
The United States of America Vietnam War 50th Anniversary Commemoration

To assist a grateful nation in thanking and honoring the Vietnam Veterans, their families, the fallen, the wounded, those who were held as prisoners of war, those listed as unaccounted for, the home front, federal agencies, all organizations that served or supported the Armed Forces, and our allies. The 2008 National Defense Authorization Act authorized the Secretary of Defense to conduct a program to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War and “in conducting the commemorative program, the Secretary shall coordinate, support, and facilitate other programs and activities of the Federal Government, State and local governments, and other persons and organizations in commemoration of the Vietnam War.” These commemorative events will take place all across the nation and in hometown America where our veterans live, to thank and honor the service, valor, and sacrifice of freedom’s warriors.

<http://www.vietnamwar50th.com/>

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Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home on Fort Riley



Schedule of Events

Hosted by

MG Wayne W. Grigsby



10:55 Audience takes seats

Entrance of the honorees

The National Anthem

Invocation

Video

Commanding Generals Remarks

Big Red One Song

Armed Forces Medley

“Dismissed!”



Audience and Active service members
greet and thank our proud Vietnam Veterans

THE BIG RED ONE SONG

Toast of the Army,

Favorite Son! Hail to the brave Big Red One!

Always the first to thirst for a fight.

No foe shall challenge our right to victory.

We take the field, a grand sight to see.

Pride of the Infantry.

Men of a great division,

Courage is our tradition,

Forward the Big Red One!

Coast Guard

From north and south and east and west,
the coast guards in the fight
destroying subs and landing troops
the axis feels our might
for we're the first invaders
on every fighting field
afloat, ashore, on men and SPARS,
you'll find the coast guard shield

Air Force

Off we go, into the wild blue yonder
climbing high into the sun!
Here they come zooming to meet our thunder
At 'em boys, give 'er the gun!
down we dive, spouting our flame from under
off with one heck of a roar!
we live in fame or go down in flame
Hey! Nothing will stop the U.S Air Force!

Navy

Stand navy, out to sea
fight our battle cry;
we'll never change our course
so vicious foe steer shy-y-y-y
Roll out the TNT, anchors aweigh!
Sail on to victory
and sing their bones to Davy Jones, hooray!

Marines

From the halls of Montezuma,
to the shores of Tripoli;
we fight our country's battles
in the air, on land and sea
first we fight for rights and freedom
and to keep our honor clean;
we are proud to claim the title
of the United States Marine!

Army

First to fight for the right,
And to build the Nation's might,
And The Army Goes Rolling Along
Proud of all we have done,
Fighting till the battle's won,
And the Army Goes Rolling Along.
Then it's Hi! Hi! Hey!
The Army's on its way.
Count off the cadence loud and strong (TWO! THREE!)
For where e'er we go,
You will always know
That The Army Goes Rolling Along.