

The Invisible Wounds of War

As our nation approaches the fiftieth anniversary of its Vietnam Era veterans' service in war, we must acknowledge America's failure to properly welcome home its combat service members as they returned war weary from the jungles and rice patties of Southeast Asia.

The dark days of social and political strife that consumed the United States during this era left the conscience of our country at a moral and cultural crossroads with our returning veterans paying the bill.

Through this travail, our nation has learned to separate the honor of our service members' sacrifice from the discourse associated with foreign policy debate.

Our current generation of warriors now serves as the beneficiary of this bitter lesson of history delivered by the humility and sacrifice of our Vietnam Veterans.

The Vietnam Veteran Homecoming seeks to repair the injustice bore by those men and women for the last half century by allowing them to cross the water once more to the open arms of their families and a grateful nation.

Colonel Jack Mosher
Sheriff Randy Liberty

The "Coming Home" March

The "Coming Home" March is an opportunity for veterans to physically, emotionally and spiritually to cross over the water once again and to be welcomed home by their families, our nation's citizens and their fellow service members.

Participants (to include family members of deceased veterans) will gather between 5:00 and 5:45 PM at the Winslow Gazebo Park at 114 Benton Avenue on June 14th. At 5:50, participants will form a single file line and be led by bagpipers down the handicapped accessible, paved pathway to the Two Cent Bridge.

Once at the bridge, participants will then cross the Two Cent Bridge to the Waterville side being announced individually by their name, rank, service and hometown as they are received by the welcoming group and their family members.

Veterans or family representatives who are not comfortable crossing the bridge may choose instead to be announced and welcomed from the Waterville side.

Participants are urged to register in advance by calling Peter Ogden, Director of Veteran's Services at 207 430 6035 to allow for the preparation of recognition Certificates for presentation.

Vietnam Veterans Homecoming 50th Anniversary



**June 14, 2012
6:00 PM**



**Head of Falls Park
at the
Two Cent Bridge
in
Waterville, Maine**

Please call
Mr. Pete Ogden
207 430 6035
to register

