



# PROCLAMATION

## NATIONAL VETERANS APPRECIATION MONTH MAY 2007

WHEREAS, our Community and our Country owe a great debt to those Veterans of this community, and when the need arose, readily chose to serve in the Armed Forces of the United States of America; and

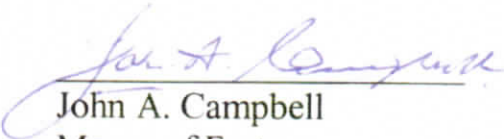
WHEREAS, many of those Veterans left jobs, educational opportunities and even families behind. Most Veterans gave up valuable time out of their lives to serve this nation, still others gave their life so that others could have the freedom that this Country offers; and

WHEREAS, Veterans have served this Nation's armed forces from this Country's birth, both in war and peace-time, and they will continue to do so.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I John A. Campbell, Mayor of the City of Fortuna do hereby proclaim that the Month of May be known as '**NATIONAL VETERANS APPRECIATION MONTH**' and from this year on to stand as a tribute to all Veterans who have served.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Month should stand as a reminder that this City and its citizens are grateful for the sacrifices of the men and women of our community who have given of themselves to serve this Nation, and who continue to serve out of uniform.



  
John A. Campbell  
Mayor of Fortuna

City of Eureka

# Proclamation



In recognition of

## *Veterans Appreciation Month May 2007*

*Whereas,* The people of Eureka appreciate and admire the thousands of men and women who served in the armed forces to protect and preserve their country and the freedoms enjoyed by all Americans; *and*

*Whereas,* Many of those Veterans left jobs, educational opportunities and even families behind. Most Veterans gave up valuable time out of their lives to serve this nation, still others gave their life so that others could have the freedom that this Country offers; *and*

*Whereas,* Veterans have served this Nation's armed forces from this Country's birth, both in war and peace-time, and they will continue to do so,

*Now, therefore I, Virginia Bass, and on behalf of the City Council,* do hereby proclaim May 2007, as "Veterans Appreciation Month in Eureka" and express our appreciation to all veterans in our community who have given so much in our behalf in times of both war and peace.



*Virginia Bass*

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*Mayor*

*April 17, 2007*



**PROCLAMATION**  
**OF THE**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**

**WHEREAS**, our Community and our Country owe a great debt to those Veterans of this Country, and when the need arose, readily chose to serve in the Armed Forces of the United States of America; and

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**WHEREAS**, Veterans have served this Nation's Armed Forces from this Country's birth, both in war and in peace-time, and they will continue to do so.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt hereby proclaims

**May 2007**

**as**

**"VETERANS APPRECIATION MONTH"**

and from this year on to stand as a tribute to all Veterans who have served.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the month of May should stand as a reminder that Humboldt County and its citizens are grateful for the sacrifices of the men and women of our community who have given of themselves to serve this Nation, and who continue to serve out of uniform.

DATED: May 1, 2007

  
BONNIE NEELY, Chair



GOVERNOR ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

May 2007

### *Veterans in Action*

It's an honor to extend my greetings to all those observing National Veterans Appreciation Month.

From the days of the American Revolution, men and women have willingly sacrificed their safety and lives to win and secure our nation's liberty. It is in remembrance of these brave heroes that we pause this month to give our thanks for their sacrifices.

Whether protecting our country at home or abroad, our veterans have paid a tremendous price for the freedoms we enjoy as Americans. I join with you in expressing my deepest appreciation to all who have served in uniform, and may an abiding spirit of gratitude for their deeds rest in the hearts of all Americans.

On behalf of all Californians, please accept my best wishes for a memorable observance and every continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Arnold Schwarzenegger".

Arnold Schwarzenegger



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## Customer Fax Cover Sheet

We are a public fax service  
sending this fax at the request of our customer.

To: Senator John McCain.  
Fax Number: 202-228-2862.  
From: LOVE U VETS.ORG month of MAY  
Subject: sponsoring "National Veterans Appreciation Month  
Date: 4/3/08.  
Pages: 3 pages, including the cover sheet.

Comments: I would like the Senator to sponsor "MAY as NATIONAL Veterans Appreciation month." The enclosed proclamation has been signed by cities of Fortuna, CA and Eureka CA, BOARD of Supervisors, Humboldt County and Governor ARNOLD Schwarzenegger of California

To return fax please put recipients name and phone number on cover sheet.

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FAX 202-228-2864

The Honorable Senator John McCain  
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Washington, D. C. 20510-0303

April 3, 2008

RE: SPONSORING "NATIONAL VETERANS APPRECIATION MONTH" MAY 2007-08

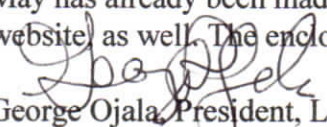
Senator John McCain:

I am writing (and faxing) you to ask for your support in creating May as National Veterans Appreciation Month. I am enclosing a Proclamation that has been passed by the Cities of Fortuna, CA and Eureka, CA: The Board of Supervisors of Humboldt County and Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in 2007. This would become an annual event across the County with your help and assistance.

I recently saw the Military Channel documentary on the air war in Vietnam, called 'Operation Thunder' and narrated by you. You made a comment about the JOLLY GREEN'S and how well respected we were. I was the flight engineer, door gunner and hoist operator on the Super Jolly Green Helicopter, the HH-53-C from March of 1971 to Mach of 1972, stationed out of the 37<sup>th</sup> Aero Space Rescue and Recovery Squadron at Da Nang, RVN. Our main purpose was to recover any lost pilot shot down in North Vietnam and Laos and anywhere else in the South East Asia Theater. I covered the bombing raids when Nixon ordered the bombing of North Vietnam in late 1971. Our exercise was called "Exotic Dancer". I received the DFC for help saving 3 Army guys 619, 620 and 621, when their helicopter was shot down just south of the DMZ. I flew 123 Combat Missions and received the Air Medal with five oak leaf clusters.

I have created a California Non Profit Charity with Federal IRS Letter called Love U Vets that is dedicated to assisting Veterans and Family members. My website is [www.loveuvets.org](http://www.loveuvets.org) and has the original Proclamations and Mission Statement. We are sponsoring a Community Blood Drive under the LUV Account during the Month of May to show support for our Veterans and Family members. We are also asking merchants to create a 21 day sales and discounts (first 21 days in May) for our Armed Forces Community. We also are sponsoring a month of prayers and assistance to our Veteran Community called: May Day, May Day, May Day Veterans need your prayers and assistance. May 1, the first Thursday of May is National Day of Prayer for our Nation and was proclaimed in 1952.

I ask for your support in creating May as National Veterans Appreciation Month. In Closing, May has already been made National Military Appreciation Month (ten years +/-) and they have a website as well. The enclosed Declaration covers everyone else.

  
George Ojala, President, Love U Vets  
Chaplain, Vietnam Veterans of America  
(Ferndale, CA, Chapter)  
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# THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT  
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
AUTHORIZED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER, MAY 11, 1942  
HAS AWARDED

## THE AIR MEDAL

(FIFTH OAK LEAF CLUSTER)

TO

AIRMAN FIRST CLASS GEORGE P. OJALA

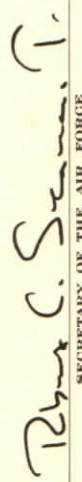
FOR  
MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT  
WHILE PARTICIPATING IN AERIAL FLIGHT

14 November 1971 to 2 February 1972

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON  
THIS 29th DAY OF February 19 72

  
GENERAL, USAF  
COMMANDER, SEVENTH AIR FORCE



  
SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF

THE AIR MEDAL

TO

GEORGE P. OJALA

Airman First Class George P. Ojala distinguished himself by meritorious achievement while participating in sustained aerial flight as a combat crew member in Southeast Asia from 14 Nov 71 to 2 Feb 72. During this period, outstanding airmanship and courage were exhibited in the successful accomplishment of important missions under extremely hazardous conditions including the continuous possibility of hostile ground fire. His highly professional efforts contributed materially to the mission of the United States Air Force in Southeast Asia. The professional ability and outstanding aerial accomplishments of Airman Ojala reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.