**IT IS NEVER TOO LATE FOR A PROPER WELCOME HOME!!!**

**We are joining together to thank and honor Vietnam War-Era veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice!** You are invited to be a part of this special Welcome Home as we celebrate, remember, and pay tribute to all who served in the U.S. Armed Forces between November 1, 1955, and May 15, 1975, and commemorate the 50th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War.

**EVENT RSVP- There are two events included in “Welcome Home”. Please let us know how you want to celebrate with us. The Parade is on Saturday, May 3, with the Celebration on Thursday, May 8, 2025.**

**PARTICIPANT INFORMATION:**

* Veteran who served in the US Armed Forces between 11/1/55 to 5/15/75, Vietnam War-era OR
* Surviving Spouse of a Vietnam War-Era Veteran who served between 11/1/55 to 5/15/75

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| Veterans’ Full Name | Spouse or Surviving Spouse’s Name |
| Veterans’ Branch of Service | Veterans’ Dates of Service |
| Email Address | Phone Number  |
| Preferred method of contact- Circle one: Phone Call – Text – Emal – US Mail/Letter |

**Saturday, May 3, 2025 ~ Welcome Home Parade,** Warren, PA. Staging begins at 0800 hours (8am), parade starts at 1000 hours (10am) promptly. **Parade route**: Laurel Street, left onto Pennsylvania Ave West to Liberty St., ending at Breeze Point Landing.

*Veterans are invited to walk or ride in the parade or watch along the route. Veterans, their spouses, and Surviving Spouses of Veterans are invited to enjoy the parade from a reserved seating area on the bleachers or in the reserved area on your own chairs in General Joseph Warren Park (no early chair placement is needed). A VIP Parking lot will also be available near the park.*

***ATTENDING- Guest Seating:***

* I/we will enjoy the parade along the route on my/our own.
* I/we plan to sit in Special Guest Seating to watch the parade as indicated below.
* I/we will watch from the bleachers.
* I/we will bring my own chair(s) to General Joseph Warren Park.

 Please indicate the number of seats/spaces needed in the Special Guest Area: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***VIP Parking:***

* I will park in the VIP lot near General Joseph Warren Park.

***NOT Attending***:

* I/We will not attend the parade.

***VIP- Veterans In Parade****:*

* I do not want to be in the parade, just watch along the route.
* I want to be a part of the parade as selected below.
* I will walk with a group of fellow veterans, arranged by the parade coordinators.
* I want to be in the parade. Mark one choice:
	+ Ride in a vehicle or on a float, arranged by the parade coordinators.
	+ Walk with a group, arranged by the parade coordinators.
	+ With my own group. Group name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**PARTICIPANT WAIVER (REQUIRED ONLY for those walking or riding in the parade)-** I/We, the undersigned participant(s) in the Welcome Home Parade, hereby acknowledge and agree to the following: I/We understand that participation in this event involves inherent risks, including but not limited to falls, collisions, and interactions with crowds. I/We release and forever discharge the Warren County Veteran Affairs and Be Well Warrior- YMCA, its officers, directors, employees, volunteers, sponsors, and agents from any and all claims, demands, actions, causes of action, liabilities, losses, damages, and expenses (including attorney's fees) of any kind or nature, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, which I/we now have or may hereafter have against them, arising out of or in any way related to my/our participation in the Welcome Home Parade.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Thursday, May 8, 2025 ~ Welcome Home Celebration** at War Memorial Field / Warren YMCA, 212 Lexington Ave., Warren, PA*. Please select the part(s) of the event you wish to participate in.*

* Ceremony- OPEN to the Public- All are welcome. Doors/Gates open at 1500 hours (3pm), ceremony begins at 1600 hours (4pm) at War Memorial Field, weather permitting. YMCA is the rain location.
* Reception- Celebration reception and dinner at the YMCA are for Veterans, Spouses, and immediate family only, up to 4 people max at no cost. Doors open at 1700 hours (5pm) for hors d’oeuvres and drinks (no alcohol permitted). Dinner will be served at 1730 hours (5:30pm).

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| Dietary Needs for reception attendees *(Gluten Free, Vegan)* | Accessibility Needs/ Accommodations |
| Reception RSVP- Attendee names & relationship to Veteran- 4 individuals max |

*Confirmation, updates, and information will be shared through the contact method indicated.*

*Call or email with questions: Be Well Warrior at the YMCA, 814-726-0110,* *erin@warrenymca.org* *or Warren County Veterans Affairs Office, 814-728-3478,* *bfranklin@warrencountypa.gov*