

MEDIA ADVISORY

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Join the NVMM to Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Special Ceremony on March 29!

Free Museum Admission All Day for All Guests

- WHEN: Wednesday, March 29 at 10 a.m.
- WHAT: National Vietnam War Veterans Day <u>Welcome Home Ceremony</u> FREE Museum Admission for everyone all day on March 29 This year marks the 50th anniversary of the return home of U.S. combat troops from Vietnam and the repatriation of U.S. prisoners of war (POWs). "Vietnam was the first war from which America did not welcome our Veterans back home as heroes, so we take this day as a time to say 'Thank you'," said Lt. General Michael Ferriter, U.S. Army (Retired), president and CEO of the National Veterans Memorial and Museum.
- WHERE: National Veterans Memorial and Museum Great Hall and online via Facebook and YouTube
- **WHO:** Captain Charles J. Plumb, U.S. Navy (Retired), fighter jet pilot and Vietnam POW

The <u>Welcome Home Ceremony</u> will feature a keynote speech from Captain Charles "Charlie" J. Plumb, U.S. Navy (Retired). He will share his story as a "Top Gun" jet fighter pilot who completed 75 combat missions before being shot down by a surface-to-air missile. Plumb ejected from his aircraft, parachuting into enemy territory where he endured six years as a POW.



About the National Veterans Memorial and Museum

The National Veterans Memorial and Museum takes visitors on a narrative journey telling individual stories and sharing experiences of Veterans from all military branches throughout history. <u>The National Veterans Memorial and Museum</u> pays tribute to the sacrifices of men and women in service and their families. History is presented through a dynamic, participatory experience with photos, letters and personal effects, multi-media presentations, and interactive exhibits. Together, these elements link our national story of service to the larger context of the world.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Retired Captain Charles Plumb is open to interviews prior to his arrival in Ohio.

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