

# New Jersey Vietnam Veterans Remembrance Day Ceremony

Welcome	Gordon Pingicer, Trustee, NJVVMF
Posting of the Colors	
Pledge of Allegiance	Gordon Pingicer
National Anthem	Sandra Ward
Invocation	Reverend Gerry Appel
Opening Remarks	Gordon Pingicer
Keynote Speaker	BG Edward Chrystal, Officer in Charge, TF-23, US Vietnam Veteran Commemoration, Office of the Secretary of Defense
God Bless America	Sandra Ward
Benediction:	Reverend Gerry Appel
Retirement of Colors	

## History of New Jersey Vietnam Veterans Remembrance Day

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We are fortunate in New Jersey to have this special day to thank our Vietnam Veterans for their service.

In 1991, the New Jersey State Legislature created the first “New Jersey Vietnam Veterans Remembrance Day.” It was part of a widespread effort to involve New Jerseyans in our ongoing efforts to build this Memorial.

It is also a chance for us to offer special thanks to our state’s Vietnam Veterans, many of whom were never officially thanked or acknowledged for their service. It was a lesson we learned the hard way – that regardless of our thoughts about our nation’s foreign policy, we should always support those who serve in the military. We owe everyone who served a huge debt of gratitude for their service and sacrifice.

# There & Back: The Journey to Vietnam and Home



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Between 1955 and 1975, more than two million military personnel deployed to Vietnam. Explore their emotional trans-Pacific journeys through the haunting graffiti messages and discarded personal items left behind aboard the troopship General Nelson M. Walker and the stories of the female flight attendants who risked their lives flying in and out of a war zone.

Special Exhibition Opens June 18, 2022



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*11:00 AM*