



## Welcome Home

### Vietnam Veterans Day

On March 30, 1973, all United States Troops withdrew from Vietnam. There were no ticker-tape parades honoring the Veterans, no triumphant marches or speeches as there had been at the end of each of the World Wars.

America's Vietnam Veterans returned home to silence, or worse, in some cases to degradation for having served their country during a controversial war.

On March 30, 2011, Senator Richard Burr (R-N.C), Ranking member of the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, introduced a resolution to honor Veterans' who served in Vietnam by designating March 30th as "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day."

March 30th marks the anniversary of the day that combat, and combat support units withdrew completely from South Vietnam.

The celebration will include a flag salute, invocation, singing of "God Bless America", and a ceremonial first pitch by 4th Ward Councilman Fred Shorett.

**WHEN:**

March 29, 2014

**WHERE:**

NEWMARK LITTLE LEAGUE

CARL KARPER FIELD

3900 Severence Ave., San Bernardino, CA

**CHECK IN:**

3:30 P.M. – 4:15 P.M.

**START TIME:**

4:30 p.m.

**INVOCATION READ BY:**

Bill Seybert

**"NATIONAL ANTHEM" PERFORMED BY:**

Chiemena Agbakwuru

**FLAG SALUTE:**

Boy Scouts of America Pack #247

**PARTICIPANTS :**

Vietnam Veteran's

**"GOD BLESS AMERICA" PERFORMED BY:**

Chiemena Agbakwuru

**MARTIAL ARTS DEMO:**

Little Tigers Tang Doo Do College of Martial Arts

Demo Team

**"To the VIETNAM VETERAN"**

"To those who returned home with no one to greet them.

To those who have been told that PTSD would go away in time.

To those who have never been told thank you or officially welcomed home.

To those who returned physically but still are haunted by the nightmares of war.

To those who still react to a backfire and break a sweat at the sound of a chopper.

To those who have traveled endlessly never letting roots take hold or settled down.

To those who hear a familiar song that takes you back to a place you'd rather forget.

To those who can count the friends they have on one hand for fear of losing another.

To those who suffer from Agent Orange exposure and are still fighting the last battle.

To those who fought battles in the steaming jungle of Vietnam and also here at home.

To those who have more friends on the Vietnam Memorial Wall than they do in this life."

*-author unknown*

**THANK YOU, WELCOME HOME!**