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Detroit VA to Join Several Organizations in Paying Tribute to Vietnam Era Veterans in Cass Park Ceremony, May 21st



(Detroit) With Vietnam War 50th anniversary commemorations taking place across the country this year, the Detroit VA Healthcare System will join other groups and individuals in recognizing this incredible group of heroes with an official pinning ceremony in Detroit’s Cass Park on May 21, 2016, at 10:00 a.m.

Staff will team up with the Vietnam Veterans of America, American Legion Riders, singer/songwriter, Kelly Trudell, 92.3FM’s “Foody”, Michigan Senate Majority Floor Leader Mike Kowall, and many others, as they salute these Veterans.

“It will be an honor to take part in this ceremony to honor these heroes,” said Dr. Pamela Reeves, Director of the Detroit VA Healthcare System. “This event on May 21st, also Armed Forces Day, will provide an opportunity for us to remember and honor ALL Veterans and their families: WW II Veterans, Korean War Veterans, Desert Storm Veterans and especially the Men/Women who are coming off today’s battlefields in Iraq and Afghanistan. What a magnificent job they have done and are doing!”

As part of the ceremony, Vietnam Veterans will be presented with official commemorative pins, to show the Nation’s gratitude for their service.

“As we are so often reminded, there are more than 7 million Vietnam Era Veterans living today in the U.S.,” said Dr. Reeves.

“Michigan’s Vietnam Veterans, whether drafted or enlisted, served our Country with honor. Tragically, too many returned home with little thanks for their service and not much help transitioning to civilian life,” said Michigan Senator Mike Kowall, (R)-White Lake, in an earlier release. “This lapel-pinning ceremony is a way to thank and honor Veterans of the Vietnam War era and their families for their service and sacrifice on behalf of a grateful nation and the Michigan Legislature.”

The event is open to the public. For more information, call 313-576-3332.

Since 1939, the Detroit VA Healthcare System has been improving the health of the men and women who have so proudly served our nation. In 1996, the medical center moved from Allen Park, Michigan to the current location on John R. in Detroit. Known as one of the newer VA facilities in the country, we consider it our privilege to serve the health care needs of our Veterans. Services are available to more than 330,000 Veterans living in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, and St. Clair counties. This population represents approximately forty-four percent of the Veteran population in the lower peninsula of Michigan. For more information, visit <http://www.detroit.va.gov>.

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