

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



COMMEMORATION

A GRATEFUL NATION THANKS AND HONORS YOU



Governor of Georgia's
Commemoration Ceremony
50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War
September 19, 2013

Vietnam War 50th Anniversary Commemoration

“And one of the most painful chapters in our history was Vietnam – most particularly, how we treated our troops who served there. You were often blamed for a war you didn’t start, when you should have been commended for serving your country with valor.You were sometimes blamed for misdeeds of a few, when the honorable service of the many should have been praised. You came home and sometimes were denigrated, when you should have been celebrated. It was a national shame, a disgrace that should not have happened. And that’s why here today we resolve that it will not happen again.”

Commander in Chief’s remarks, Memorial Day 2012

The Mission of the Vietnam War Commemoration is to assist a grateful nation:

To thank and honor veterans of the Vietnam War, including personnel who were held as prisoners of war or listed as missing in action, for their service and sacrifice on behalf of the United States and to thank and honor the families of these veterans.

To highlight the service of the Armed Forces during the Vietnam War and the contributions of Federal agencies and governmental and non-governmental organizations that served with, or in support of, the Armed Forces.

To pay tribute to the contributions made on the home front by the people of the United States during the Vietnam War.

To highlight the advances in technology, science, and medicine related to military research conducted during the Vietnam War.

To recognize the contributions and sacrifices made by the allies of the United States during the Vietnam War.

It mattered not what politicians argued.
It mattered not what history would reveal.
We had no expectation but to serve where duty called us.
We asked for no reward except a Nation’s thanks.

Albert Nahas, Warriors Remembered

Welcome

Master of Ceremonies
Dan Holtz
Assistant Commissioner
Georgia Department of Veterans Service

Presentation of Colors

Honor Guard
Georgia National Guard

National Anthem

West Atlanta Douglas Choral Society

Pledge of Allegiance

State Senator Ed Harbison
Chairman
Senate Military, Veterans, & Homeland Security Committee

Recognition of Distinguished Guests and
Introduction of Speakers

Assistant Commissioner Holtz

Speakers

Mrs. Jo Anne Shirley
Past Chairman of the Board
National League of POW/MIA Families

Pete Wheeler
Commissioner
Georgia Department of Veterans Service

Honorable Nathan Deal
Governor of Georgia

Claude M. Kicklighter, Army LTG (Ret.)
Director, Office of Commemorations
United States Department of Defense

Special Presentations —
DoD Commemoration Flag and Certificate
Governor's Proclamation

LTG Kicklighter
Governor Deal
Commissioner Wheeler

Military Service Songs Medley

West Atlanta Douglas Choral Society

Group Photo

Vietnam Veterans in Attendance

Closing Remarks

Assistant Commissioner Holtz



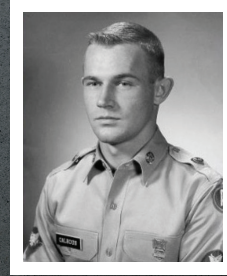


WHAT A DIFFERENCE A PHOTO MAKES.

Vietnam Veterans Memorial



Johnny C. Calhoun
Newnan, GA



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**When we needed them, they were there.
Now they need us.**

The faces of more than 1,000 sons of Georgia whose names are etched in the Vietnam Veterans Memorial are in danger of being lost to history. With your help we can put a face to every name on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and ensure that future generations will never forget our heroes of the past.

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