

## At the Fox, state's Vietnam vets are paid tribute at debut of film

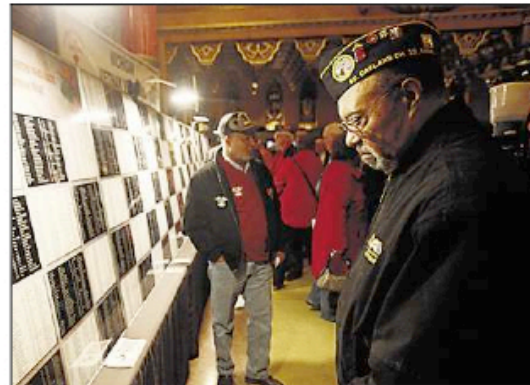
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It felt like an emotional homecoming at the Fox Theatre on Friday night before the debut of "Our Vietnam Generation," director Keith Famie's documentary tribute to Michiganders who served in the war.

With a crowd of thousands expected for the screening and related events, the Fox's lobby was packed with veterans and supporters sharing handshakes, tears and hugs.

For many, this was a night that felt long overdue, given the conflicted feelings that embroiled the nation during the Vietnam era.

"This is something that's been a long time coming," said Gary Monger, 60, of Royal Oak, a Vietnam veteran.



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**Vietnam veteran J.C. Wilson, 68, of Oak Park reads the names of fallen troops.**

In the 110-minute film, local chef-turned-filmmaker Famie interviewed men and women who served during the conflict and others who lived through that turbulent era.

**■ AN EMOTIONAL NIGHT. 4A**