

POW RECOGNITION DINNER



50 YEARS OF FREEDOM!
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Presented by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of South Carolina

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF FREEDOM!

FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 15, 2023
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
TICKETS \$75 / PERSON

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The VFW Department of South Carolina is honored to celebrate POW/MIA Recognition Day, Friday, September 15, 2023, by recognizing Vietnam POWs who were released from captivity in 1973. Dinner will be catered by Mt Pleasant's "Top Shelf Catering Company," to be followed with a Panel Discussion (and Q&A session) conducted with SC POWs who were held in captivity during the Vietnam War. Enjoy a delicious meal while experiencing the unique opportunity to meet living legends, who will share stories about their lives before, during and after captivity. Funds raised for this once-in-a-lifetime event will be used to support the VFW's Veteran Service Officer (VSO) Program: helping veterans apply for and receive the VA benefits they earned and deserve. This VSO fundraiser will also make a contribution to the NAMPOWs, to provide funding for their future reunions.



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2023-2024

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Dear Donors, Sponsors and Veteran Supporters,

What were most Americans doing in the year 1973 to relax and pass the time? Here are some things come to mind--

- Watching movie classics like *The Exorcist*, *The Sting*, or *American Graffiti*;
- Cheering on tennis phenom Billie Jean King as she won her twelfth Slam title;
- Marveling at Jack Nicklaus as he won his twelfth Major in the PGA;
- High-fiving friends as George Foreman easily won over his rival Joe Frazier;
- Watching Superbowl VII between the Miami Dolphins and the Washington Redskins.

While those of us here in the States were comfortably living our lives and enjoying our favorite pastimes, in a distant land many Americans were certainly neither so comfortable nor so fortunate. Although the Vietnam War was slowly concluding, POWs being held in captivity continued to suffer, while their loved ones anxiously awaited their return home.

On Jan 27, 1973, Henry Kissinger agreed to a ceasefire that provided for the withdrawal of American military forces from South Vietnam. This agreement also included the release of nearly 600 POWs between February 12th and March 29th, as part of Operation Homecoming, POWs boarded a C-141 aircraft known as the Hanoi Taxi. Finally, they were released from captivity.

To honor Vietnam POWs living in South Carolina, the VFW Department of South Carolina (VFWSC) will celebrate 50 years of their freedom with a very special weekend September 15-17, 2023. Included are accommodations at the Charleston Hilton Garden Inn Waterfront, a banquet at the Citadel Alumni House (followed by an opportunity for each POW to tell their personal story to banquet attendees), a private tour of the Yorktown and lunch hosted by local VFW Comrades and Auxiliary.

While celebrating 50 years of Freedom for all Vietnam POWs, we will not forget those who never came home, including Columbia native MSG James Salley, Jr. who died in captivity, leaving behind a wife and young family. We will perform the Missing Man Table ceremony to honor all those POW heroes as well as others who died while in service to their country.

To make this celebration the special event it should be, we need help from businesses and patriots like you! We ask you to consider donating to this worthy cause. Your donation will not only honor 50 years of freedom for our POWs from the great state of South Carolina, but it will also help fund the VFW's Veteran Service Officer (VSO) Program, assisting veterans who are struggling to receive the VA benefits they earned and deserve.

While donation tiers are listed below, we encourage you to donate what you can, even if the amount does not reach a donor level.

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	Other \$

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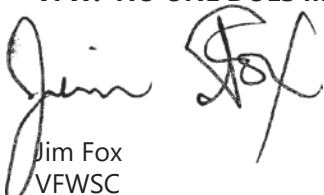
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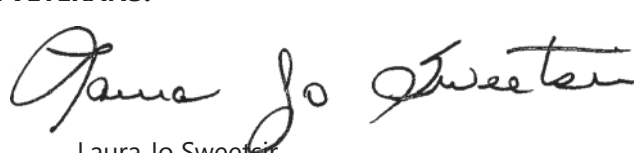
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As a 501(c)19 organization, your donations to the VFW are tax deductible.

The VFWSC Comrades and Auxiliary thank you for your interest and support of this once in a lifetime opportunity. We are grateful for the unique opportunity to give back to deserving veterans who sacrificed so much for the United States of America, and we look forward to working with others who want to help us honor veterans.

VFW: NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS!


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Guest 2:

Guest 3:

Guest 4:

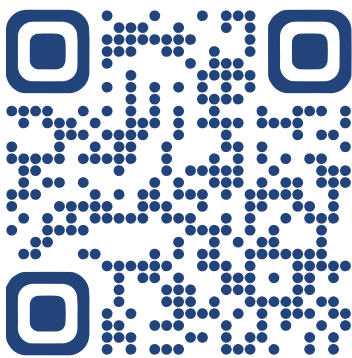
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