill Teams**

The Unity Reed High School Air Force JROTC, Manassas, Va., and the U.S. Air Force Drill Teams perform.

#### **1 p.m. JFK Hockey Fields Parade Ground Stage: Pat Garvey**

Washington, D.C., based Pat Garvey has been playing Irish folk music in the National Capital Region since 1978. His rendition of Tim Murphy's "The Wall" is a moving tribute to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

#### **2 p.m. JFK Hockey Fields Rally Point Panel Discussion: Reflections on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial**

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial, dedicated on November 13, 1982, is one of the nation's foremost emblems of service, sacrifice and reflection. Individuals involved in this national memorial will discuss their journey, key decisions and its lasting legacy.

#### **3 p.m. JFK Hockey Fields Parade Ground Stage: The Angel Force Band**

A musical performance by award-winning recording musicians who have toured with Bob Dylan, the Rod Stewart Band, The Who, Rolling Stones, Ella Fitzgerald, Robby Krieger Band, Air Supply, and Crosby, Stills, and Nash.

#### **4 p.m. JFK Hockey Fields Rally Point Panel Discussion: Servicewomen in the Vietnam War**

Trailblazing Vietnam veteran servicewomen share their remarkable stories of service—what they did and what inspired more than 265,000 women to don the uniform and serve.

#### **4 p.m. West Potomac Park: U.S. Army Parachute Team Golden Knights Jump**

The Golden Knights will perform a precision parachute drop in West Potomac Park. A grass viewing area will be open between Camp Legacy West Potomac Park and the concert stage.

*Join the Nation ... thank a Vietnam veteran!*

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## **5 p.m. – 6 p.m. JFK Hockey Fields Parade Ground: Sunset Performance**

The U.S. Coast Guard Drill team and the U.S. Coast Guard Jazz Band perform. Vietnam veterans with Bugles Across America play TAPS thereby closing out Camp Legacy Day One.

## **5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Library of Congress Thomas Jefferson Building - LJ 119: “Live! at the Library: The War and Peace of Tim O’Brien”\***

From the Library of Congress, Wreaths Across America will be hosting a screening of this film with special guest and director of the documentary, Aaron Matthews. Enjoy live music from Gold Star sister, Barbara Martin, and view Vietnam period collections on display in the Great Hall prior to the film.

### **Friday, 12 May**

## **10 a.m. – 6 p.m. JFK Hockey Fields bordering Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool: Tribute wear blue Mile**

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## **10 a.m. Parade Ground: Drill Teams**

Kicking off Day Two is The Ballou Senior High School Marching Band, Washington D.C.; Herndon High School Navy JROTC Drill Team and the U.S. Navy Drill Team.

## **11 a.m. JFK Hockey Fields Parade Ground Stage: Danny Many Horses**

A member of the Mescalero Apache and a service veteran, Danny Many Horses fuses native flute songs with jazz to create what he calls “Nazz,” a blend of old world and new world.

## **12 p.m. JFK Hockey Fields Rally Point Panel Discussion: U.S. Allies in the Vietnam War**

Hear the experiences of South Korean, Australian, New Zealand, and Thai military personnel in the Vietnam War. Learn how the allied partners who fought alongside the American forces and the South Vietnamese were organized, where they served and what they did.

## **1 p.m. JFK Hockey Fields Rally Point Panel Discussion: Military Nurses Speak**

As part of the program celebrating International Nurses Day, a panel of Vietnam veteran nurses from each of the services will recount their experiences during the Vietnam War, mending wounds and tending to ailments under harsh conditions and unrelenting fire.

## **2 p.m. JFK Hockey Field Parade Ground Stage: Donnie Isaacs**

A veteran who found his calling in country music through the Center for American Military Music Opportunities (CAMMO), will be performing. CAMMO is geared toward elevating and empowering service members, veterans and military-connect families through music.



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## **3 p.m. JFK Hockey Fields Rally Point Panel Discussion: Four-Star Vietnam Veterans**

The Air & Space Forces Association host six retired four-star flag officers who are Vietnam veterans in a multiservice discussion of the Vietnam War and its legacy: U.S. Army Gen. Dennis J. Reimer, U.S. Marine Corps Gen. John J. Sheehan, U.S. Navy Adm. Michael G. Mullen, U.S. Air Force Gen. Ronald R. Fogleman, National Guard Bureau Gen. Craig R. McKinley and U.S. Coast Guard Adm. James M. Loy.

## **4 p.m. JFK Hockey Fields Rally Point Panel Discussion: The Ongoing Mission Accounting for MIAs**

The still unaccounted for are an important population of Vietnam veterans yet to be “welcomed home.” Hear experts on this issue and the remarkable and successful efforts in accounting for the unaccounted.

## **4 p.m. West Potomac Park: U.S. Army Parachute Team Golden Knights Jump**

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## **5 p.m. – 6 p.m. JFK Hockey Fields Parade Ground: Sunset Performance**

The U.S. Army Drill team and the U.S. Navy’s Country Current will perform. Vietnam veterans with Bugles Across America play TAPS thereby closing out Camp Legacy Day Two.

## **6:20 p.m. Nationals Park: Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home at Nationals Park\***

Major League Baseball’s Washington Nationals will honor Vietnam veterans and their families, before and during the team’s home game against the New York Mets. Gates open at 5:30 p.m. with the opening pitch at 7:05 p.m. Celebrations include a pinning ceremony for Vietnam veterans, special recognition of families who lost loved ones in the war, and an International Nurses Day tribute to Vietnam veteran nurses.

## **Saturday, 13 May**

### **8:30 a.m. JFK Hockey Fields Parade Ground: Warm-up Session**

The President's Council for Sports, Fitness, and Nutrition will partner with youth from the Nation's Capital to lead a warmup and stretching session for veterans, their family members and all other attendees.

### **9 a.m. JFK Hockey Fields Parade Ground: wear blue Circle of Remembrance and Run**

*wear blue: run to remember* will lead the Circle of Remembrance, a place of connection, support, and physical activity for athletes of all abilities. Members of the group will embark on a self-paced run, walk, roll or other physical activity. The one- or two-mile routes around the National Mall will begin through the Tribute *wear blue* Mile highlighting 200 of the 58,281 U.S. Armed Forces service members listed on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

### **9 a.m. Military Women’s Memorial Vaught Center, Arlington National Cemetery\*: Wreaths Across America Roundtable**

This roundtable discussion is on veteran employment. It is open to the public and will be co-hosted by the President of the Military Women’s Memorial, Phyllis Wilson.





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## **10 a.m. – 1 p.m. West Potomac Park: The “Welcome Home Veterans” Radio Show**

Joe Griffies will host his weekly “Welcome Home Veterans” radio show. The program brings recognition to Vietnam veterans and addresses the challenges of all veterans. The show can be heard on WIBG, 1020 AM and 101.3 FM.

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Military Working Dog Demonstration by the 316 Security Support Group, Military Working Dog Unit, at Joint Base Andrews, hosted by the Vietnam Dog Handler Association.

## **11 a.m. JFK Hockey Fields Rally Point panel discussion: Journalism in the Vietnam War**

The Vietnam War was the first TV war, and media coverage changed the perception and support back home in the United States. Hosted by *Stars and Stripes*, Mark Bowden, author of *Hue 1968* and *Black Hawk Down*, will lead the discussion, which includes two *Stars and Stripes* reporters in Vietnam, of the difficulties of telling the Vietnam War story.

## **1 p.m. West Potomac Park: “Welcome Home” Concert/Multimedia Celebration**

This keystone event is large-stage program featuring live music and multimedia elements paying tribute to the service, sacrifice and contributions of Vietnam veterans, their families and the many who supported them. Co-hosts include NFL legend and broadcaster Joe Theismann, Miss America 1985 and former ESPN reporter Sharlene Wells Hawkes. Additional featured talent includes Broadway star Jon Hacker, TV star Lauren B. Martin, The New York Tenors, Country music performer and U.S. Naval Academy graduate Chris Nurthen, and The United States Army Band “Pershing’s Own.”

## **1 p.m. – 3 p.m. Smithsonian National Museum of American History: Book Signing\***

Meet George Black, author of *The Long Reckoning: A Story of War, Peace and Redemption in Viet Nam*. The book is a fascinating study of the ongoing repercussions of the American war in Vietnam.... a brilliant look at ‘the long, slow process of healing.’ Located at the Smithsonian National Museum of American History, Price of Freedom Exhibit 3 East.

## **3 p.m. JFK Hockey Fields Parade Ground Stage: Erica Scanlon Harr**

The 2004 Miss New Jersey has pursued a successful stage career in Off-Broadway shows, Disney Cruise Line, and regional theaters.

## **4 p.m. JFK Hockey Fields Rally Point Panel Discussion: How to Preserve Your Service Artifacts**

Hosted by the Library of Congress Veterans History Project, professional museum curators and archivists will offer tips on how to preserve your own historic documents and artifacts, and where to donate those service memorabilia into perpetuity.



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