



THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
**VIETNAM WAR
COMMÉMORATION**



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

The Tribute wear blue Mile, in partnership with Sons and Daughters in Touch, will comprise 200 posters, each with a face and name of a Vietnam War Service Member who remains unaccounted for. This display will border the walkway along the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool.

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

Some of popular music's top session musicians—including James Raymond, who recorded and toured with his late father, David Crosby—rock out to a late '60s/early '70s playlist.

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.

5 – 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.

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Friday, 12 May

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

The Tribute wear blue Mile display will border the walkway along the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool. The tribute, in partnership with Sons and Daughters in Touch, will comprise 200 posters, each with a face and name of a Vietnam War Service Member who remains unaccounted for.

10 a.m. JFK Hockey Fields Parade Ground: Drill Teams

Kicking off Camp Legacy 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 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.

12 p.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.

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.

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 POWs and MIAs

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

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5 – 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.

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.

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

The *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. On-site to help lead the celebration is NFL legend and broadcaster Joe Theismann, Miss America 1985 and ESPN reporter Sharlene Wells Hawkes, Broadway star Jon Hacker, and TV star Lauren B. Martin; with special video messages to our veterans by actor Robert Patrick, country music superstar Tim McGraw, and many more!

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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