Welcome, Vietnam veterans,
as your families, friends, and a grateful public
salute you at

LZ Maryland

THANK YOU!
WELCOME HOME!

June 18-19, 2016
Maryland State Fairgrounds
Timonium, Maryland
June 2016

Dear Vietnam Veteran:

This weekend is for you. It's Maryland Public Television's way of expressing our thanks as well as the gratitude of our members and viewers – in fact, the gratitude of all Marylanders – for your sacrifice and service some five decades ago.

As this weekend's event, **LZ Maryland**, wraps up our four-year effort called **MPT Salutes Vietnam Veterans**, we invite you to spend these hours with us and with your families and friends, taking in all the ceremonies, displays, entertainment, and other features. They are all designed to educate our fellow citizens about the Vietnam era and to toast your heroism and courage in an unpopular war. You were not thanked then. We sincerely thank you now.

Welcome home!

Larry D. Unger
President & CEO
Maryland Public Television

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June 2016

To my fellow Vietnam veterans:

It's not often that a soldier gets to sit on both sides of an effort – but that's exactly what I've experienced since I joined the MPT team in July 2013 as coordinator of the project called **MPT Salutes Vietnam Veterans**. I had the chance to work on the project to toast all Vietnam-era veterans but also got to be included among the veterans being saluted by my MPT colleagues and by all the other partners in this multi-year effort.

It has been an exhilarating experience. I've seen all the behind-the-scenes work on the TV documentary that premiered last month and the years of effort leading to **LZ Maryland June 18-19**. This MPT team of professionals started out in 2012 with just one focus: the Vietnam veteran. We've kept that sole focus throughout the past four years. As a team member, I'm proud, and as a veteran, I'm honored.

And so, on both counts, I invite you to relish the reunion and reflection opportunity that **LZ Maryland** gives us and to savor the long-overdue tributes directed your way. I look forward to joining my MPT colleagues at the event in saying "Thank you for your service!"

Sincerely,

Fred Shinbur, Coordinator
*MPT Salutes Vietnam Veterans* Initiative

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*Maryland Public Television expresses its deep appreciation to the sponsors and donors identified below for making possible our Vietnam initiative. To these individuals and organizations, as well as to dozens of others not listed here due to space constraints, we send profound thanks for what you have done to salute Vietnam-era veterans everywhere.*

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**LZ MARYLAND CLOSE-UP: WHERE TO FIND EVENTS, CEREMONIES, EXHIBITS, AND ATTRACTIONS**

Please consult the “zone” map on page 4 & 5 to spot the areas you wish to visit. Here’s what you’ll find at each zone:

### Zone 1
**Infield & grandstands**
- **Chair Memorial** – a powerful memorial of 1,017 white empty chairs in the Infield in silent tribute to Marylanders killed or missing in action; nearby signage indicates the chair reserved for each of the fallen.
- **Main Stage** – the focal point for ceremonies as well as headline talent, concerts, USO show.
- **Motorpool and aircraft displays** – Vietnam-era military vehicles (tanks, jeeps) and a half-dozen aircraft such as a Huey helicopter (yes, climb in!). It’s a great photo opportunity!
- **Reunion lounges** – Veterans and their families are encouraged to migrate to the lounges to reunite with comrades, relax and relate; each of 5 branch-of-service lounges is clearly marked for Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marines to stop in.
- **Mess Hall** – the one-stop for food/beverages including traditional festival fare and Vietnamese cuisine; alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages available.
- **The Wall That Heals** – the traveling, half-size replica of DC’s Vietnam Veterans Memorial includes a mobile Education Center, featuring memorabilia left at the memorial.
- **Honor Ride** – site of the culmination of the 11-mile LZ Maryland Honor Ride as hundreds of motorcycle riders, most veterans, enter in formation and conduct a throttle ceremony to salute the fallen.

### Zone 2
**Exhibition Building**

**Note:** Main Stage events simulcast here.
- **Screening Room** – an air-conditioned “theatre” with comfortable seating where visitors can view nonstop films about Vietnam, including MPT’s own *Maryland Vietnam War Stories* and PBS specials.
- **MPT Salutes Vietnam Veterans Traveling Exhibit** – it’s traveled the state since mid-2015 and now it’s here, featuring both current-day and wartime images of 16 men and women along with their reflections on their service and other memories.
- **Artifact display** – View dozens of Vietnam War-era artifacts such as uniforms, metals, c-rations, steel pots, p-38’s, artwork, photographs, and more.
- **The Wall of Faces** – a portable memorial bearing faces of each Maryland Vietnam veteran lost in the war; solemn recognition of the Vietnam veterans who sacrificed their lives; faces put to the names of those we honor.
- **Mess Hall** – food/beverages.

### Zone 3
**Midway / Show Rings / Maryland Foods Pavilion**

- **Basic Training Course** – where family members can compete as they race against time in this boot camp-inspired obstacle course.
- **Glenn L. Martin Aviation Museum** – Huey helicopter display with crew
- **Mess Hall** – food/beverages.
- **Tour of Duty Map** – the large walk-on, sign-on map of Southeast Asia, awaiting signatures or notations by men and women who were there.
- **Motorpool vehicles** – various wheeled and track-driven Vietnam era vehicles.

### Zone 4
**Cow Palace**

**Note:** Main Stage events simulcast here.
- **Auxiliary Stage** – features regional/local bands performing hits from the ’50s, ’60s, & ’70s.
- **Veteran Services Village** – site of valuable veteran resources, services and seminars; representatives of veteran service organizations (VSOs) or nonprofits that provide veteran-oriented services are on hand to connect veterans to the resources/benefits available to them; representatives can assist one-on-one with advice on PTSD, Agent Orange, traumatic brain injuries, and other concerns; legal, financial, and housing specialists and more.
- **Writers Hooch** – *Presented by The Ivy Bookshop* meet Vietnam veteran-authors and other writers of Vietnam-focused fiction/non-fiction; attend authors’ presentations and purchase their books.
- **Vietnam Education Project** – prepared by middle and high school students who engaged in oral history and other projects exploring the Vietnam era and those who served. Opportunity for oral history interviews.
- **Presentation Stage** – lively presentations by experts in their fields on a variety of Vietnam-related topics.
- **Mess Hall** – food/beverages.
- **R&R Family Zone** – a retreat for activities, shopping and dining that can be enjoyed by the entire family; includes kids craft station, motorpool, thank-you gallery.
- **LZ Maryland merchandise** – site of ready-to-wear official *LZ Maryland* apparel, souvenir challenge coins, and other merchandise.

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Please visit these individuals and organizations* during your stay at LZ Maryland.

**Zone 1: Infield & Grandstand**
- 1963 Dodge - Ralph Bennett
- Helicopter display - North Carolina Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association
- Steel Soldiers Vehicle Display - James Laisure, Jr.
- Vietnam Military Vehicles and Mobile Kitchen - Thomas Stone
- Vietnam Military Vehicles - Bob Mertes

**Zone 2: Exhibition Building**

* LZ Maryland Artifact Gallery Exhibitors *
- George M. Cox, II
- Historic Ships in Baltimore
- Curtis A. Nelson, Jr.
- National Electronics Museum
- Stevenson University
- Vietnam Veterans Cartoons
- Michael F. Walsh

**Zone 3: Midway /Show Rings**
- Boy Scouts of America, Baltimore Area Council
- Towson Squadron Civil Air Patrol

**Zone 4: Cow Palace**

* Veteran Services Village *
- AARP Maryland
- American Red Cross
- Americans in Wartime Museum
- Association of the United States Army - FSK Chapter
- Baltimore Sun Media Group
- Base Legal
- Charlotte Hall Veterans Home
- Community College of Baltimore County
- Department of Veteran Affairs - Annapolis
- Gold Star Mothers, Maryland Chapter, Inc.
- Hero Dogs, Inc.
- Heroes On The Water, Maryland Chapter
- Hospice of the Chesapeake
- Jesse Klump Memorial Fund, Inc.
- Jewish War Veterans of the USA
- Jewish War Veterans, Post 167
- Library of Congress Veteran History Project
- Linthicum Veterans Memorial
- Maryland Center for Veterans Education and Training (MCVET)
- Maryland Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve
- Maryland Legal Aid's Joining Forces Project
- Maryland Relay
- MD DLR/DWDAL/Veterans Program
- Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland, Inc.
- MPT Vietnam Trip by Virgin Vacations
- Operation: Tohidu
- Operation Welcome Home Maryland
- Professional Healthcare Resources
- Rolling Thunder MD, Chapter One (RTMD1)
- Scottish-American Military Society Post 1814
- Sheffield Institute
- Special Forces Association
- The Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program
- Thrift Stores, Inc.
- Trent W. Nichols, Jr., MD
- United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration
- VA Maryland Health Care System
- Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) Baltimore Regional Office
- VConnections, Inc.
- Vietnam Veterans of America
- VVA Baltimore Chapter 451
- Wreaths Across America

* Writers Hooch - presented by The Ivy Bookshop *

Presenting authors and exhibitors:
- Raymond Cyrus
- Randall Elliott
- Richard Epstein
- Tom Glenn
- Jan Herman
- Marc Leepson
- Nancy Lynch
- Richard Morris
- Chuck Newhall
- The Ivy Bookshop
- Ken Williamson
- David Van Wye

* R&R Family Zone *
- 4 My Vets
- Acclaimed Promotions (LZ Maryland merchandise)
- Agent Orange Nostalgia Funny Car
- Auto-Motion LLC
- CraftMasters Remodeling
- Real Time Pain Relief
- Mule and Deuce Vehicles - Tim Kress
- True American Heroes
- Vietnam Vet Radio
- Wegmans Food Markets
- Wells Fargo

* as of 5/15/16
### SCHEDULE OF LZ MARYLAND EVENTS

Ceremonial, educational, and entertainment events take place throughout the weekend in numerous venues. Here’s the rundown of principal activities.

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- **Main Stage** (Infield)
- **Auxiliary Stage** (Cow Palace)
- **Writers Hooch** (Cow Palace)
- **Screening Room** (Exhibition Bldg.)
- **Presentation Stage** (Cow Palace)
JOIN THE SALUTE!
TIPS FOR PLANNING YOUR LZ MARYLAND VISIT

MPT anticipates an extraordinary weekend with nonstop activity and much to see, learn, and do. We hope your visit will be a long one. Remember, your free or paid ticket is good for the whole weekend, so be sure to come both days.

General information

- **LZ Maryland** is held rain or shine. (Plenty of indoor space and tents can provide shelter in the event of rainshowers.)
- Be prepared for the weather; wear appropriate clothing.
- Since activities and displays are spread throughout the fairgrounds, we suggest you wear comfortable shoes.
- Look for the **LZ Maryland** Tram to help you get from the parking lots to the each of the venues.
- Guests will find plenty of food/beverage stands and seating throughout the site.
- Guests with mobility issues should visit the **LZ Maryland** website (mpt.org/izmaryland) to review accessibility plans.
- **LZ Maryland** merchandise is available for purchase in the Cow Palace.

Getting to the event

- **Ride the bus or Light Rail.** Public transportation is the best way to get to **LZ Maryland.** The Light Rail’s fairgrounds stop (2335 Greenspring Dr.) is just steps away from the entrance. The MTA No. 9 bus line also serves the Timonium Park-and-Ride lots and Light Rail Stop. MTA services are available for disabled persons. For info on bus, Light Rail, and Mobility service, call 410-539-5000 (toll-free 1-866-RIDE-MTA or TTY 410-539-3497) or visit www.mta.maryland.gov.
- **Driving and parking:**
  - The fairgrounds are located near the intersection of York and Timonium Roads (2200 York Rd., Timonium, MD). One vehicle access gate is located on York Road between Padonia and Timonium Roads and one on West Timonium Road about 1/4 mile east of Interstate 83 (I-83), just past the Light Rail tracks.
  
  From southbound I-83 - Take Exit 17, Padonia Road, east to York Road; south on York Road to either fairgrounds entrance on the right.
  
  From northbound I-83 - Take Exit 18, York Road, east, to the fairgrounds entrance on the left.

  ~ Free fairgrounds parking is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please allow extra time for parking and consider alternate locations as we anticipate lots will fill quickly.

- **Park-and-Ride:** Parking is available on a first-come, first-served basis at the Park-and-Ride lot on Deereco Road, with pedestrian access to the fairgrounds through the gate opposite the Cow Palace.

Admission

Admission is free for veterans, active-duty military, Gold Star families, and children 12 and under. All other guests pay only a $5 entry fee for the entire weekend.

- **Advance ticketing:** are good for June 18 and 19. Order free and paid tickets in advance to speed your entry; visit mpt.org/izmaryland, place your order, and print out one confirmation per guest. Visitors may also show their online confirmations on your phone at the gate.
- **Tickets at the gate:** CASH ONLY! Four ticket booths will be open for entry and ticket sales. Entry gates are at Timonium Road; York Road North Gate; the Light Rail entry point; and the Midway parking lot on the grounds. Note to veterans: Look for the express line for veteran-only (free) entry.
- **In-and-out:** Guests are permitted to re-enter the fairgrounds at any time. Be sure to get a hand stamp as you exit to speed your re-entry. Please retain your ticket confirmation emails and ticket stubs for re-entry on Sunday.

Bag check

S.A.F.E. Management, Inc. will conduct bag check at each of the four fairgrounds entrances. To ensure a fast entry, guests should review the following list of items that are or aren’t allowed at **LZ Maryland.**

**Okay to bring …**
- camping/tailgate chairs
- picnic blankets
- small bags (subject to bag check)

**Not permitted …**
- weapons (includes but not limited to firearms, knives, swords, pepper-spray, mace)
- alcoholic beverages
- glass bottles/containers
- tents
- coolers
- sunscreen, hat, sunglasses
- umbrellas
- strollers/wagons
- hoverboards
- drones
- bicycles

If any of the above items are found during bag check, you’ll have the opportunity to return them to your car, or they will become property of the Maryland State Fairgrounds. Items may not be left at entrance gates for pick-up later. If weapons are discovered during bag check, the police will be alerted.

Animals

Sorry, but pets are not allowed at **LZ Maryland.** Service animals and emotional support animals are welcome to accompany their handlers, but, in accordance with ADA policy, service animals must be controlled by their handlers.

Policy regarding petitions, politicking, and protests

The focus of **LZ Maryland** is, at all times, the Vietnam veteran. In the spirit of thanking and welcoming home our veterans, any actions straying from this purpose will not be tolerated. As the event organizers and renters of the fairgrounds (private property), MPT reserves the right to remove ANY individual or group causing a disruption. Persons/groups leafleting or bringing static displays who have not been invited by MPT event organizers or persons/groups campaigning for any politician or political campaign will be asked to leave the site.

Latrines (restrooms)

Indoor and outdoor restrooms, including ADA-compliant facilities, are available throughout the fairgrounds.

A final request

Please help us spread the word. Please “like,” “tag,” and share information on social media.

Facebook – MPT Salutes Vietnam Veterans

Twitter – @mptsalutesvets

More sharable information is available at mpt.org/lzmaryland.

Please invite your friends and family members to join you for the **LZ Maryland** weekend!

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