PRESS RELEASE

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 10 and Vietnam Veterans of Southwest Ohio Foundation will co-host their fourth annual luncheon Open House on Saturday, March 29, 2025 from 12 to 4 in recognition of National Vietnam War Veterans Day. The Greater Cincinnati community is invited to join us.

The Chapter and Foundation are located at 8418 Reading Road, Reading, OH 45215, one block north of Galbraith Road.

Background: On March 29, 1973 the U.S. Military Command in Vietnam was disbanded and the last U.S. troops and military personnel departed Vietnam. This followed a ceasefire agreement reached in January 1973 under the Paris Peace Accords. The ceasefire was later violated by North Vietnam, which by 1974 had renewed its assault on South Vietnam, resulting in the fall of Saigon by April, 1975 with the well publicized evacuation of all U.S. diplomatic staff and many at-risk South Vietnamese people. Nevertheless, March 29, 1973 remains as the date recognized for cessation of U.S. military involvement in Vietnam.

On March 29, 2012 President Obama issued a Proclamation declaring March 29 as Vietnam Veterans Day, and called on all Americans to observe the day with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities to commemorate the anniversary of the final end of the Vietnam War.

In late 2016 the Vietnam Veterans Coalition of State Councils petitioned President Trump and Congress to pass legislation establishing March 29 as Vietnam War Veterans Day. On March 29, 2017 the Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act was signed into law, and March 29 officially became National Vietnam War Veterans Day, to become one of the days on which the U.S. flag should especially be displayed.

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