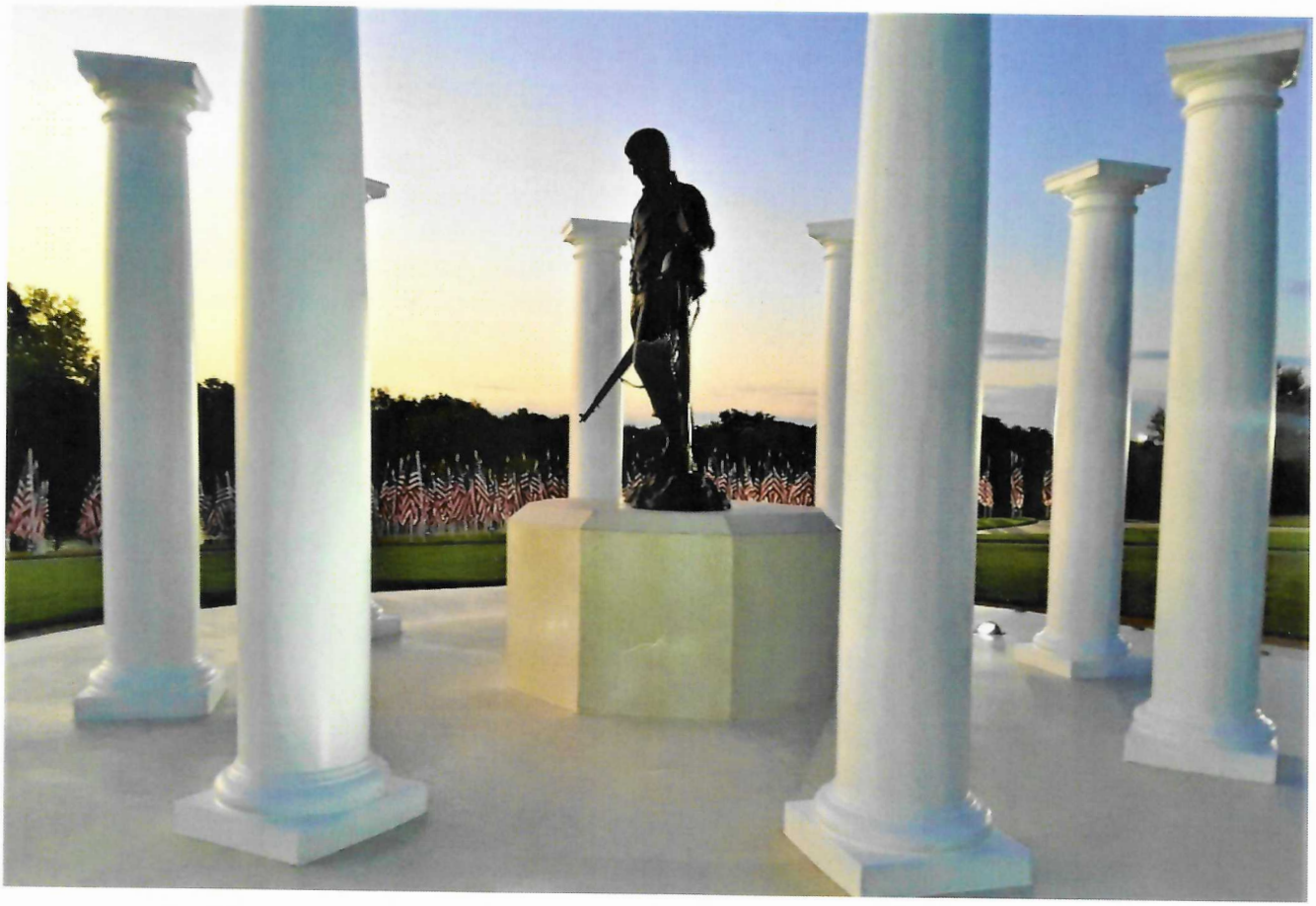


SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL

VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

Honoring Members of the United States and Allied Forces Who Served

NOVEMBER 11, 2024
11:00 A.M.

VETERANS PARK, ARLINGTON, TEXAS

Rotary

Arlington Great Southwest
Arlington Highlands
Arlington North West
Arlington Sunrise
Rotary Club of Arlington

Attendees will be asked to stand at various times during the ceremony. However, please feel free to remain seated if your physical circumstances make it more comfortable for you.

Welcome..... Col. James Campbell Quick, USAF (Ret.)
President, Arlington Veterans Park Foundation, Rotary Club of Arlington

Presentation of Colors..... University of Texas at Arlington Maverick Battalion
and Republic of Vietnam Military Units

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance..... Rev. Ben Disney, Sr. Pastor
Trinity United Methodist Church

National Anthem..... Mr. David Johnson
USAF Veteran

Republic of Vietnam National Anthem

Introduction of Dignitaries.....Col. James Campbell Quick, USAF (Ret.)

Proclamation.....Mayor Jim Ross, City of Arlington
USMC Veteran

Commemoration of Vietnam KIAs from Arlington..... Mrs. Geraldine Mills
Arlington Historical Society

Arlington Veterans Memorial Park..... Col. James Campbell Quick, USAF (Ret.)

Recognition of Lt. Col. Jim Persons, U.S. Marines Corps (Deceased),
Mrs. Sheri Persons, and Mr. Albert Ross, Captain, USAF (Deceased),
and Mrs. Fern Ross..... Col. James Campbell Quick, USAF (Ret.)

Introduction of Speaker..... Hon. Jeff Williams
Member National Leadership Council and Board Member of National
Medal of Honor Museum Foundation, Former Mayor of Arlington

Keynote Speaker..... Col. Michael Caldwell
USAF (Ret.)

Announcements.....Col. James Campbell Quick, USAF (Ret.)

Military Medley (Service Anthems)

Reflections of a Vietnamese-American Veteran..... Mr. Tung Le
Republic of Vietnam Air Force

Vietnamese Unknown Soldier Song

Closing Prayer..... Rev. Ben Disney, Sr. Pastor
Trinity United Methodist Church

Taps ..... Hon. Brent Carr
Major, USMC, Tarrant County Criminal Court Judge (Ret.)

Please Join Us for a Complimentary Lunch
At
The Park Pavilion

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ARLINGTON VETERANS PARK FOUNDATION GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGES THOSE WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TIME AND RESOURCES FOR THIS EVENT

City of Arlington: Mr. Jim Ross, Mayor; Council members Mauricio Galante, Raul Gonzales, Nikki Hunter, Andrew Piel, Rebecca Boxall, Long Pham, Bowie Hogg, and Dr. Barbara Odom-Wesley; James Orloski, Director Arlington Parks & Recreation Department; Trey Yelverton, City Manager; Lemuel Randolph and Jennifer Wichman, Deputy City Managers; Chief Al Jones, Arlington Police Department; Chief Bret Stidham, Arlington Fire Department; Michael DeBrecht, Eric Seebock, Devin Steward, and Donna Holmes, Arlington Parks Department.

Dr. Hung Dang, Mr. Thong Bui, and Mr. Duc Van Mai, Heroes of South Vietnam Memorial Foundation

Mrs. Susie McAlister, Assistant Governor Rotary District 5790 and Past-President Rotary Club of Arlington

Mrs. April Pettitt, Rotary Club of Arlington

Mr. Paul Fulks, Arlington Veterans Park Foundation Board, Navy Veteran, Rotary Club of Arlington

Mr. Clete McAlister, Past-President Arlington Veterans Park Foundation, Past-President Rotary Club of Arlington, U.S. Marine Corps Combat Veteran, Greater Arlington Lions Club

Mr. Jim Runzheimer, Captain, U.S. Army, Infantry Airborne Special Forces, Arlington Veterans Park Foundation, and Junior Vice-Commander, Military Order of World Wars, Dallas Chapter

Mr. Richard 'Rick" Walters, Captain, U.S. Air Force (1959-1965), Greater Arlington Lions Club

Ms. Brenda Weidel, Instrumentalist

Mr. Roger Peimann, U.S. Army Veteran, Member Fort Worth Air Power Council

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Complimentary lunch provided by Dr. Hung Dang, MD

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"It is, in a way, an odd thing to honor those who died in defense of our country, in defense of us, in wars far away. The imagination plays a trick. We see these soldiers in our mind as old and wise. We see them as something like the Founding Fathers, grave and gray haired. But most of them were boys when they died, and they gave up two lives – the one they were living and the one they would have lived. When they died, they gave up their chance to be husbands and fathers and grandfathers. They gave up their chance to be revered old men. They gave up everything for our country, for us. And all we can do is remember."

~ Ronald Reagan