

Vietnam War Era Veterans Recognition Day



WHEREAS, between 1961 and 1973 more than 3 million Americans served in the Vietnam War, including more than 165,000 from the Badger State, and more than a thousand from Sauk County; and,

WHEREAS, more than 58,000 Americans lost their lives in the Vietnam War, including 1,235 from Wisconsin and nine from Sauk County; and,

WHEREAS, the vast majority of Americans who served in Vietnam were draftees who ably answered the call of their government and gave up the comforts of civilian life to serve honorably in an increasingly unpopular war; and,

WHEREAS, many Vietnam veterans returned home only to be derided and ignored while dealing with the physical and emotional scars left over from the war; and,

WHEREAS, hundreds of people visit the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. every day to reflect on the sense of loss the war brought to them personally; and,

WHEREAS, it is important for Americans who did not participate in the Vietnam War to recognize the honor, courage, and devotion to duty of those who did.

THEREFORE, as the elected representatives of the citizens of Sauk County, Wisconsin, the Sauk County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims March 16, 2018 as Vietnam War Era Veterans Recognition Day.

Marty Krueger, Chair, Sauk County Board of Supervisors

