

Fargo VA saying thank you to Vietnam Veterans, March 29

The Fargo VA Health Care System will honor and thank Vietnam Veterans the morning of March 29, in conjunction with the National Vietnam War Commemoration, offering commemorative Vietnam Veteran lapel pins near the main entrance of the Fargo VA Medical Center.

Starting at 8 a.m., volunteers will serve cake and coffee and give pins to Veterans who

served in-country, in-theater, or were stationed elsewhere on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces from November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975. If you or someone you know meets these requirements, please go to the main entrance to have a piece of cake and receive a lapel pin.

VA Secretary Robert McDonald will host a wreath-laying ceremony at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial – “The Wall” to initiate VA’s contribution to the Commemoration. He will be joined by Defense Secretary Ashton Carter.

VA, along with more than 9,000 organizations across the country, has joined with the Department of Defense as a Commemorative Partner to help Americans honor our nation’s Vietnam Veterans.

Authorized by Congress, established under the Secretary of Defense, and launched by the President in May 2012, the Vietnam War Commemoration recognizes all men and women who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces from November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975. Nine million Americans, approximately 7 million living today, served during that period, and the Commemoration makes no distinction between Veterans who served in-country, in-theater, or were stationed elsewhere during those 20 years. All answered the call of duty.

By presidential proclamation issued on May 25, 2012, the Commemoration extends from its inaugural event on Memorial Day 2012 through Veterans Day 2025.

To learn more about the Vietnam War Commemoration, go to: www.vietnamwar50th.com

