

Operation Welcome Home Events Schedule

November 10-13, 2011

Most events are free to attend but registration is required. Guests may register at www.VietnamWelcomeHome.com, [Download the form](#) or by phone: Tammy Baker, AAA, (937)224-2817

Thursday, Nov. 10

3 p.m. – Liberty Film Festival movie *Air Force - 1943* (FREE)

National Museum of the United States Air Force, Carney auditorium
1100 Spaatz Street
Dayton, OH 45431
(937) 255-3286

The crew of an Air Force bomber arrives in Pearl Harbor in the aftermath of the Japanese attack and is sent on to Manila to help with the defense of the Philippines. Stars: John Garfield, John Ridgely and Gig Young.

For a review visit: <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0035616/>

6 p.m. – Veteran Tribute Kick-off (FREE)

National Museum of the United States Air Force
1100 Spaatz Street
Dayton, OH 45431
(937) 255-3286

Special guests and speakers: General Ed Mechenbier, Col (ret) Chuck DeBellevue and Congressman Steve Austria

This patriotic celebration will pay special tribute to our Vietnam - era Veterans as we remember the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War.

The evening will feature:

- Special veteran's recognition with keynote speakers
- Patriotic performance by the USAF Band of Flight Systems GO
- Special tour of the SEA Gallery
- Sumptuous spread of appetizers and desserts
- Check out the newly revamped Vietnam War-Era Exhibit

Friday, Nov. 11

11 a.m. – Veterans Day Service (FREE)

Memorial Hall
125 E. First St.
Dayton OH 45402

Special guests and speakers: Col. Amanda Gladney, 88th ABW and Wright Patterson AFB installation commander and Congressman Michael Turner. Fox 45/ABC 22 Anchor, Don Hammond will MC the service.

Veterans will be warmly welcomed in the beautiful Veteran's Hall in the historic downtown Dayton Memorial Hall. This service, planned by Dayton District Three VFW, will include keynote speakers who will recognize and honor the service given by Vietnam-era veterans and ALL veterans. Following the ceremony free boxed lunches will be provided along with a cash bar. **The Dayton Police Dept. has been kind of enough to “bag” all the parking meters on the three streets around Memorial Hall on Nov. 11, reserving those spaces for our veterans. All those attending will receive a placard to place on the dashboards of their vehicles to let police know they are Operation Welcome Home guests. We will also have golf carts to transport attendees from their vehicles to the doors at memorial hall.**

11 a.m. – Veterans Day Service, VA Center, Dayton (FREE)

4100 West Third St.
Dayton OH 45428
(937)268-6511

Special guests and speakers: military officials and elected officials

Events at the VA Center include:

- **Veterans Day Services: 11 am**
This traditional recognition of our veterans will be flavored by Operation Welcome Home and will pay tribute to the men and women who defended freedom in Vietnam and in all other American conflicts.
- **Community Covenant Signing: 1:30 pm**
Initiated by the U.S. Army, the Community Covenant signing is a program designed to foster and sustain effective state and community partnerships with the military to improve the quality of life for GIs and their families, both at their current duty stations and as they transfer to other states. It is a formal commitment of support by state and local communities to GIs and families of our military – Active, Guard and Reserve.
- **Northmont Jr. ROTC Drill Team Demonstration: 2:30 pm**
A fun and entertaining treat for visitors who are touring and exploring the historic Dayton VA Campus during the Operation Welcome Home festivities.
- **American Veterans Heritage Center tours in the Putnam Library: 3 pm**
The AVHC facility is located in the historic Putnam Library on the VA campus. A non-profit corporation, the AVHC honors the accomplishments of veterans while preserving a priceless piece of national and local history--- the Soldiers Home located at the VA Medical Center in Dayton, Ohio. Visitors can tour the AVHC facility and the assets of the Miami Valley Military History Museum. Visitors may also enjoy a self-guided tour of the entire campus grounds by downloading a tour guide from <http://www.americanveteransheritage.org.memorial/>

Noon – 4 p.m. Camp Eagle (FREE)

American Legion Post #526
526 Legion Ln.
Fairborn OH 45324
(937) 878-3831

A great place to find information, products and services a veteran has interest in, such as benefits, VA Center hosted mobile medical center, the Veteran Services Officers will offer on-site benefit sign-ups, a reunion post to help search for lost buddies and Operation Welcome Home memorabilia will be available.

Friday, Nov. 11

3 p.m. - Liberty Film Festival movie: *The Great Dictator at the Neon – 1940 (FREE)*

The Neon Theater
130 East 5th Street
Dayton, OH 45402-2420
(937) 222-7469

In Chaplin's satire on Nazi Germany, dictator Adenoid Hynkel has a double... a poor Jewish barber... who one day is mistaken for Hynkel. Stars Charles Chaplin, Paulette Goddard and Jack Oakie
For a review visit: <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0032553/>

5 - 6:30 p.m. – Liberty Film Festival Reception (FREE)

Franco's
824 East 5th Street
Dayton, OH 45402-2218
(937) 222-0204

7 p.m. - Liberty Film Festival movie: *We Were Soldiers – 2002 (FREE)*

Stivers School for the Arts
1313 East 5th Street
Dayton, OH 45402-2222
(937) 542-7380

The story of the first major battle of the American phase of the Vietnam War and the soldiers on both sides that fought it. Stars: Mel Gibson, Madeleine Stowe and Greg Kinnear.
For a review visit: <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0277434/>

8 p.m. – REO Speedwagon Concert at Hobart Arena, Troy

Limited Supply of \$18 and \$30 tickets available
255 Adams Street
Troy, OH 45373
(937) 339-2911

The first 100 attendees who register for Operation Welcome Home receive \$10 discounts on their tickets. Celebrating 30 years of Hi Infidelity, the number one album in 1981, this American rock band, formed in 1967, grew in popularity during the 1970s and early 1980s by churning out popular songs like "Keep On Loving You" "Take It On The Run" "Keep the Fire Burnin" and "Can't Fight This Feeling". During the concert the band will play a tribute song to veterans.

Saturday, Nov. 12

10 a.m. – Patriotic Parade through downtown Fairborn (FREE)

The Parade will begin at: Fairborn Shopping Plaza
1280 N. Broad St. Fairborn OH 45324
Contact is: Karen Huelsman (937) 478-3410

Parade will end by the Memorial with a program (intersection of Main & Central)

Special guests and speakers include: Parade Grand Marshall, Col. Amanda Gladney, Col. Chuck DeBellevue and Congressman Steve Austria.

Calling all veterans – there's going to be a parade in your honor! Home to Wright Patterson Air Force Base, the City of Fairborn knows how to throw a parade. This town is fiercely patriotic and is extremely proud to be hosting the Operation Welcome Home parade. All parade participants are invited to join us and our sponsors at the Fairborn American Legion Post #526 for lunch where they will be personally welcomed by Congressman Michael Turner.

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1:30 p.m. - Liberty Film Festival movie: *As Far As My Feet Will Carry Me* – 2001 (FREE)

The Neon Theater
130 East 5th Street
Dayton, OH 45402-2420
(937) 222-7469

A true story made into a German film about a German officer captured by the Russians and condemned to lifetime camp. This film depicts the harshest brutality and the greatest kindness among people. Also the courage and indomitable spirit of one man seeking freedom to return to loved ones. For a review please visit: <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0277327/>

5 p.m. – Moving MIA/POW ceremony (FREE)

American Legion Post #598
5700 Kentshire Dr.
Kettering OH 45440
(937) 433-9327

Special guests and speakers include: CMSGT Shelina Grey, Command Chief, 88th Air Base Wing, Col. (RET) Chuck DeBellevue and Congressman Steve Austria. Special VIP guest Col. Norman Stuckey, WWII veteran and former POW.

Powerful closing POW/MIA ceremony presented by the officials from the VFW, State of Ohio. Dinner will be provided following the ceremony.

5 – 6:30 p.m. - Liberty Film Festival Reception (FREE)

The Dublin Pub
300 Wayne Ave.
Dayton OH 45410-1116
(937)224-7822

Saturday, Nov. 12

7 p.m. - Liberty Film Festival movie: Good Morning Vietnam – 1987 (FREE)

Stivers School for the Arts
1313 East 5th St.
Dayton OH 45402-2222
(937)542-7380

An unorthodox and irreverent DJ begins to shake up things when he is assigned to the US Armed Services Radio station in Vietnam. Stars: Robin Williams, Forest Whitaker and Tung Thanh Tran.
For a review visit: <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0093105/>

Sunday, Nov. 13

9:30 a.m. Worship Service (FREE)

Gratis United Methodist Church
11 South Ada Doty St.
Gratis OH 45330
(937)787-4416

Traditional worship service in small, friendly community church.

1:30 p.m.- Liberty Film Festival movie: *Patton* - 1970 (FREE)

The Neon Theater
130 East 5th Street
Dayton, OH 45402-2420
(937) 222-7469

The World War II phase of the controversial American general's career is depicted. Stars: George C. Scott, Karl Malden and Stephen Young. For a review visit: <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0066206/>

5 - 7 p.m. – Liberty Film Festival Reception (FREE)

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