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VIETNAM VETERANS TO BE HONORED BY COUNTY AT NOVEMBER 9 BOARD MEETING

WELD COUNTY, CO – As Veterans Day nears, and we honor the men and women who served our country through the U.S. Armed Forces, the Weld County Board of Commissioners will take time during their November 9th board meeting to honor veterans of the Vietnam War through a program initiated by The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration.



Earlier this fall, the Weld County Department of Veterans Services learned of the national program aimed at recognizing those who served active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces from November 1, 1955, to May 15, 1975.

According to the national organization's web site, www.vietnamwar50th.com, one of the program's goals is "To thank and honor veterans of the Vietnam War, including personnel who were held as prisoners of war, or listed as missing in action, for their service and sacrifice on behalf of the United States and to thank and honor the families of these veterans."

During the November 9th meeting, veterans who served during the Vietnam War, and their families, will be honored through a pinning ceremony, where the Board of County Commissioners will present each veteran or their family with a lapel pin as a symbol of appreciation by the U.S. Government for their service.

"The county commissioners are proud to participate in this national program and to personally thank these veterans who gave so much to this country," said Commissioner Chairman Mike Freeman.

The county's Department of Veterans Services will be reaching out to Weld County Vietnam Veterans and personally inviting them to the November 9th meeting. The County Commissioners also request that if you live in Weld County and are a veteran of the Vietnam War to please contact the Veterans Services Office at 970-400-3444, to ensure you are included in this ceremony.

"We would like to include as many Vietnam Veterans as we can on the 9th," said Freeman. "These men and women never received a proper 'Welcome Home,' and we want to correct that. We want to publically welcome them home, recognize their dedication to this country and express our gratitude for their service."

To learn more about the Weld County Department of Veterans Services and the great work they do, please visit www.weldgov.com and click on Veterans Services under the department tab.

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