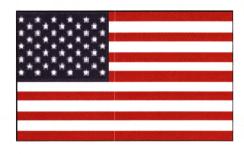


State Representative Faul W. Semmel Welcomes Korean and Vietnam Veterans



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Lehigh Carbon Community College Schnecksville, Fennsylvania



I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the cadets and officers of the Civil Air Patrol, Allentown Optimist Composite Squadron 801, and Quakertown Composite Squadron 904 for ushering at today's ceremony.

Many thanks to the Lehigh Carbon Community College for the use of Berrier Hall.

I would also like to thank all the participants listed in this program, and most importantly, thank you to the Korean and Vietnam Veterans and their families for attending today's event.

Paul W. Semmel



Post the Colors –	Vernon Kern VFW Post #8344 Honor Guard Schnecksville, Pennsylvania
Invocation –	The Reverend Willis K. Heckler Retired Pastor, Korean War Veteran, US Army
National Anthem –	Lisa-Jon Trinidad
Pledge of Allegiance	
Patriotic Music –	Lisa-Jon Trinidad
Introduction of Guests and Speaker –	Representative Paul W. Semmel
Keynote Speaker –	Colonel Phil Noto, Retired from the Army National Guard, Past Executive Officer of The Office of The Adjutant General and the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs
Patriotic Music –	Brian Xander
Video –	Tribute to Korean Veterans
Presentation of Certificates –	Representative Paul W. Semmel
Video –	Tribute to Vietnam Veterans
Presentation of Certificates –	Representative Paul W. Semmel
Benediction –	The Reverend Theodore W. Jentsch Retired Pastor and Chaplain Korean War Veteran, US Air Force
Taps –	Joe Search, WWII Veteran, US Army

Retire the Colors

Please feel free to visit the Korea/Vietnam Memorial at the Armed Forces Plaza located near the entrance of the Lehigh Carbon Community College.

Semmel to Honor Local Korean and Vietnam Veterans During Special Recognition Ceremony

SCHNECKSVILLE – In continuing his efforts to recognize our military veterans, Rep. Paul Semmel (R-Lehigh/Berks) will be holding a special ceremony for all Korean and Vietnam veterans living in the 187th Legislative District in Berrier Hall on the campus of the Lehigh Carbon Community College on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, at 2 p.m. The public is encouraged and welcome to attend.

"The response I had with the previous World War II ceremonies compelled me to share that opportunity with those who put their lives on the line in the name of democracy during the Korean and Vietnam conflicts," Semmel said.

"Throughout my tenure as chairman of the House Veteran's Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee, I have met many of our fine military personnel, enhancing my appreciation and regard to those who serve their country and sacrifice their own well-being for a cause greater than themselves. Honoring these individuals through a special ceremony is the least I can do to say 'thank you' for everything they have done for Pennsylvania and the United States."

Semmel will present each veteran with a certificate and a lapel pin from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in recognition of their service and sacrifice to our great nation. Keynote speaker will be Colonel Philip F. Noto, a retired member of the Army National Guard and past executive officer of the Office of The Adjutant General and the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

The 187th Legislative District covers the townships of Longswamp, Maxatawny and Richmond, and the boroughs of Kutztown, Lyons, and Topton in Berks County; and the Townships of Heidelberg, Lowhill, Lynn, North Whitehall, most of Upper Macungie and Weisenberg in Lehigh County.

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