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Vietnam War Veterans Day in D.C.

Vietnam War veterans were honored at a national Welcome Home celebration on Sunday, March 29, National Vietnam War Veterans Day, at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. Veterans and their families, including many VVA members, came to the nation's capital from around the country for the event.

They participated in a Welcome Home Walk from the World War II Memorial along Constitution Avenue to the Lincoln Memorial, followed by a tribute concert featuring Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band. VVA President Tom Burke spoke at the official ceremonies in front of *The Wall*.

National Vietnam War Veterans Day was

first proclaimed on March 29, 2012, and then signed into law in 2017, designating every March 29 as National Vietnam War Veterans Day. March 29, 1973, was the day that MACV—the U.S. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam—officially closed its doors and the last American combat troops came home from South Vietnam. ♦