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NVMM Commemorates National Vietnam War Veterans Day with annual "Welcome Home" Ceremony

COLUMBUS, Ohio – The National Veterans Memorial and Museum (NVMM) is proud to commemorate National Vietnam War Veterans Day with its annual "Welcome Home" Ceremony, live from our Great Hall on Saturday, March 29, at 10 a.m. This April marks the 50th anniversary of the fall of Saigon, the final chapter of America's involvement in the Vietnam War. The ceremony opens with a procession of all Vietnam War Veterans in attendance, who are welcomed home to thunderous applause from the greater community for their service in a moving and powerful display of gratitude.



Kimberly Mitchell, USN Keynote Speaker

The ceremony will feature keynote speaker U.S. Navy Veteran Kimberly M. Mitchell, who brings a unique perspective as a Vietnamese orphan adopted by a U.S. Airman and raised in Wisconsin. She attended the U.S. Naval Academy, and after her military career, became an advocate for Veterans. She is the former Senior Advisor to the Secretary of the Department of Veteran Affairs and previously served as the president of the Dixon Center for Military and Veterans Services and as president and CEO of the Veterans

Village of San Diego. She has served as a board member for many organizations, including the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund.

Emily Compagno, co-host of "Outnumbered" on FOX News and author of the New York Times' #1 bestseller "Under His Wings," will serve as the emcee for the event. Compagno holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Washington and a J.D. from the University of San Francisco School of Law. Following the ceremony, she will be signing copies of her book.

Museum admission will be reduced to \$5, and the "Welcome Home" ceremony is free. Tickets for the ceremony and museum admission are available here. The event will be streamed live online.



Emily Compagno
Emcee & FOX News Host

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. The National Veterans Memorial and Museum 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. The NVMM is located at 300 W. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43215. Thanks to generous support from Nationwide, Veterans, Active-Duty military and Gold Star Family members always enjoy free admission to the NVMM.