

# 'Welcome Home' Logo Has Meaning; Benefit Slated

The "Welcome Home" committee logo was designed and illustrated by two Vietnam veterans from Delaware County, Jack Crane and Jerry Sweeley. Their copyright was transferred to the "Welcome Home" Committee for its sole use. Every part of the logo has a significant meaning:

- The outer ring of blue forms the background, signifying the two oceans Americans have crossed when called to arms by our nation's government.
- Within the field of blue are 13 stars representing the 13 original colonies. The stars are filled with gold in honor of all of the Gold Star mothers since the birth of our great nation 215 years ago.



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- The inner ring consists of 13 stripes, seven red and six white, a tribute to our nation's veterans - from the 13 colonies to the fifty states - who were wounded or died in battle in service to America.
- Centered on the logo and touching both oceans is the map of the United States. The

U.S. is filled with green, signifying the "green grass of home," and bordered in yellow, signifying America's desire to welcome home all of her veterans by tying a yellow ribbon around her borders - not just her trees.

- The white text, "Welcome Home, Veterans of America," unites the logo and binds, for all time, America's commitment to "separate the war from the warrior". Never again shall America forget the men and women who serve her unselfishly in her hour of need.