



## **College of the Ozarks® Commemorates 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Vietnam War**

In February, the Department of Defense named College of the Ozarks® an official partner of the Commemoration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Vietnam War. From March 2013-September 2014, the College will celebrate and honor the Veterans of the Vietnam War to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the conflict. While our Vietnam Veterans did not receive the appreciation and homecoming they deserved during the 1960s-70s, we resolve to properly honor and recognize them for their service and sacrifices and to educate the younger generation on the importance of their selfless contributions to our nation. During the coming months, please join the College in Commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Vietnam War.

### **Commemorative Calendar 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Vietnam War**

#### **2013**

#### **March 30, 11 a.m.—Commemoration Kickoff, The Keeter Center**

Official commemoration kickoff for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Vietnam War

#### **May 27, 1-3 p.m.—Book Signing of *The Four Generals of Hard Work U*, The Keeter Center**

Book signing by Jerry C. Davis, author of *The Four Generals of Hard Work U*, a book recounting the lives of four Ozarks youth, who served their nation during the Vietnam Era and went on to become general officers in the United States military.

#### **June 30, 6-10 p.m.—Honor America Celebration with a Special Tribute to Vietnam Veterans, Lake Honor Lawn**

Old-fashioned patriotic celebration featuring barbecue, live music, “Uncle Sam,” a special patriotic tribute, and fireworks

#### **September 22, 3-5 p.m.—“Lest We Forget: The Vietnam War” Gallery Exhibit Opening and Patriotic Concert, The Keeter Center**

Gallery exhibit featuring pictures and artifacts of the Vietnam War, followed by a Patriotic Concert performed by the College of the Ozarks Concert Band, Chorale, and Chapel Choir.

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## Commemorative Calendar *50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Vietnam War*

### **October 10, 7 p.m.—Patriotic Convocation featuring Mr. Bill O'Reilly**

College of the Ozarks welcomes accomplished author, syndicated columnist, and host of the *The O'Reilly Factor* to speak on "Patriotism." This convocation will feature a special emphasis on honoring Vietnam Veterans.

### **October 15, 2 p.m.—Premiere of "Four-Star Country Boy," The Keeter Center**

Play based on the life of former Assistant Commandant of the United States Marine Corps General Terrence R. Dake, an Ozarks boy with humble roots who served his country and rose to upper echelons of military leadership, as conveyed in the book *The Four Generals of Hard Work U*.

### **November 2, 10 a.m.—Dedication of Alumni Veterans Memorial, Chapel Lawn**

Dedication of permanent memorial to all S of O/C of O alumni who served in the U. S. military

### **November 6, 3:15-5 p.m.—"Vietnam Veterans Thank You," The Keeter Center**

Thank you reception for Vietnam Veterans and their families

### **November 11, 7 a.m.—Flag Raising/Wreath Laying Ceremony, Chapel Lawn**

Ceremony to honor all men and women who have served their country in the United States military

### **November 11, 7 p.m.—Vietnam Veterans Convocation: Dave Roever, Jones Auditorium**

Veterans Day Convocation with Dave Roever, in honor of Vietnam Veterans, during which Mr. Roever, a Vietnam Veteran, will share his story of survival and recovery.

### **December 11, 7 p.m.—"Teach-in:" Colonel Lee Ellis, Jones Auditorium**

Educational presentation, presented by former P.O.W. Colonel Lee Ellis, on the service and sacrifices made by the men and women of the United States military who served in the Vietnam War.

## 2014

### **January 18, 3 & 5 p.m.—Bobcats Vietnam Veterans Appreciation Games, Keeter Gym**

All Vietnam Veterans and their spouses receive free admission to the C of O women's and men's games against Haskell Indian Nations University. The evening will include recognition, special seating, and a courtside picnic.

### **April 23, 7 p.m.—Spring Convocation "Teach-in" featuring panel of three Vietnam Veterans**

Educational presentation on the service and sacrifices made by the men and women of the United States military who served in the Vietnam War

### **September 2014—Patriotic Education Travel to Vietnam**

Select College of the Ozarks students will accompany Vietnam Veterans on Patriotic Education Travel to Vietnam to Commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Vietnam War.

Events may be added to commemorative calendar throughout the upcoming year. Please check [www.cofo.edu](http://www.cofo.edu) for updates. You may contact the Public Relations Office at (417) 690-2212 or [pr@cofo.edu](mailto:pr@cofo.edu) for more information.