FROM THE COMMANDER

Spring 2022 Special Issue



April 24's Vietnam Remembrance Day is cancelled! Even with a \$800 supplemental Veterans' Donations Fund (VDF) grant from the ADVS, we must cancel the event. The doubling, even tripling, of some costs, logistics issues, reluctance of volunteers and groups to attend large gatherings, and new site permit and insurance fees are forcing us to abandon a formal event, at least for 2022. Those who wish to attend an informal gathering will be meeting at the Arizona Vietnam Memorial at 9:00 am Sunday, April 24 and may join others to make their own plans to share a meal afterward at a local restaurant.

Arizona Gives Day has come and gone with us raising just over \$500. It's only half of our \$1,000 goal, but you can still make a contribution by logging onto ArizonaGives.com, selecting In-Country Vietnam Veterans and making your gift.

Arizona Vietnam Veterans Memorial Clean-Up Day April 9 was a big success. Although fewer volunteers than usual made it out for the detail, our thanks go out to Midge Munro, Feather, Michele Colla, and Charlie Ruiz for all their help. As he has for many years, Tom Pawlak donated his time, labor and awesome waxing product to clean and put a shine on all the many metal components at the Memorial. A special thanks to the Ben Walker family crew from Affordable Custom Welding who masterfully repaired the rusted railing sections that have plagued the Memorial for years...and when they were done after six hours in the hot sun, they turned the total project bid into a gift to In-Country! Who says Vietnam Vets aren't appreciated today?

Thanks to Calistro Coronado, member #285, for re-upping your membership dues for 2022.



City of Scottsdale

The City of Scottsdale Arizona has produced a 6-part guide to assist service members, vets, Veterans Quality of Lif and their loved ones as they work through the major transition points after serving in the military. The 129-page Veterans Quality of Life Manual would be useful information to any Vietnam Veteran, as it addresses such topics as assisted living and long-term care and offers a passing and funeral/memorial "battle drill" checklist. You can open it here or download it with ctrl + click on:

Veterans+Quality+of+Life+Manual.pdf (scottsdaleaz.gov)

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In-Country Vietnam Veterans

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sunday 9:00 am April 24, 2022 Vietnam ended with the i Vietnamese Veterans -Vie	
Thursday 7:00 pm	In-Country Executive Board Meeting - All Welcome
May 12, 2022	On Skype and/or Location TBD
Monday	Memorial Day - National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona
May 30, 2022	23029 N. Cave Creek Rd Phoenix
Thursday 6:00 pm August date TBD	Summer Social
Thursday 7:00 pm	In-Country Executive Board Meeting - All Welcome
September 8, 2022	On Skype and/or Location TBD
Thursday 7:00 pm	In-Country Executive Board Meeting - All Welcome
October 13, 2022	On Skype and/or Location TBD
Thursday November 10, 2022	United States Marine Corps 247 th birthday
Friday	Veterans Day
November 11, 2022	Phoenix and East Valley parades



Vietnam Veterans Commemorate Vietnam Remembrance Day

In-Country Vietnam Veterans, in partnership with the Vietnamese Community of Arizona, and many other Veterans organizations, will host the annual Vietnam Remembrance Day Sunday, April 24, 2022, 8:30 am to 1:00 pm. Ceremonies will start at 9:00 am at the Arizona Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Wesley Bolin Plaza in Phoenix.

The event recognizes the anniversary of April 30, 1975 when the combat war in Vietnam ended with the invasion of Saigon, and honors U.S. and South Vietnam Veterans.

<u>Guest Speaker:</u> Representative of the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services <u>Vietnamese Community:</u> Dr. Kevin Dang, PharmD <u>Keynote Speaker:</u> Col. Pat Little-Upah, USA, Ret., Nurse Corps in Vietnam

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Band Quintet will provide patriotic music. The monument color with U.S. and South flags. Color Guards from many organizations will pass in review.

A posting of colors and flag raisings by U.S. and South Vietnamese military Veterans will be followed by wreath presentations.

Taps will be played. Ira Hayes Post 84 will conclude with a 21 Gun Salute.

Displays & other activities will take place in the rotunda below the Vietnam Memorial. Military & historic vehicles are welcome. Display your Veterans organization memorabilia. Members of all civilian and Veterans communities, their friends and families are invited to attend.

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Mission:

To perpetuate the positive image of the Vietnam theatre veteran through community and public service, educating/informing the public on issues relating to the military history of the Vietnam War, advocating for veterans' benefits eligibility, recognizing and honoring the Vietnam veteran's service and sacrifice, and providing comradery for Vietnam veterans and their supporters.

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