

OC Veterans Celebration, November 3 2011

Intent: Celebrate OC Veterans service and highlight their transition back to civilian life in Orange County.

Purpose: Celebrate OC Veterans and raise awareness of the trauma of war that often creates issues when transitioning back home.

Method: Hold a Celebration Ceremony, highlighting veterans from the following major conflicts:

WW11; Korea; Vietnam; Gulf War 1(Desert Storm); OIF/OEF. A veteran from each of these conflicts will be asked to briefly (3min) share their experience re-integrating to civilian life upon return from conflict.

After each veteran speaks, all of the veterans of that conflict will be asked to stand and be recognized.

Then there will be a brief (15min) speech about the difficulties that all veterans have with reintegration.

Invited: OC Board of Supervisors; County Executive Staff

HCA and OCCR Agency Directors and staff

OC Veteran Organizations (use list of organizations that participate in Memorial Day Wreath Ceremony obtained from Veteran's Service Office): 10-15 members from each organization.

OC Veteran providers and partners: VALB Healthcare System; OC Vet Centers; OC Combat Court; OC Veteran Family Court Non-Criminal DV staff; various veterans

Expected Number of Participants: 150

Handouts: Imprinted ribbons for veterans

Location: OC Old County Courthouse-main steps (south entrance) and lawn. Provide folding chairs and overhead canopies. Light refreshments: coffee; water; cupcakes (red, white, blue), folding tables for refreshments. Parking in structure immediately south of courthouse on Sycamore Draft Agenda:

Call to orders/Welcome	Master of Ceremony
Color Guard	Local school Jr. ROTC
Pledge of Allegiance	Attending dignitary
Invocation	TBD
Remarks	Various speakers: BOS, HCA and OCCR Directors
Transition stories and Recognition of Veterans	WW11, Korea, Vietnam, OIF/OEF Veterans
Speech: Transition Home from War	TBD
ROTC Drill Team	Local school Jr. ROTC
Closing remarks	Master of Ceremony