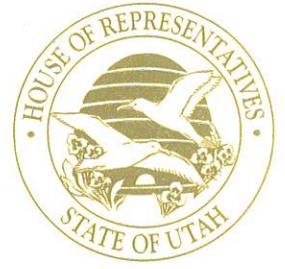




# Utah Legislature



## OFFICIAL CITATION RECOGNIZING *Vietnam War Veterans*

Over 50 years ago, on March 29, 1973, the United States withdrew its last 2,500 troops from the battlefields of Vietnam. The Vietnam War was one of our nation's longest conflicts, with the first American soldiers arriving in the 1950s and the final evacuation of Americans from the U.S. Embassy occurring with the fall of Saigon on April 30, 1975. In the decades since, generations of Americans have come to understand the war's significance and the heroic contributions and sacrifices of those who served.

The Vietnam War, like all armed conflicts, inflicted deep wounds upon the American people—especially military service members and their families, who endured years of uncertainty and sacrifice. The brave men and women of the United States Armed Forces served with honor, yet many faced unjust condemnation upon their return home. They bore the brunt of public disapproval for a conflict and political decisions beyond their control.

Alongside U.S. troops, many Vietnamese nationals fought courageously, often at great personal risk, to aid American service members. Their immense bravery and sacrifices, though often overlooked, made invaluable contributions deserving of recognition and honor.

Every veteran who served in the Vietnam War answered the call to duty and played a vital role. Like all who have served throughout our nation's history, these veterans embody the patriotism, spirit and courage of the United States Armed Forces.

Now, therefore, be it known on this 26th day of February 2025, that the Utah Legislature recognizes and commends Vietnam War veterans, their families and all men and women who served—whether in combat, in training or in support roles—during the conflict. With deep gratitude, we honor their sacrifice and express our sincere appreciation for their service to our country.

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