



El Monte NEWS

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WELCOME HOME CELEBRATION TO OUR VIETNAM VETERANS

EL MONTE, Calif. – The Mayor and members of the El Monte City Council invite the community to a long overdue welcoming home celebration for El Monte Vietnam Veterans. Troops returned home one-at-a time over the course of the war, and many people who supported these troops never had the opportunity to let them know how they felt. The City Council would like to recognize and commend those veterans for risking their lives in defense of the freedoms we enjoy here in America. Specifics are as follows:

- **10:00 a.m.**
- **Tuesday, January 27, 2004**
- **El Monte City Hall**
- **11333 Valley Blvd, El Monte CA 91731, in front of City Hall**
- **Light refreshments will be served**
- **“VIETNAM VETERANS WELCOME HOME DAY”**
- **Guest speaker Jose G. Ramos, Team Coordinator for the "Welcome Home Veterans" organization**

On December 2, 2003 the El Monte City Council authored a Resolution declaring January 27 of every year as “Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day”. This Resolution commemorates the more than 58,000 American troops who lost their lives in Vietnam and the more than 300,000 soldiers that were wounded in action. January 27 was selected as a tribute day since it was January 27, 1973 that the Treaty of Paris was signed declaring the release of all American prisoners of war from North Vietnam and the withdrawal of all US forces from South Vietnam.

PLEASE RSVP YOUR ATTENDANCE TO THE CITY MANAGER’S OFFICE AT 626/580-2001. Parking for the event is free and located behind El Monte City Hall.

El Monte, a city incorporated in 1912 and home to more than 116,000 residents, is a full-service city located in the heart of the San Gabriel Valley. It is freeway-close to all of Los Angeles, bisected by Interstate 10 and abutting Interstate 605. El Monte is home to a mega auto mall and boasts the largest single car dealership in the world, Longo Toyota.

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