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Commissary hosts “Ride In” and Flag Ceremony to thank and honor Vietnam War veterans

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION YUMA, Ariz. (October 30, 2013) – The commissary onboard MCAS Yuma will host a motorcycle “ride in” and flag ceremony at 10 a.m., Nov. 8. The ceremony will commemorate the 50 year anniversary of U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War and acknowledge sacrifices made by Vietnam veterans and their families.

The event is open to the public. Vietnam War veterans will be honored with the patriotic unveiling of the 50th Anniversary Vietnam War Commemoration Flag and a special reception hosted by the commissary.

“The flag recognizes the service, valor and sacrifice of our military members who made it possible for America to remain strong and safe as a defender of democracy worldwide,” said store director Carl Schwetz. “We hope that every time a Vietnam War veteran and their family sees this flag, they will know that a grateful nation remembers, thanks and honors them.”

Anyone wishing to attend the ceremony is asked to meet at the Jack in the Box restaurant across from the MCAS Yuma main gate at 9:30 a.m. to obtain permission to come aboard MCAS Yuma and be added to a roster. Individuals attending the ceremony who wish to ride must wear appropriate personal protective equipment including a DOT helmet, full-fingered gloves, long sleeves, pants, over-the-ankle boots, and eye protection. Club colors are not acceptable attire on the air station.

Vietnam veterans who plan to attend should contact the Public Affairs office at (928) 269-2275 to ensure appropriate recognition during the ceremony.

This event is separate from the colors ceremony that will take place Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. on the parade deck. The colors ceremony will honor veterans who have served in every conflict.

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