

New Jersey Vietnam Veterans Remembrance Day Ceremony

Welcome	Gordon Pingicer – Trustee, NJVVMF
Posting of the Colors	Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 200
Pledge of Allegiance	Gordon Pingicer
National Anthem	Ali Gleason
Invocation	Joseph Formola Chaplain, NJ State Council Vietnam Veterans of America
Opening Remarks	Clark Martin, Chairman, NJVVMF Kim Guadagno, Trustee, NJVVMF
Keynote Speaker	Colonel Mark Piferski Deputy Adjutant General, State of NJ
God Bless America	Ali Gleason
Greetings/Introduction:	Colonel (Dr.) Lisa Hou Deputy Commissioner of Veterans Affairs, State of NJ
Presentation of Medals:	DMAVA Division of Veterans Services
Benediction:	Joe Formola Chaplain, NJ State Council Vietnam Veterans of America
Retirement of Colors:	VVA Chapter 200

About the NJ Distinguished Service Medal, NJ Meritorious Service Medal and the NJ Vietnam Service Medal

The NJ Distinguished Service Medal was originally issued in 1858 for those who distinguished themselves in the New Jersey Militia, but was used infrequently until re-authorized by Governor Kean in 1988.

Since its re-authorization in 1988, more than 30,000 medals have been awarded to combat Veterans from New Jersey. The DSM can be awarded posthumously to the next-of-kin of a veteran who meets the criteria.

In order to be eligible for the Distinguished Service Medal you must meet all the following criteria:

- Veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States who served in time of war or national emergency in a combat theater of operations;
- Current or past resident of New Jersey for a minimum of 20 years;
- Resident of New Jersey at the time they entered into military;
- Have been honorably discharged;
- Recipients whose service was recognized by the award of the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Air Medal or equivalent medal will receive a NJ Distinguished Service Medal with an oak leaf cluster.

The NJ Meritorious Service Medal is awarded to those combat Veterans who were not residents of New Jersey when they entered the military service, but who are current residents of New Jersey and have resided in the state for at least the last five years. All other qualifications are the same as for the DSM.

The NJ Vietnam Service Medal was approved by the New Jersey Legislature on Nov. 13, 2000. To be eligible for the Vietnam Service Medal, Veterans must meet the following criteria:

- Be a current resident of New Jersey;
- Served in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States in Vietnam, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia or the contiguous waters or airspace thereof on or after Dec. 31, 1960 and on or before May 7, 1975;
- Have an honorable discharge or be currently serving in the military.

Anyone interested in applying for these medals should send a written request, e-mail or telephone call, requesting an application form to the following:

NJDMAVA (DVS-VBB)

P.O. Box 340

Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0340

(609) 530-7035

Be sure to include full name, home address and a daytime phone number.

Upcoming Events

Full Details on our Website

Monday, May 28 • 11:00 am
Memorial Day Ceremony

Saturday, June 2 • 11:00 am
Free Guided Tours of the Memorial

Tuesday, June 12 • 8:00 am
Clay Shoot Outing
Hudson Farm Club, Pre-registration required

Monday, June 25 • 10:00 am
Annual Golf Outing
Eagle Oaks Country Club, Pre-registration required

July 2 - 4 • All Day
Museum Closed for the Holiday



New for 2018: Our Vietnam Veteran Tour Guides are on site every day we are open from 11 - 2 to offer their insights on the Vietnam Era

Hours and Admission

Memorial: Open 24/7, Admission is Free
Vietnam Era Museum: Tuesday - Saturday 10:00 - 4:00
Admission is \$7.00 for adults, \$5.00 for seniors and students.
Admission is free for children under 10,
active military personnel, and military Veterans.
(732) 335-0033
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***Monday, May 7, 2018
11:00 AM***