

# 50th Vietnam War Commemoration Ceremony

Wednesday, March 29, 2023 at 7 PM

## Saratoga-Wilton Elks Lodge

The Friends of the New York State Military Museum, in conjunction with the Capital District of New York Chapter of the Association of the United States Army (AUSA), will be conducting a 50th Vietnam War Commemoration ceremony on Wednesday, March 29, 2023, starting at 7 pm at the Saratoga-Wilton Elks Lodge (1 Elks Lane, Saratoga Springs, NY).

The event will recognize and honor the service of Vietnam War era veterans who served in the military during the period of November 1, 1955 thru May 15, 1975 and have time on active duty even if only for training. All branches of the service - Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard qualify. The event is free and open to the public, but veterans who register in advance will receive a Vietnam War era lapel pin. The lapel pin is issued by the United States Department of Defense as part of its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Vietnam War Commemoration, a multi-year program to thank and honor Vietnam veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice. This "lasting memento of the Nation's thanks" is now proudly worn by more than 2 million previously unheralded patriots.

A Surviving Spouse pin will also be issued to the spouse of a deceased veteran who served on active duty in the United States Armed Forces at any time during the period noted above regardless of location. Veterans and Surviving Spouses may register for the event by contacting CSM(R) Bob Van Pelt at 518-210-2868 or email at [bvpcsm@aol.com](mailto:bvpcsm@aol.com). Registration must be completed no later than March 24, 2023. Please provide your name, dates of service and name of spouse/family/guest you will bring. Each individual Vietnam War Era Veteran will be recognized and presented with the lapel pin and have an opportunity to say a few words. Refreshments will be served. Prior pin awardees are welcome to attend and make remarks. Everyone attending must register.