

PROCLAMATION

From the Youth of America

We, the Youth of America, do hereby pledge to all our Vietnam Veterans, the fallen, and the families they left behind that we will be the bearers of the torch of freedom you and your loved ones fought to preserve.

We will strive to learn more about the sacrifices you made so that we may enjoy the fruits of liberty.

We ask you to share your experiences with us. Tell us about your service so that we might learn.

We pray that we will never have to face a war of our own, but if we do, we will do our duty as you have done yours.

We want to know about your hopes and fears, your hardships and rewards, your courage and patriotism.

Tell us about your fellow comrades who served beside you on land, sea, or air.

Tell us of the hardships and difficulties you faced in defending our freedoms.

Tell us of the combat you endured and of the extraordinary heroism of the ordinary men and women who answered our nation's call.

We have only seen the pictures and read the history of your battles. You lived it and only you can really tell your story.

Tell us, so we can learn.

Tell us, so we can retell your stories.

Tell us, so we can keep your memories alive.

Tell us, so that the future may learn from your sacrifices.

We promise that your legacy will live forever, because *we* will remember.

We will remember, and *we will tell others*.