

# THE IOWA GOLD STAR MILITARY MUSEUM PRESENTS:

## DR. VINCE LEWIS – A LIFE OF COMMITMENT



Dr. Vince Lewis, Vietnam Veteran, Educator, Community Leader, Volunteer Artist and Minister. Dr. Lewis knew from the time he was a middle school student that service to the community and enriching the lives of individuals is “rewarding and gratifying” and that is why he still serves the community to this day.

Dr. Lewis made a name for himself on the football field and as a wrestler at Des Moines East High School. But instead of the scholarship offer he had hoped for, he received a draft notice, finding himself in the Army and in Vietnam.

Dr. Lewis will reflect on his time during the Vietnam conflict and how that conflict encouraged him even more to get a college education.

A graduate of Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, Dr. Lewis stayed in the Des Moines community teaching in the Des Moines Public Schools for 39 years and 22 of those years in administration.

Even upon retirement, Dr. Lewis was not ready to stand on the sidelines. Dr. Lewis continues to serve the Des Moines Community by teaching graduate classes at Upper Iowa University, Graceland and Drake Universities. Dr. Lewis has also held workshops on parenting, classroom discipline, diversity and human relations in a non-confrontational atmosphere.

Dr. Lewis continues to serve the Des Moines community and the State of Iowa as the Mission Center President and CEO for the Lamoni Heartland Mission Center where he oversees 21 congregations, spreading from northern Missouri to Clear Lake, Iowa.

Because of Dr. Lewis’ contributions to the community he has received many awards and accolades, including the 2014 President’s Volunteer Service Award from President Barack Obama and is in the Iowa Volunteer Hall of Fame.

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**COME LISTEN TO THIS INSPIRING STORY OF HOW AN AFRICAN AMERICAN KID FROM THE SOUTHEAST SIDE OF DES MOINES BECAME A VIETNAM VETERAN, TOP EDUCATOR IN THE STATE OF IOWA AND NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED VOLUNTEER.**



**Vince Lewis – Vietnam Veteran**

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