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CHARLESTON, IL--The dedication of Vietnam and Korean conflict commemorative markers will be part of Eastern Illinois University's Founders Day Celebration on Saturday, June 21.

At 8:30 a.m. Saturday morning the public is invited to participate in the dedication ceremony at the Old Main flagpole where the University will honor its former students who served in the United States armed forces during those two conflicts.

"Markers already exist for those alumni who fought in World War I and II therefore following a request to establish markers for the most recent military conflicts, it was determined to hold the ceremony in conjunction with Founders Day," said Glenn Williams, EIU vice president for Student Affairs.

William Miner, former EIU director of Veterans Services and emeritus professor of history, will be the main speaker. He was an officer during World War II.

The Illinois National Guard 1544th Transportation Company of Paris will provide a color guard and flag raising detail.

Other remarks will be made by EIU President Stan Rives and Herb Brooks, current director of veterans services.

Also, past presidents of the EIU Veterans Association and area veterans organizations have been invited, according to Williams.

The inscription on the markers state "In Honor of the Former Students who Served their Country in the Armed Forces during the Korean/Vietnam Conflict and in Special Memory of those who gave their Lives".