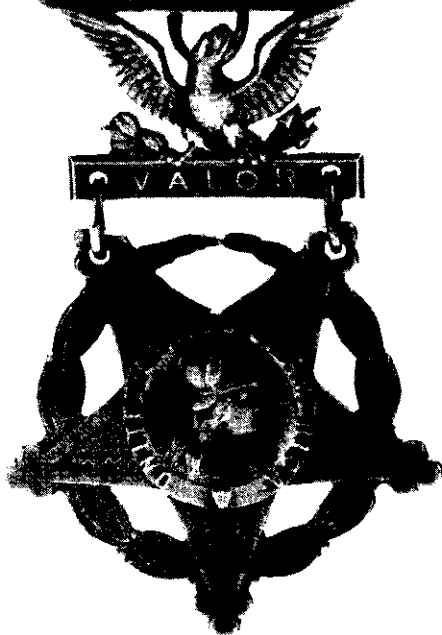


The Illinois Vietnam Veterans
Leadership Program Presents:

**Salute to
America's Heroes
Dinner**

W. C. Stinson



June 15, 1985

The Holiday Inn Mart Plaza
Grand Ballroom
Chicago, Illinois

The Congressional Medal of Honor

THE CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR IS OUR NATION'S HIGHEST AWARD FOR HEROISM IN ACTION. IT IS AWARDED TO THOSE WHO RISKED THEIR LIVES ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY. IT IS USUALLY AWARDED BY THE PRESIDENT IN THE NAME OF THE CONGRESS. THERE ARE 251 LIVING MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS.

LTC Matt Urban 6-15-85

Sammy S. Davis
AOC
and USMC
C-3H

Medal of Honor Recipients - In Attendance

Lucian Adams	SFC Jose M. Lopez
John Baker, Jr.	Jack Lucas
Harvey Barnum	Allen J. Lynch
COL Patrick Brady	Charles MacGillivray
CAPT (Ret) Maurice Britt	COL (Ret) Joseph J. McCarthy
Lloyd Burke	John Meagher
James Burt	LTC (Ret) Edward Micahel
Dick Bush	CDR (Ret) John Mihalowski
Clyde Choate	Jack Montgomery
Clarence Craft	Ralph Neppel
Francis Currey	LT (Ret) Thomas Norris
Peter Dalessandro	LTC (Ret) George O'Brien
Sammy Davis	Robert O'Malley
Desmond Doss	Carlos Ogden
COL (Ret) Bernard Fisher	Nicholas Oresko
James Fleming	Mitchell Paige
LTD Harold Fritz	Ron Ray
LT Stephen Gregg	COL (Ret) Joseph Rodriguez
MSGT (Ret) James Hendrix	Donald Rudolph
CPL Rudolfo Hernandez	SFC Kenneth Stumpf
MAJ (Ret) Freeman Horner	LTC (Ret) Matt Urban
Einar Ingram	Louis Van Iersel
COL (Ret) Joe Jackson	Dirk Vlugg
Delbert Jennings	USN (Ret) George Wahlen
COL (Ret) William Lawly, Jr.	Gary Wetzel
CAPT (Ret) John Leims	Eli Whitely
LTCOL J.E. Livingston	Gerald Young

Special Guests - MIA Families

Lorraine Kelly
Mr. & Mrs. Martindale
Mary Carol Lemon
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lippert
Mr. and Mrs. Boyer

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Eugene F. Connell Jr.

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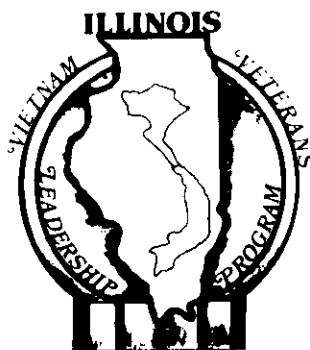
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The Illinois Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program is a volunteer organization that is dedicated to solving the problems suffered by those who have answered their country's call in time of war—her veterans.

To achieve those ends the following programs have been developed:

- Job Development
- Economic Development
- Legal Assistance
- Liaison with Government Agencies

The I.V.V.L.P. has been responsible for putting over 1,300 veterans to work in the last year and a half. Through its legal assistance program many veterans have been given hope in solving their legal problems.

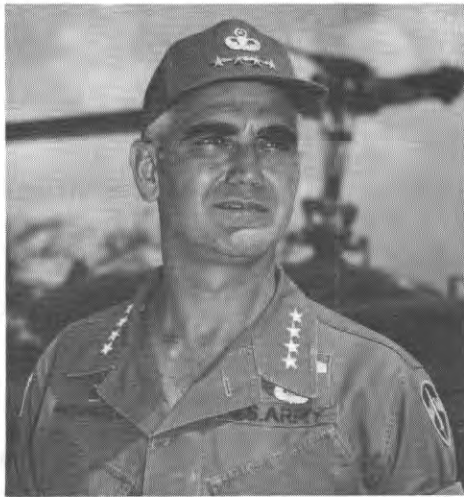
Program

Master of Ceremonies	Jack Brickhouse (Hall of Fame Broadcaster)
Posting of Colors	U.S. Army Color Guard U.S. Navy Color Guard U.S. Marine Color Guard
National Anthem	Sea Jacket Choir U.S. Navy
Invocation	
Introduction of Congressional Medal of Honor Recipients	Jack Brickhouse
Welcoming Remarks	Eugene F. Connell Jr.
Special Music	Sea Jacket Choir U.S. Navy

Dinner

Introduction of Head Table	Jack Brickhouse
Remarks	Patricia Brickhouse Ronald E. Ray (President of the Congressional Medal of Honor Society)
Introduction of Bill Kurtis	Neal Meehan "Man of the Year"
Presentation of Award	Neal Meehan, Eugene F. Connell Jr.
Remarks	Bill Kurtis
Introduction of General William C. Westmoreland	Allen J. Lynch
Address	General William C. Westmoreland (Ret.)
Benediction	

Dancing to the Bill Snyder Orchestra



General William C. Westmoreland
U.S. Army (Ret.)

Born in Spartanburg County, South Carolina in 1914, William C. Westmoreland attended The Citadel for one year before his appointment to the United States Military Academy where he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the United States Army upon graduation in 1936.

During his 36 years of service in the Army, he has distinguished himself in a variety of duty assignments ranging from platoon leader to Chief of Staff. An instructor at both the Command and General Staff College and the Army War College, Superintendent of the United States Military Academy, and Commander of three major Army posts, Westmoreland is best remembered as commander of U.S. troops in Vietnam from 1964 to 1968 and as Chief of Staff of the Army from 1968 to 1972.

General Westmoreland has received 19 U.S. military decorations including four Distinguished Service Medals, three campaign ribbons with 17 battle stars, eight service medals, and seven combat and special skill badges including the Master Parachutist Badge and the Army Aviator Badge. He also has been decorated by 16 foreign countries with 29 awards and received special skill badges from the armies of six different countries.

General Westmoreland has been the recipient of numerous civilian awards including 'Man of the Year' by *Time* magazine in 1965. He has also received five honorary degrees—three as Honorary Doctor of Law (from the University of South Carolina, Howard Payne College, and Temple University) and two as Doctor of Military Sciences (from The Citadel and Norwich University).



Bill Kurtis
(Co-anchor, *CBS Morning News* and *CBS Early Morning News*)

Bill Kurtis was born in Pensacola, Florida in 1940. He was raised in Kansas where he received a B.S. degree from the University of Kansas in 1962 and a J.D. degree from Washington University School of Law in Topeka in 1966.

The year he received his law degree, Kurtis joined WBBM-TV, the CBS-owned station in Chicago, as a reporter and anchorman. From 1970 to 1973 he was based in Los Angeles as a CBS News Correspondent. He returned to WBBM-TV in Chicago in 1973 to co-anchor the 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. news broadcasts. Currently, he is stationed in New York as co-anchor of the *CBS Morning News* and anchor of the *CBS Early Morning News*.

Kurtis broke the story of the effects of Agent Orange, the chemical defoliant used by the U.S. Military in Vietnam. His continued investigations on this subject were presented in three award-winning special broadcasts. Among the 12 honors he received for these reports were the Scripps-Howard Award for outstanding public service, a national Emmy for community service, and the 1984 Humanitarian Award from the American Veterans Auxiliary.

During his years at CBS as an investigative reporter, Kurtis travelled widely to cover a variety of stories. For his efforts he has received a number of prestigious awards, including Emmy awards, two Overseas Press Club Awards, and a Broadcast Media Award. In 1980 he was named Illinois Journalist of the Year by Northern Illinois University.

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SACRIFICE; A common thread that links Vietnam's veterans together. It supercedes race and status, education and position; It binds and comforts; It gives meaning to our common experience, when meaning can be elusive.

Many have sacrificed more than time to Vietnam. Many have seen family and friends, future and past forever altered by the Vietnam experience. The monsoon's caress, the leeches' bite, the demonstrator's ridicule; All have left their marks.

SACRIFICE, unremembered by others; But we remember!
SACRIFICE, embodied as a black marble wall, or a quiet prayer for those who gave all they had to give.

For Vietnam's veterans, SACRIFICE is our link, our thread. It will hold us together, even when we have all joined in fact with those honored on each Memorial Day. SACRIFICE; It links, it binds and it comforts, when meaning can be so elusive.

Robert P. Arnoldt