



Commemoration of Vietnam Veterans Day 2013



Welcome Home & Thank you for your service!

On March 30, 2012 Governor Kasich signed Amended Senate Bill 134 to designate March 30 as "Vietnam Veterans' Day". This will provide us the opportunity to welcome home our Vietnam Veterans and thank them for their service in a way they may have never experienced over 40 years ago. Vietnam Veterans of America, Buckeye State Council, and the Ohio Department of Veterans Services are planning a multitude of events for commemoration of Vietnam Veterans Day 2013. These events will take place in Columbus, Ohio from March 26-29, 2013 while local events around Ohio will take place March 30th. We hope you will be involved!!

Ohio's Schools & Students – How to get involved

There are multiple ways to participate in the above mentioned events. Please encourage your students to take part in one, or all, of the below options:

- **POSTER & ESSAY CONTEST** – Children will have an opportunity to thank our Vietnam Veterans in their own way! All entries must be submitted no later than 2/25/2013 (*one entry per student please*)
 - POSTER CONTEST RULES –
 - Grades K-8
 - Poster size must be no larger than 10x16
 - ESSAY CONTEST RULES –
 - Grades 9-12
 - Essays must be 500 words or less
 - **Please include on all entries the following:**
 - Student's Name, Grade and School
 - Contact information for student (either via home or school)
 - ***Winners will have their work printed in our program and will be invited, with their parents, to attend the dinner scheduled to honor our Vietnam Veterans on Wednesday, March 27, 2013 at the Ohio Statehouse***
- **OTHER WAYS TO PARTICIPATE:**
 - Fill your halls throughout the month of March with artwork thanking our veterans
 - Provide thank you cards or a short video of thanks for us to disperse and/or show during our events

Please send all entries, thank you cards & videos to:

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