

2010 letter to 127 Viet Nam War veterans from Senator John McCain

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Attendees of the "2010 Proud to Be an American Boat Parade"
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Dear Friends:

As we observe another Independence Day holiday weekend, many Americans will greet it as the part of a mid-summer three day weekend, and a good day, weather permitting, for outdoor recreation. Today, in Monticello, you are celebrating as well, but with a greater understanding of the sacrifice it took to first win our freedom and the determination it takes to maintain it now.

To the family and friends of America's veterans here today, you provide the strength necessary to keep our armed forces strong and our ideals alive. Thank you for your unwavering support of our men and women in uniform.

To all of my fellow Vietnam veterans, I thank you for your brave service and sacrifice. You are our country's true heroes. When the time came for you to answer your country's call and fight on a field you did not know, you came. In dense jungles and hillsides, in the air and on and below the water, you served the country that sent you there well. In the fog of hard battles, won and lost, you held high a lantern of courage and faith that illuminated the way home with honor.

History does not remember all of our Vietnam veterans as individuals. We don't even know where all of the fallen rest. But we must not forget what our veterans did. Your honor is eternal and will live in our country for so long as she remains worthy of the your sacrifice. You are family and friends to some, but heroes to all. God bless you.

Sincerely,



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