

*"We had no expectations but to
serve where duty called us. We asked
for no reward except a nation's
thanks."*

Col. Albert Nahas, U. S. Army (ret.)
Vietnam veteran



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★ A GRATEFUL NATION THANKS AND HONORS YOU ★



Chaplain (Brigadier General) Kenneth "Ed" Brandt, Army

Brigadier General Brandt is the Senior Army National Guard Chaplain and United States Army Deputy Chief of Chaplains for the Army National Guard. In that position he serves as the primary liaison to the United States Army Chief of Chaplains, and provides advice and counsel to the Director of the Army National Guard, and resources, training and policy to over 800 chaplains serving nearly 350,000 Army National Guard Soldiers and their families. Ed is an Ordained Presbyterian Minister.

Dear Friends:

As your elected leaders, we are humbled by the opportunity before us today to fulfill one of the objectives of the National Defense Authorization Act, to thank and honor the Vietnam era veterans. Although the token of our appreciation may be small in size, it pales in comparison to the amount of gratitude it represents.

By all accounts, this recognition is long overdue. We hope that the veterans, MIAs, KIAs, POWs and their families accept this token on behalf of a grateful nation.

With great respect,

*Senator
Ryan P. Aument
36th District*

*Senator
Scott Martin
13th District*

*Representative
Bryan Cutler
100th District*

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Mindy Fee
37th District*

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Steven Mentzer
97th District*

*Representative
Brett Miller
41st District*

*Representative
Dave Zimmerman
99th District*

Dick Hoxworth

For decades, Dick Hoxworth was a well-respected and long admired personality on WGAL. A native of Lancaster city, he graduated from McCaskey High School. Dick served four years active duty in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. After the Air Force, he attended broadcasting school in Washington D.C. WGAL hired him launching his four-decade association with the company.

Dick's career highlights include reporting on the "Agnes" flood of 1972. He covered the return of the first American Prisoners of War to be released from North Vietnam and the first Vietnamese refugees to arrive in the United States. He was among the first reporters on the scene of the Three Mile Island nuclear accident in 1979. He has filed stories from the White House, several National Political Conventions, and the Pennsylvania State Capitol.

Dick is the recipient of three Emmy Awards and twenty-nine Emmy nominations. He has won numerous first place reporting awards from the Associated Press and the Pennsylvania Association of Broadcasters. Dick is a recipient of the Pennsylvania Associated Press Broadcasters Association's "Lifetime Achievement Award." He has been honored by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences for his four decades of contributions to broadcast journalism. Dick was among the first inductees into "WGAL's Hall of Fame."

Dick and his wife Sue, reside in Lancaster County.

General William T. (Tom) Hobbins Commander of the United States Air Force in Europe

General Tom Hobbins is a retired U.S. Air Force four-star general with more than thirty eight years experience and active service with U.S. and allied aviation forces in overseas and domestic environments. He has extensive interface and coordination expertise with federal agency executive leaders, senior foreign military and civil leadership. Currently, as a private consultant for large aerospace defense system integrators as well as a member of various boards supporting small companies, he has helped to guide the development of NATO's C4ISR and Unmanned Aerial Systems Roadmaps.

General Hobbins was the Commander, U.S. Air Forces in Europe; Commander, NATO Allied Air Component Command, Ramstein; and Director, Joint Air Power Competence Centre, Ramstein Air Base, Germany. He had responsibility for Air Force activities in Europe, Africa and NATO Stabilization Air Forces in Afghanistan. These Command responsibilities spanned three continents, covering more than 20 million square miles, 93 countries and territories, and possessing one-fourth of the world's population and about one-third of the world's Gross Domestic Product.

General Hobbins has commanded a numbered air force, two tactical fighter wings and a composite air group. He has served as the Director of Plans and Operations for U.S. Forces Japan, Director of Plans and Policy for U.S. Atlantic Command, the Director of Operations for U.S. Air Forces in Europe, and as a Deputy Chief of Staff, Headquarters U.S. Air Force.

As the USAFE Director of Operations, General Hobbins was responsible for the planning, beddown and execution of combat forces in Europe for Operation Allied Force (Kosovo War) . As 12th Air Force Commander, the 12th Air Force Air Operations Center deployed to Southwest Asia as operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom's alternate AOC. As Deputy Chief of Staff for Warfighting Integration and the Air Force's Chief Information Officer, he developed and implemented the Air Force's first C4ISR Flight Plan/ Roadmap for networks enabling predictive battle-space awareness and targeting.

A command pilot, General Hobbins has more than 5,100 flying hours, primarily in fighter aircraft.

During his Air Force career, General Hobbins received numerous distinguished service medals and awards including the USAFE Order of the Sword, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, and the Air Force Distinguished Service Medal.



Schedule of Events

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Dick Hoxworth

Posting of the colors

Millersville University ROTC

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Chaplain (Brigadier General) Kenneth "Ed" Brandt, Army

Pledge of Allegiance

Senator Scott Martin

National Anthem

*Hempfield High School Chamber Singers
Alan W. Mudrick, DMA, Director of Choirs*

Introduction and Welcome

Dick Hoxworth

Remarks

*Senator Ryan Aument
Representative Bryan Cutler*

Overview of 50th Commemorative Program

Dick Hoxworth

Key Note Speaker

*General William T. (Tom) Hobbins
United States Air Force (ret.)*

Presentation of commemorative pins

Benediction

Chaplain Brandt

Retiring the colors

Millersville University ROTC



"The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration"

is the official title given to the Department of Defense program in the 2008 National Defense Authorization Act.

A representation of the Vietnam Service Medal (ribbon) rests below the inner rings of the Seal.

The **red, white, and blue inner rings** represent the flag of the United States of America and recognize all Americans, both military and civilian, who served or contributed to the Vietnam War effort.

The **outer black ring** serves as a reminder of those who were killed in action, held as prisoners of war or listed as missing in action during the Vietnam War. The black ring surrounds the red, white and blue rings to call attention to their sacrifices, the sacrifices of their families, and the defense of our nation's freedom.

Within the blue ring are the words **"Service, Valor, and Sacrifice"**; virtues demonstrated by our veterans during the Vietnam War. The **gold-rimmed white star** located between the words "Service" and "Valor" represents hope for the families of those veterans for which there has not been a full accounting. The **blue-rimmed gold star** located between the words "Valor" and "Sacrifice" represents the families of those veterans who paid the ultimate sacrifice during the war. The blue star at the bottom of the inner blue ring represents the families of all veterans and symbolizes their support from home.

At the bottom of the inner blue ring are **six white stars**, three on each side of the blue star. These six white stars symbolize the contributions and sacrifices made by the United States and its Allies Australia, New Zealand, The Philippines, Republic of Korea, and Thailand.

The center circle contains **a map of Vietnam in black outline relief**, signifying both the country and the Vietnamese veterans who stood with our veterans. The subdued outlines of **Cambodia, Laos, Thailand** and surrounding waters represent the area of operation where U.S. Armed Forces served. The **white number "50th"** emblazoned over the map, and the outer and inner gold rings which make traditional use of the color to signify the 50th anniversary, symbolize the specific mission of the Department of Defense program as outlined in the Congressional language "to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War.

The **green laurel wreath** signifies honor for all who served.

The seal's **blue background** is the same color as the canton in the United States Flag.

About the Commemorative Program

In Accordance With Public Law 110-181 SEC.598; the 2008 National Defense Authorization Act authorized the Secretary of Defense to conduct a program to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War and "in conducting the commemorative program, the Secretary shall coordinate, support, and facilitate other programs and activities of the Federal Government, State and local governments, and other persons and organizations in commemoration of the Vietnam War."



The Secretary of Defense shall determine the schedule of major events and priority of efforts for the commemorative program, in order to ensure achievement of the objectives specified in Law.

The commemorative program will include activities and ceremonies to achieve the following objectives:

- **To thank and honor veterans of the Vietnam War, including personnel who were held as prisoners of war (POW), or listed as missing in action (MIA), for their service and sacrifice on behalf of the United States and to thank and honor the families of these veterans.**
- To highlight the service of the Armed Forces during the Vietnam War and the contributions of Federal agencies and governmental and non-governmental organizations that served with, or in support of, the Armed Forces.
- To pay tribute to the contributions made on the home front by the people of the United States during the Vietnam War.
- To highlight the advances in technology, science, and medicine related to military research conducted during the Vietnam War.
- To recognize the contributions and sacrifices made by the allies of the United States during the Vietnam War.

For additional information on other Commemorative events visit: <http://www.vietnamwar50th.com>