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times. SSGT Cavaiani's conspicuous gallantry, extraordinary heroism and intrepidity at the risk of his life, above and beyond the call of duty, were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself and the U.S. Army.

Cavaiani escaped into the jungle and was able to evade capture for 11 days and had almost made it back to an American camp when he was caught by a 70-year-old peasant with an antique bolt-action rifle. He was taken to North Vietnam (350 miles) by his captors and spent time in "Plantation Gardens," a prisoner-of-war camp, and in the interrogation center known as the Zoo before winding up in the "Hanoi Hilton." When he was released in 1973, he heard that he had been recommended for the Medal of Honor. It was awarded to him on December 12, 1974 by President Ford.

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improvement, such as a \$200 cap on the credit for windows, are repealed.

### Converting a Second Home to a Primary Home

If you convert a second home into a principal residence after 2008, you may not be able to exclude all of your gain. A portion of the gain on a subsequent sale of the home will be ineligible for the home-sale exclusion of up to \$500,000, even if the seller meets the two-year ownership-and-use tests. The portion of the profit that's subject to tax is based on the ratio of the time after

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## Parade, *from page 1*

together on Sunday, March 28, 2010 and say to our Vietnam Veterans; thank you and welcome home!" He has issued a challenge to everyone in America to thank a veteran. "I'm not just talking about Vietnam Veterans, but all veterans who have served or are serving. Walk up to a veteran and say, 'Thank you for your service and welcome home'," he added.

Ramos and his group in Whittier have asked VVA members in San Diego, Fresno, Sacramento as well as Whittier and Sonora to put on a celebration event. Whittier will hold an event at a local stadium with dignitaries such as actor Jon Voight welcoming Vietnam Veterans home. The VVA is looking to have an event aboard the USS Midway which took part in the Vietnam Conflict. The aircraft carrier is now a museum in San Diego. Many of the ship's volunteers are Vietnam veterans such as retired CMDCM Joe Ciokin who is the Public Affairs Officer.

On March 28, California will be setting the example for the rest of America to immediately pass bills for WHVVD which will encourage President Obama to declare March 30 as Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day.

The parade will be led by an active-duty color guard followed by Vietnam veteran, Medal of Honor recipient, former POW Jon Cavaiani of Sonora as the grand marshal. He will be followed by the VVA-391 color guard led by Barry Schloffel. Behind them will be the VVA-391 Motorcycle Group and then all the Vietnam veterans from around the area. Because many of them are unable to walk the parade's distance because of service-connected disabilities, vehicles will be carrying the veterans.

The parade is scheduled for 1 p.m. on Sunday, March 28 and will proceed down Washington Street, the main thoroughfare in the county seat city. The VVA-391 Chapter is inviting all Vietnam veterans to the Veterans Memorial Hall following the parade to possibly join up with others they may have known in Vietnam.



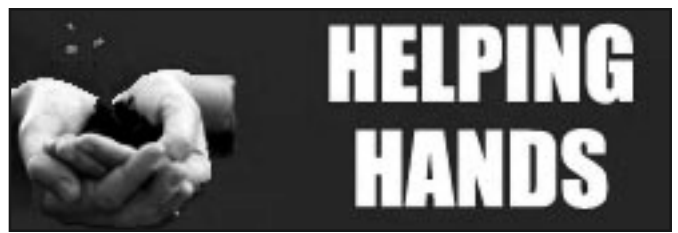
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