25th Anniversary of Chicago Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home 2011

Chicago, IL—June 3, 2011—In 1986 America said thank you to Vietnam Veterans at the largest parade of its kind in U.S. history, the Chicago Vietnam Veteran’s Welcome Home Parade. This June 17th -19th 2011, America has a second chance to say thank you to all those who have served and those currently serving by attending the 25th anniversary of Welcome Home in Chicago. Support America’s troops and veterans by attending the events or donating gently used IPODS at the Palmer House throughout the weekend for the IPODS for Wounded Veterans.

Event details include:

**FRIDAY, June 17th**

Noon Opening ceremony of the 24-hour Moving Wall display at the West end of Navy Pier
5 – 7 PM Veteran’s art & photo exhibit at Expo 72, located at 72 E. Randolph
7 – 10 PM Cash bar reception at the Palmer House with musical entertainment provided by Jackie Marx, Joe Cantafio, Britt Small, and John Steer

**SATURDAY, June 18th**

9 AM Kickoff Rally at Navy Pier with entertainment by Britt Small, Jackie Marx and Rev. John Steer. The 24-hour Moving Wall & Illinois Military Order of Purple Heart Traveling War Memorial on display at Navy Pier
6 PM Reception hour at the Heroes Banquet Dinner in the Grand Ballroom of the Palmer House
7 PM Heroes banquet featuring MC Bill Kurtis and keynote speakers, Mick Yauger, President of Teamsters Local 786, Colonel David W. Sutherland, and Bob Weiland, “Mr. Motivation”. The City of Chicago will be recognized and several Congressional Medal of Honor Recipients will serve as honored guests.

**SUNDAY, June 19th**

9 – 11 AM Interfaith service with Rev. John Steer at the Vietnam Veteran Memorial Plaza, located 2 East Wacker Driver
Noon Concert at Pritzker Pavilion in Millennium Park with entertainment by Dennis DeYoung, ARRA, and USO’s Joe Cantafio and the 101st Rock Division

**About Welcome Home 2011**

Welcome Home 2011 is a weekend honoring the 25th anniversary of the Chicago Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home Parade from June 17 to 19, 2011 featuring a variety of activities. Learn more about Welcome Home 2011 by visiting www.serviceandhonor.org or call (312) 925-5506. To find out more information about IPODS for Wounded Vets contact (312) 666-2750.

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