

## National Vietnam War Veterans Day, March 29

On March 29, Americans come together to commemorate the service and sacrifices made by the nearly 3 million service members who served in Vietnam. In 2012, President Barack Obama signed a presidential proclamation, designating March 29 as the annual observance of Vietnam War Veterans Day. On March 28, 2017, President Donald J. Trump signed into law the Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017, which named March 29 National Vietnam War Veterans Day. The bill amended the U.S. flag code to include National Vietnam War Veterans Day as a day on which the flag should be flown. The signing of the proclamation marked the 50th anniversary of the departure of the last American troops from Vietnam - March 29, 1973. Only U.S. embassy personnel and support staff remained in South Vietnam until the fall of Saigon on April 30, 1975.



Mayor Sylvester Turner



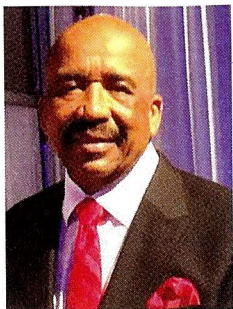
## City of Houston Mayor's Office of Veterans and Military Affairs



Tuesday, March 29, 2022  
City Hall  
Reflection Pool  
901 Bagby Street  
Houston, TX 77002  
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.







**Charles L. Miles** was born in Birmingham, Alabama on July 23, 1948. He served as a paratrooper with the 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Brigade, Stationed in the Central Highlands of Vietnam (1968-1969). He is a two-tour combat decorated veteran, which includes the Purple Heart and Combat Air Medal. Ten months into his first tour as a team leader of a six-man machine gun team, the team was ambushed, leaving two of his fellow soldiers fatally wounded. At the request of the family of one of the fallen soldiers, he was asked by the Pentagon to escort the remains of the lost comrade back home to the U.S.

Later in life, Charles obtained a B.A in Communications, B.A in Christianity, and Masters Degree in Theological Studies from Houston Baptist University, graduating with 3.98 GPA. As a result of his academic achievement, he was later inducted into the HBU Walk of Honor.

In 2018; Mr. Miles, was awarded the (Four Chaplain) Legion of Honor Award. He was also named Houston Unsung Hero in 2014-2015. For twelve years he managed one of the largest Veteran Transitional Work programs at the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center. He and his wife are the founders of Miles Ministry which has served Houston's homeless population for more than 20 years.



**Tim Stroud** is a former combat medic in the United States Army. He served his country for five years with deployments to Kosovo, Kuwait and Iraq (OIF). During these years, Tim learned volumes about team building, leadership, and camaraderie.

Tim is the founder of the Killeen Police Department Law Enforcement Assistance Fund (KPD LEAF) and a current board member. KPD LEAF is a non-profit organization that assists the police, staff, and families of the KPD in their time of need. This was started to honor his father, Gary Stroud who was killed in the line of duty as a patrolman for the St. Charles, MO Police Department.

Tim excelled at Grand Canyon University graduating with Academic Honors on both the Dean's and President's List. Tim secured a Bachelor of Science in Applied Management from the Ken Blanchard College of Business in May 2011. He then followed it up with a Masters in Servant Leadership 2 years later.

He lives in Texas and continues to champion several causes for veterans and their families. He was recently recognized by the Women of AT&T for his work to eradicate sex and human trafficking in Houston, presented the Humanitarian Award from the Latino Learning Center, and took the Bronze medal last year in the District 56 Toastmasters International Speaking Contest. Tim has two daughters, Amber and Jacqueline, aptly nicknamed The Hurricane and The Tornado. They keep him grounded and remind him of the value of life.

## **Tim Stroud, Master of Ceremony**

### **Music of the Day**

### **Sound Assembly**

### **Welcome**

### **Introduction of Master of Ceremony**

### **Master of Ceremony**

### *Introduction of Guests & Dignitaries*

### **Presentation of Colors**

### **National Anthem**

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Invocation**

### **Poem**

### **City Proclamation/Remarks**

### **Introduction of Keynote Speaker**

### **Keynote Speaker**

### **Elected Official Remarks**

### **Special Guest Remarks**

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### **Special Announcement**

### **Vietnam War Era Pinning Ceremony**

### **TAPS**

### **Moment of Silence /Music Selection**

### **Retire the Color**

### **Closing Remarks**

Cory Strouth

Robert Dembo III, Director

LaShondra Jones, Ph.D., MOVMA

Tim Stroud

ESTEM Academy MCJROTC

Tiffany Brown

Cedric Patterson

Chaplain Gregory McCrimmon

Raquel "DaTruth" Segura

Mayor Pro-TEM Dave Martin

Tim Stroud

Charles Miles

Judge Jason Luong

Nguyen X. Duc

Council Member Edward Pollard

Military Officials

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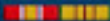
Westbury Jazz Orchestra

ESTEM Academy MCJROTC

Tim Stroud



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**VIETNAM WAR COMMISSION**



**NATIONAL  
VIETNAM WAR  
VETERANS DAY**

**29 March**

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Vietnam Veterans Day*

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