

# Easton High Student Honors Vietnam Veterans With Memorial Event On Anniversary



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heard of. It's the day the last American troops finally left Vietnam, and one student at Easton Area High School wanted to make sure the day didn't pass unnoticed. On Saturday morning in front of Easton Area High School, dozens gathered around the Vietnam War Memorial. The crowd was there to honor an anniversary that is not often publicly observed.

"It was 52-years-ago today that the last troops were withdrawn from Vietnam," said sophomore Anthony Ventura.

Ventura and his club organized the event. They're called the Red Poppies for Veterans, a flower that symbolizes a soldier's sacrifice. A sacrifice Ventura said Vietnam vets didn't get enough credit for.

"Most of the time, when they came home, they were not given a thank you. They were not given any kind of honor. They weren't given a parade like those who came home from World War 2, so it's very important to take the time now to honor them," said Ventura.

Honor them by hearing their stories. Club advisor Jeff Braido said he didn't have to do much. Ventura planned it all himself.

"I was proud to allow him to kind of take the lead on this, and I think it ended up being a great event for us," said Braido. He said

Ventura's work to honor veterans' service is inspiring his peers. "We're up to 35 kids, and we've done all kinds of fundraising and food drives, clothing drives to help our local veterans," said Braido.

And help the community remember them on this anniversary, and many more in the future. "We're doing this again next year. Let's never forget the Vietnam vet," said Ventura.



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