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## **Press Release**

The Dedication of the Vietnam War Memorial in Orlando was held on Sunday, April 27, 2013 at the Veterans Memorial Park, Orlando, Florida.

About 500 Americans and Vietnamese guests participated the Ceremony: Commissioner Robert Stuart who represented the Mayor, Commissioner Patty Sheehan, many officials of the city of Orlando, Mr. Al Carter, Deputy Executive Director, Nancy Hoang, Audit Director of the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs, Ms. Cindy Brown represented Congressman Daniel Webster; Professor Nguyen Xuan Vinh, Chairman of Republic Vietnam Veterans Council Aboard, former General Tran Ba Di, and Vietnamese-American community leaders and Veterans leaders of The USA, of Florida, and of local.

After the presentation of Colors and Salutation ceremony are Ribbon Cutting, Unveiling of the Statue, Wreath lying, Blessings by Religious Leaders, Dragon Dance and Firecrackers to commemorate this special event, and Remarks by the Committee Leader and Honor guests.

In this special occasion Mr. Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, issued a Proclamation which stated:

-The Vietnamese-American community has built a Vietnam War Memorial in the Veterans Memorial park of the city of Orlando, Florida, to honor and respect the brave soldiers who fought and died for this unforgettable war; and

-This Vietnam War Memorial will serve as a place to remember, to thank, and to honor all the soldiers of the free world who fought and sacrifices during the Vietnam War.

As Governor of the State of Florida, Mr. Rick Scott extended his greetings and best wishes to all observing the Vietnam War Dedication on April 27, 2013 to honor the soldiers of the United States, the Republic of Vietnam, and the Allied Armed Forces who fought in the Vietnam War for freedom.

Ms. Lisa Early, Director of the Families, Parks and Recreation Division of the city of Orlando, wrote: "The memorial is beautiful. I know it will be visited and cherished by many, many thousands of people over the years ahead."

We believed that this monument would be a historic monument and a major attraction to the city of Orlando for the tourists who choose Florida for their vacation.-.

Yen Ba Chu, President

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