



The Iowa Vietnam War Memorial is dedicated to the Iowans who served during the Vietnam era. Inscribed on its face are the names of 868 Iowans who lost their lives during - or as a result of - the conflict. The memory plaque is constructed from black mirror-finish Cold Spring granite, which is the same material used for the Iowa Vietnam Veterans' Monument on the Capitol grounds in Des Moines. The Iowa Memorial was dedicated on Memorial Day, 1984, and came two years after the National Vietnam Memorial was dedicated in November of 1982. The inscription reads:

A Reflection of Hope

A monument established by the citizens of Iowa to honor Iowans who served during the Vietnam War.

Since the 2008 Iowa Senate resolution observing May 7th as the official Iowa Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day, we have gathered at this memorial to recognize and thank all of our state's Vietnam Veterans for their service - and those who made the ultimate sacrifice.



Iowa Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day

Tuesday, May 14th 2024

11:00 a.m.

Vietnam War Memorial Iowa State Capitol Grounds



2024 Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day Ceremony

Bagpipes

MacKenzie Highlanders Pipes and Drums

Sword Detail

Des Moines Central Campus USMC JROTC

Posting of Colors

Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 790

National Anthem

Jackie Schmillen, Public Affairs Director, IANG

Pledge of Allegiance

All

Invocation

Chaplain (Colonel) Dean Baer, USA, Ret Captain

Welcome & Introductions

Dan Gannon, USMC, Vietnam Veteran &

Commandant Todd Jacobus

Remarks and Reading of the Proclamation

Governor Kim Reynolds

"In Memory" Program

Doug Bishop - Chair, Jasper Co. Veterans

Alliance

Honored Keynote Speaker

Keith Luchtel, Decorated Iowa Vietnam Combat Veteran;

FAC Pilot; Author of "The Milford Male", Autobiography

Patriotic Medley

"Young Patriots Club" - Julie Dueker

Laying of the Wreath by DAV Des Moines Chapter 20

Vietnam Veterans Spec. 5 Dave Grant, USA

& Petty Officer Jim Fisher, USN

Benediction

Chaplain (Colonel) Dean Baer, USA, Ret

Rifle Salute

Larry Nehring, Marine Corps League Det. 103

The Sounding of Taps

Gloria Eason, Bugler

"Amazing Grace"

MacKenzie Highlanders Pipes and Drums Vietnam

Retiring of the Colors

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