



MARCH 29th VIETNAM VETERANS DAY USA



COALITION OF STATES COUNCIL

This year is 43rd Anniversary of the **End of the Vietnam War** (last combat troops withdrawn on **March 29, 1973**) and when the last of the **Vietnam War POWs** (Prisoners of War) held in North Vietnam arrived home on United States of America soil (on March 29, 1973) and

This Year is 42nd Anniversary of the **first Vietnam Veterans Day** by Presidential Proclamation (**March 29, 1974**) and most recent **Vietnam Veterans Day** observed by Presidential Proclamation and Congress Resolution (**March 29, 2012**)

March 29th Vietnam Veterans Day "FOREVER" needs to be again introduced in Congress
HELP US GET CONGRESS TO FINALLY DELIVER OVERDUE HONOR AND THANKS

Become a voice for **"Those who no longer have a voice or a choice"**: the 58,282 who lost their lives during the Vietnam War, all of our Veterans who died since then as a consequence of it, and the ones who came back with the physical and emotional wounds, and their respective families. Proposed legislation on next page

WHY NO to March 30th as date

(a) March 30th is tainted because the blood of our nation's defenders was spilled by the North Vietnamese when the Eastertide invasion (Easter Offensive) started on March 30, 1972 and lasted through October 22 of 1972, a complete affront to our goodwill at the peace negotiations.

(b) The Easter Offensive, and also (Chiến dịch Xuân hè 1972 in Vietnamese) was a military campaign conducted by the People's Army of Vietnam (PAVN) against the Army of the Republic of Vietnam (ARVN, the regular army of South Vietnam) and the United States military.

(c) The offensive was given a title steeped in Vietnamese history. In 1773 the three Tây Sơn brothers (so-called because of the place of their origin) united a Vietnam divided by civil war and social unrest. The youngest brother, Nguyễn Huệ, then defeated an invading Chinese army on the outskirts of Hanoi in 1788. **This was an obvious 200th anniversary goal to unite Vietnam under Communist rule regardless of the Peace Treaty negotiations.**

(d) Also on March 30 of 1975, the North Vietnamese again violated the peace accords and disregarded our goodwill and deprived the South Vietnamese people of their right of self determination agreed to by the North. It created despair and brought the death of more of our people while trying to protect and help evacuate the people of the illegally occupied South Vietnam.

WHY NO to "WELCOME HOME" in name

Using "Welcome Home" comes across like a "LAST MAN STANDING" tribute and lacks clarity as to whom gratitude and respect should be delivered especially those who gave their lives for our country. This day is a perpetual message on behalf of **"THOSE WHO NO LONGER HAVE A VOICE OR A CHOICE"** that no other generation of our nation's defenders will endure the same pain.

Our newest generation of veterans, as well as current and future nation's defenders will find comfort to know that their sacrifice and service and that of their families will also not be forgotten, many being children/grandchildren of Vietnam War and Era Veterans.





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*** PROPOSED LEGISLATION ***

On behalf of the citizens of our great nation, the United States of America, and on behalf of the 111th Congress and the President of United States, this legislation is enacted to be an expression of eternal gratitude and respect to those who served during the Vietnam War Era and to be commemorated as **Vietnam Veterans Day** on the **29th of March** of each year in perpetuity.

This Official Day of Recognition will serve as a vivid reminder that:

On March 29, 1973, the last 2,500 troops were withdrawn from South Vietnam thus ending military involvement in what is now the longest war in our country's history, and

On March 29, 1973, the last of the Vietnam War POWs (Prisoners of War) held in North Vietnam arrived home on United States of America soil, and

March 29, 1974 was declared Vietnam Veterans Day by Presidential order with the support of Congress, and

March 29, 2012 was declared Vietnam Veterans Day by Presidential Proclamation with the support of Congress on the eve of the 50th Anniversary Commemoration of the beginning of the Vietnam War, and

58,195 honorable and brave souls who fought and died during the Vietnam War, ones who are missing, and those who died since from the consequences of that war, deserve the eternal gratitude and respect of this nation, and

The men and women who served with dedication, honor, and pride during the Vietnam War, both in country and in support of those in harm's way as well as those protecting our freedoms at home and throughout other parts of the world at that time, deserve the eternal gratitude and respect of this nation, and

The families, whose loved ones gave their lives for our country during the Vietnam War or died later as a consequence of it, deserve the eternal gratitude and respect of this nation, and





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The families of those men and women who came home with the physical and emotional wounds of the Vietnam War and committed to a lifetime of care and support for their loved one, deserve the eternal gratitude and respect of this nation, and

The fellow citizens who stood by and supported, the families of the fallen as well as the Vietnam veterans who returned and their families without reservation and with loving care and respect, deserve the eternal gratitude and respect of this nation, and

The professionals and volunteers who committed themselves to the loving care and healing of the bodily and emotionally wounded from the Vietnam War at home, and have already the utmost gratitude of those they cared for and of their families, deserve the eternal gratitude and respect of this nation, and

The men and women of our Allies who served with dedication, honor, and pride alongside our Nation's defenders during the Vietnam War, both in country and in support of those in harm's way as well as those protecting our freedoms and throughout other parts of the world at that time, deserve the eternal gratitude and respect of this nation, and

This expression of gratitude and respect to the Vietnam Veterans and their families will also give hope and assurance, to current and future generations of our Nation's Defenders and their respective families, that their sacrifice and service will not be forgotten and deserving of a distinct recognition of the eternal gratitude and respect of this nation, and

And this expression of gratitude and respect for the honorable sacrifice and service by the Vietnam Veterans and past as well as current and future generations of our nation's defenders and their respective families, needs to remain in the hearts and thoughts of our fellow citizens forever, passed on from generation to generation.