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Memorial Day Ceremony to Honor 67 Alexandrians KIA/MIA in the Vietnam War

The “Friends of Captain Rocky Versace” invite the public to the 8th Annual Memorial Day Ceremony at the Captain Rocky Versace Plaza and Vietnam Veterans’ Memorial at 11 a.m. on Monday, May 31 at the Mount Vernon Recreation Center at 2701 Commonwealth Ave. The event will honor the 67 Alexandrians who made the ultimate sacrifice during the Vietnam War.

The Program will include reading the names of the 67 heroes, a Tribute to CPT Rocky Versace written by his fellow POW, COL James N. "Nick" Rowe (USMA 1960), a Wreath laying in honor of the fallen soldiers and the playing of “Taps.” Honorees include 4 USMA Graduates, 3 USAFA Graduates and the 6 men who are still MIA from that conflict.

The Captain Rocky Versace Plaza and Vietnam Veterans’ Memorial at the Mount Vernon Recreation Center is dedicated to Captain Rocky Versace and the 66 other men who made the ultimate sacrifice during the Vietnam War. The Memorial is an ongoing tribute, not just to the 67 listed on the benches, but to all Alexandrians who served in America’s longest war. The Versace Memorial was dedicated on July 6, 2002 and the Medal of Honor was posthumously presented to the Versace family at the White House two days later.

For more information about Rocky Versace, visit

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Humbert_Roque_Versace.

For more information on the Memorial Day Ceremony, visit

<http://www.virginia.org/site/description.asp?AttrID=51105&MGrp=3&MCat=11>.

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