



Welcome Home Vietnam Vets!

A Lawton-Fort Sill Celebration of Your Service

The Lawton-Fort Sill Community will host events to honor veterans of the Vietnam War on March 29-30, 2013. The celebration is one of an ongoing series of nationwide events that culminate in Washington, DC on November 11, 2025 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the end of the *Vietnam War*. Veterans of all services and wars, their families and patriotic civilians are invited to attend.

Friday, March 29: US Army Fires Center of Excellence and Fort Sill Welcomes Vietnam Vets Home

0900 - 0930: Veterans arrive and park at the Field Artillery Museum, Fort Sill

0930 - 1000: Board buses and move to Rinehart Gym on Fort Sill

1000 - 1100: Welcome Home Ceremony for Vietnam Vets; remarks by Fort Sill CG MG McDonald

Veterans with health issues who cannot board buses may drive in procession from the museum parking lot and join the other veterans in the ceremony.

Optional activities for Veterans and Families

1130-1245: Luncheon at the Patriot Club (Reservations required; seating is limited)

1245-1345: Arrive at Old Post Quadrangle - Tour Fort Sill National Historic Landmark and Museum and the Sherman House (CG's quarters on Old Post Quadrangle)

1400-1500: Retirement Ceremony at Old Post Quadrangle
Vietnam Veterans & families as special guests

Saturday, March 30: Vietnam War Commemoration, 100-Member Choir, Vietnam Video Tribute

1100-1200: Vietnam War Commemoration at McMahon Memorial Auditorium, Lawton

Speaker is GEN (Retired) Gordon R. Sullivan, former Chief of Staff of the Army, President of AUSA (Association of the United States Army) and a Vietnam Veteran

While in the area, visit the Fort Sill National Historic Landmark and Museum, including the Field Artillery and Air Defense Artillery branches' extensive collections, and the Field Artillery and Air Defense Artillery Associations, all on Fort Sill; the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge north of Fort Sill with historic resort Medicine Park nearby, the Great Plains Museum and the various veterans memorials at Elmer Thomas Park in Lawton and other sites.

For more information on the events, contact information for area lodging, maps to events and sites, and links to supporting organizations, go to the Oklahoma Vietnam War Commemoration website:
<http://www.okvietnamwar50th.com>.

Please **RSVP by March 15th** which days and events you plan to attend, so we can plan for enough buses and seating. RSVP early to reserve a seat at the Friday luncheon at the Patriot Club. You can RSVP or get additional information by contacting Michelle Stewart at welcomhomevet@yahoo.com or at 580-595-4559. Event locations could change, based on the volume of RSVPs, and will be noted on the website.

NOTE: Please share this invitation with other veterans, friends and interested organizations.

Conducted under the auspices of the Lawton-Fort Sill Chamber of Commerce, AUSA Fires Chapter, Faith Hospice of Lawton-Fort Sill, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 751 and Field Artillery OCS Alumni Chapter.