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## Vietnam Veteran lapel pin ceremony at Freedom Fest

**October 30, 2018** – United States Vietnam veterans who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces between November 1, 1955 and May 15, 1975 are invited to take part in a lapel-pinning ceremony scheduled as part of Saturday’s daylong Freedom Fest event, which is open to the public and free of charge.

The Flagler County Veterans Advisory Council and the Marine Corps League will host the lapel-pinning ceremony.

“We wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you to our Vietnam Veterans, and present each one with a lapel pin at the ceremony,” said Flagler County Veterans Services Officer David Lydon. “We are very pleased and honored to be able to do this.”

The ceremony will take place on the Freedom Fest main stage at 3 p.m. November 3 at the Flagler Executive Airport on State Road 100, opposite Flagler Palm Coast High School.

Gates open at 10 a.m. and admission is free. There is free parking at the high school (with a shuttle bus), and \$5 at the airport. There will be a food court, kids’ fun zone, and both static and interactive exhibits.

Opening ceremonies are at noon complete with a Warbirds Flyby Parade, the National Anthem, and a Skydiving American Flag. The day will continue with B-25 Bomber flight demonstrations, military formations, Flagler County’s FireFlight Helicopter bucket drops, and Skydive Palatka Wingsuit.

Project Flag at 2:30 p.m. will make a World’s Record attempt for the number of people waving a flag. The Honorary Pinning of Vietnam Veterans will follow at 3 p.m.

Tribute bands will perform ZZ Top, Creedence Clearwater Revival, and Boston music beginning at 4 p.m. There will be a special Prayer & Pledge, the National Anthem, and a Veterans’ Salute at 7:45 p.m. Santore Fireworks will provide the grand finale at 8:45 p.m.

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