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10/25/2023

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To donate to the AVM Expansion, contact Elizabeth Turner:

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*Please join us at the Anthem Veterans Memorial, Saturday, November 11 to celebrate our veterans, the men and women who serve currently in the armed forces and their respective families. It is a day to wear red, white and blue, to wave your flags and to show thanks.*

Breakfast will be available for purchase as we support the Youth for Troops charity drive (8:15-10:00). Support our Vietnam era veterans and surviving spouses as they receive the 50<sup>th</sup> Commemoration pin (9:15-9:45). Music by veterans and veteran supporters (8:50 start) followed by the armed forces branch wreaths, presented by military families at 9:50, will surely inspire. The invocation and singing of the National Anthem by USCG PO1 Michael Dalager will bring us to the ceremony opening remarks 10:00. Please, arrive early!

The AVM is proud to announce Major General Arnold Fields (USMC, Retired) will deliver the special tribute honoring our Vietnam war-era veterans and their families.

Major General Fields retired from the United States Marine Corps December 2003 after nearly 35 years of active duty. He most recently served the U.S. Department of Defense as a Senior Advisor in support of the Vietnam War Commemoration, which he relinquished in January 2021. He continues to support the Commemoration as a volunteer.

Major General Fields active-duty command assignments included serving as the Deputy Commander of U.S. Marine Corps Forces in Europe and Africa; Commanding General of all Marine Corps Bases in Hawaii; Commander Central Command’s Forward headquarters; Commander of Marine Corps Base Camp Fuji, Japan; and Commanding Officer of a motorized infantry battalion with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Marine Infantry Division during Operation Desert Storm of the first Gulf War.

During the Vietnam War, Fields served with elements of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Infantry Division in support of an amphibious ready group in the contiguous waters of Vietnam.

His staff assignments included serving as the Director of the Marine Corps Headquarters Staff at the Pentagon, Inspector General of U.S. Central Command and Chief of the Evaluation and Analysis Division of the Pentagon Joint Staff’s Plans and Interoperability Directorate.

His post active military appointments and positions included a presidential appointment as U.S. Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction (SIGAR); Deputy Director of the DoD Africa Center for Strategic Studies; and Chief of Staff of the U.S. Department of State’s Iraq Reconstruction and Management Office at the U.S. Embassy, Baghdad, Iraq.

Major General Fields is a graduate of South Carolina State University, Pepperdine University, the Army War College, the Marine Corps Command and Staff College and the Marine Corps Amphibious Warfare School, now known as the Marine Corps Expeditionary Warfare School.

*We look forward to his tribute to our Vietnam era veterans and families.*

### PRE-CEREMONY FESTIVITIES! Starting at 8:15 a.m.

- **Breakfast** available for purchase. Tennessee Grill, USMC veteran owned.
- **Youth for Troops Charitable Drive** for holiday helpers and deployed troops. Bring small items for troops and children/teen holiday gifts (Gift cards make great teen stocking stuffers). Help decorate cards/boxes.
- Music and Videos by Musical Theatre of Anthem, Operation Song....
- 9:15 - US 50<sup>th</sup> **Anniversary Vietnam War era pinning**. ALL those who served from November 1, 1955-May 15, 197 and their surviving spouses. By LED screen, North Lawn.

AVM Parking Lot Open **ONLY** to ADA, security/first responders and ceremony participants.

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