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### **Armed Forces Retirement Home Recognizes National Vietnam War Veterans Day**

On the fifth anniversary of National Vietnam War Veterans Day, the Armed Forces Retirement Home (AFRH) honors all military veterans for service and sacrifice. This national recognition, authorized by Congress and established under the Secretary of Defense, serves to honor our Nation's Vietnam veterans and their families for their selfless service, commitment, dedication and contributions to the country.

“America has a proud heritage of honoring its military. Today we honor the brave men and woman who served in Vietnam from November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975,” said Jeff Eads, administrator for the AFRH campus in Gulfport, Mississippi. “Why today? The last U.S. combat troops left Vietnam on March 29, 1973, and on the same day, the final prisoners of war Hanoi admitted to having were released.”

While it is fitting to remember our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines every day, today's recognition marks a special time to remember and recognize those who supported the United States' efforts in Vietnam for their service and sacrifices, Eads explained.

“Sometimes the best way to say something is the simplest. Thank you to our Vietnam Veterans who are with us, to those whose memories we hold dear, and to their families,” he said.

The Armed Forces Retirement Home is the nation's premier life community for veterans of the U.S. armed forces and their spouses. Its mission is to fulfill America's commitment to its military veterans by providing an excellent community with exceptional residential care and extensive support services. The Home is one of America's most enduring veterans' retirement homes with campuses in Washington, District of Columbia and Gulfport, Mississippi.

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