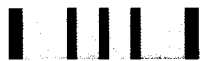




# Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park

— DEDICATION CEREMONY —

**Saturday, May 25**  
at 11 a.m.



FOR THE COMMUNITY - FOR THE VETERANS - FOR THEIR HONOR

# Schedule

**10:20 AM**

**Cascade Warbirds Flyover**

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**11:00 AM**

**Welcome**

*Matt Lorch, Q13 FOX Evening News*

**"National Anthem"**  
w/ U.S. Flag raising

**"Eternal Father"**  
w/ Military Branch Flag raising

**"Dvořák's 9th Symphony, 2nd movement"**  
w/ POW/MIA Flag raising

**EA-18 Growler Flyover**  
*Naval Air Station Whidbey Island VAQ-135 "Black Ravens"*

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**Invocation**

*Reverend Canon John Fergusson*

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**Opening Remarks**

**Allan Ekberg,**  
*City of Tukwila Mayor*

**Lourdes "Alfie" Alvarado-Ramos,**  
*Washington State Director of Veteran Affairs*

**Matt Hayes,**  
*President and CEO, The Museum of Flight*

**Pam Valdez,**  
*Vice President of Air Force Services for Boeing Global Services*

**Jim Farmer,**  
*Museum of Flight Trustee, Vietnam War B-52 Pilot,  
and Project Welcome Home Chairman*

## **Keynote Address**

*General Jim Mattis (Ret.) USMC & 26th Secretary of Defense*

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## **Vietnam Veterans Pinning Ceremony**

**as part of the 50th Anniversary Commemoration of the Vietnam War**

*Matt Lorch, Q13 FOX Evening News*

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## **Huey and Cobra Helicopter Flyover**

*Northwest Helicopters*

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**2:00 to 3:30 PM**

## **B-52s and American POWS in Vietnam**

**in The Museum of Flight's William M. Allen Theater**

A panel of five Vietnam Veterans will explore the connection between the B-52 Stratofortress and American POWS in the Vietnam War, and they will share their experiences during that time.

Moderated by Matt Lorch, Q13 FOX Evening News.  
FREE with Museum Admission.

## **All veterans receive FREE Museum admission this weekend!**

*(May 25-27; plus one adult and any children under 17)*

*After the ceremony, Veterans and their families may enter the Museum through the Northwest corner of the Aviation Pavilion.*

*Note: This gate will only be open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. today.  
Please plan accordingly.*

**Music courtesy of the Boeing Employee Concert Band.**

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*Portable restrooms are located along  
Raisbeck Aviation High School and next to the General Parking area.*

## The Project

In 1991, The Museum of Flight took retired Boeing B-52G Stratofortress #92584 on loan from the U.S. Air Force; it sat silently for more than 25 years at Paine Field in Everett. When Air Force Crew E-12, who had flown #92584, discovered its presence in 2012, they gathered for a deeply emotional reunion that inspired *Project Welcome Home*. As the project took shape, a committee of Vietnam veterans became inspired to help guide our efforts and properly welcome home a generation of their fellow service members.

## The Park

B-52G #92584 spent its entire life in service with Strategic Air Command and was one of 110 G-model B-52s that saw combat duty during the Vietnam War as part of Operations Bullet Shot and Linebacker II. The bronze aviator statue represents veterans from all branches who returned from their service in Vietnam from 1955-1975, and the folded American flag represents those who did not make it home. The Tribute Wall displays names of individuals, squadrons, and others who served their country in Southeast Asia or supported their loved ones from home.

## The Purpose

During the war the United States lost nearly 10,000 aircraft and many crew members. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park provides visitors with an understanding of the role aviation played in the war and the scope of loss in human life and aircraft. It provides a setting for veterans to connect, as well as a place to promote healing, generate discussion and stimulate learning.

*Thank you for supporting the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park  
Grand Opening and Dedication*



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