FACT SHEET

- The Welcome Home 2011 taking place June 17th to June 19th around Chicago has been designated to commemorate the 25th Anniversary historic 1986 Chicago Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home Parade.

- In addition to the Vietnam Veteran celebrations and mini-reunions, Welcome Home 2011 will recognize our Iraqi and Afghanistan veterans and those currently serving.

- There will not be a parade during the 25th anniversary celebration. The 1986 Chicago Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home Parade was the largest event of its kind in our nation's history. It provided a healing process and will always be remembered as THE PARADE.

- Join in one of the many Welcome Home 2011 activities including:

  **Friday, June 17th:** the opening ceremony of the 24-hour Moving Wall display at the West end of Navy Pier, Veteran's art & photo exhibit at Expo 72, located at 72 E. Randolph, a cash bar reception at the Palmer House with musical entertainment provided by Jackie Marx, Joe Cantafio, Britt Small, and John Steer.

  **Saturday, June 18th:** the Kickoff Rally at Navy Pier with entertainment by Britt Small, Jackie Marx, Rev. and John Steer, the 24-hour Moving Wall & Illinois Military Order of Purple Heart Traveling War Memorial on display at Navy Pier, a reception hour at the Heroes Banquet Dinner in the Grand Ballroom of the Palmer House followed by the Heroes banquet where the City of Chicago will be recognized and several Congressional Medal of Honor Recipients will serve as honored guests featuring MC Bill Kurtis and keynote speakers, Mick Yauger, President of Teamsters Local 786, Colonel David W. Sutherland, and Bob Weiland, “Mr. Motivation”.

  **Sunday, June 19th:** an Interfaith service with Rev. John Steer at the Vietnam Veteran Memorial Plaza, located 2 East Wacker Driver and a special concert at Pritzker Pavilion in Millennium Park with entertainment by Dennis DeYoung, ARRA, and USO’s Joe Cantafio and the 101st Rock Division

- Spread the word about Welcome Home 2011! Download flyers, register to volunteer, or reserve hotel rooms, or purchase banquet and concert tickets by visiting [http://www.serviceandhonor.org](http://www.serviceandhonor.org) or call (312) 925-5506.

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