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Minnesota to Honor all Vietnam Era Veterans

SAINT PAUL, Minn. – Veterans organizations from around the state and the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs are teaming up for what is expected to be the largest Vietnam Veteran event in Minnesota History.

Thousands of Veterans, families, friends and supporters are expected to gather June 13 on the Minnesota State Capitol Grounds to honor and remember all Veterans who served during the Vietnam era.

Sponsored by the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs, this event is designed to unite the Minnesota community in support, gratitude and celebration of the brave men and women who served during the Vietnam War era.

Over the decades, the state of Minnesota has taken steps to recognize those who served. A Vietnam Veterans memorial was dedicated in 1997, and in 2008, legislation creating a state Vietnam Veterans Day was signed into law by Governor Pawlenty. In this tradition, the Minnesota Honors Vietnam Era Veterans celebration will continue to unite Veterans and the community.

“This is a day to celebrate Vietnam era Veterans,” said Clark Dyrud, Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs. “We need to recognize those who have served, and remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.”

The event, which is free and open to the public, will feature guest speakers, period music, Vietnam memorabilia, food, Vietnam Veteran reunions and more. A replica of the National Vietnam Memorial will also be on display. For more information about this event, visit www.mnhonorsvietnamvets.org.

About MDVA

The Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs is a cabinet level state agency dedicated to serving Minnesota Veterans and their families. In addition to overseeing the five State Veterans Homes, MDVA helps eligible Veterans and families secure state and federal benefits and provides programs and services relating to higher education, benefits, burial, claims, outreach and Veterans employment. Veterans and their families are encouraged to visit www.mdva.state.mn.us or call 1-(888)-LinkVet for more information about benefits.

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