



## VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY OF OREGON

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### LETTER of INVITATION TO THE MEMORIAL DAY of THE FALL of SAIGON April 30<sup>th</sup>, 1975

Dear American Vietnam Veterans,

April 30, 1975 is a date that will forever be etched in our minds. It is the day that many Vietnamese people were forced into a regime that they did not approve of and risked their lives in search of freedom from that regime. It is a day of memories. The memories of our brothers and sisters who sacrificed themselves to ensure other's rights to freedom, the memories of fighting alongside our brothers and sisters, and the memories despite how painful it might be of the bond between brothers and sisters and will never fade. The spirit of those memories live everyday at the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington D. C. as a testament to the courage and love of all our soldiers and that their sacrifice was not in vain.

Every year the Vietnamese Community of Oregon holds a Memorial Day ceremony for the fallen veterans of the Vietnam War. It is our way to remember and honor those who fought so hard for democracy and freedom. **We invite you to join us on April 30, 2011 at 10 am at 10301 NE Glisan St., Portland, OR 97220** in a memorial service to honor all Vietnam veterans and to help educate the youth about the day that changed so many lives.

Please let us know if you are planning to come so we can prepare to greet you. Please call me at 503-484-6728 or email me at [president@congdongvietnamoregon.org](mailto:president@congdongvietnamoregon.org). If you have contacts with other Vietnam veterans, please also let them know that they are invited as well.

If you still possess military pictures/items from the Vietnam War and want to share with other veterans and their families, you can bring along as well. There will be many Vietnamese soldiers of the republic of Vietnam at the event.

Sincerely,

De Tran  
President, Vietnamese Community of Oregon  
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