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Governor Unveils New Stamp Honoring Vietnam War Veterans

Gov. Christie Whitman today helped unveil the U. S. Postal Service's new Vietnam War postage stamp, which honors the American men and women who served in Vietnam, at the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial in Holmdel.

"The stamp heralds the bravery and dedication of all the veterans who answered the call of service to our nation in Vietnam," the Governor said. "It commemorates our past and gives us yet another opportunity to express our thanks to our noble veterans."

"In New Jersey, we take special pride in our veterans. This pride has inspired our best efforts to give them recognition and support," she said.

"It is an honor that the U. S. Postal Service selected our state to hold this unveiling ceremony. New Jersey was chosen because we have done a particularly good job of saluting the men and women who fought and sacrificed for our country. Of the over 58,000 Americans who lost their lives in Vietnam, more than 1,500 were from New Jersey," Gov. Whitman said.

Among those joining the Governor in the unveiling ceremony were: Francis E. Delany, Jr., president, New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Foundation; David L. Solomon, vice president, Area Operations, U. S. Postal Service and Vita J. Cetta, district manager, Central New Jersey, U. S. Postal Service.

The Vietnam War stamp is one of 15 commemorative stamps saluting the 1960s as part of the Postal Service's "Celebrate the Century" stamp and education program. The program honors some of the most significant people, events and trends of each decade of the 20th century.

The Vietnam War stamp is the second of three People and Events category stamps. The first in the category was Man Walks On The Moon. The stamps will be issued September 17 in Green Bay, Wis., joining six sheets of stamps commemorating the 1900s, 1910s, 1920s, 1930s, 1940s and 1950s that are currently available nationwide.