

CEREMONIES

Our annual ceremonies continued to strengthen our relationships with our Veterans community, legislators, and the NJ Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

Vietnamese American Community Association



This year, the Vietnamese American Community Association commemorated the fall of Saigon with their annual Ceremony. Members of the community remembered the impact of the Vietnam War on their families, community and country while celebrating the resilience of that community.

In Memory Ceremony

In March, on National Vietnam War Veterans Day, we held our first annual ceremony dedicated entirely to the In Memory Program. We inducted eleven individuals into our In Memory Program, recognizing the veterans and civilians who served and died as a result of the war in Vietnam. Their names are placed on an engraved stone inside the Memorial so that all who visit will know that they are with their honored comrades.

Some of these deaths are due to Agent Orange exposure, Hepatitis C, and the physical or emotional wounds received in Vietnam. The deaths of these individuals are no less tragic than those that occurred in-country, but their names do not appear on the Memorial.



Veterans Day Ceremony

This year's ceremony included the induction of five Vietnam Veterans into our In Memory Program, a special recognition that honors those who served and later died as a result of complications from their tour in Vietnam. We were honored to be joined for a special performance in honor of these Veterans by the New York Police Department's Pipes and Drums.

May Ceremonies

In May, Colonel Mark Piperski, Deputy Adjutant General, State of NJ spoke at the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Remembrance Day Ceremony, awarding the New Jersey Service Medals during this touching event. The month concluded with our Memorial Day Ceremony, highlighting the service and sacrifice of our Veterans and the meaning of Memorial Day.