



# THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA VIETNAM WAR COMMEMORATION



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*Dear Commemorative Partners,*

**Congratulations!** Despite COVID-19’s seeming “re-emergence” in many locations across the country, you are finding more and more **inventive means** of **virtually thanking and honoring Vietnam veterans and their families**. In June & July, **nearly 2,000** stories and social media posts attest to that fact!

One such ... with **physical Honor Flights postponed** across the Nation due to COVID-19 concerns, the **City of Coral Springs** (represented in tweet at right) – a Commemorative Partner – provided a terrific example of finding a safe means to present **Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pins** to deserving patriots during a **car parade** in Coral Springs, FL.

Joshua Simmons @SimmonsCS  
The traditional Honor Flight could not take place this year due to #COVID19. So @CoralSpringsFL brought a car parade by Veterans, like Mr. Berger here who served in Vietnam. Thank you for your service and I hope you enjoyed the love today! #Veterans



6:36 PM · Jul 11, 2020 · Twitter for Android

Ald. Raymond Lopez @RLopez15thWard CP

God bless our veterans and the great work of @Honor\_Flight\_CH! I've had the honor of cheering them both as an @SouthwestAir employee and as alderman. #HFC2020VirtualFlight

Honor Flight Chicago @Honor\_Flight\_CH · Jul 15  
It's been a long day, but an incredibly fulfilling one. We have one final surprise in store for our heroes when the plane arrives back home at @fly2midway on our #HFC2020VirtualFlight.  
Experience just a taste of what Welcome Home is all about: bit.ly/3IZ8zJ8

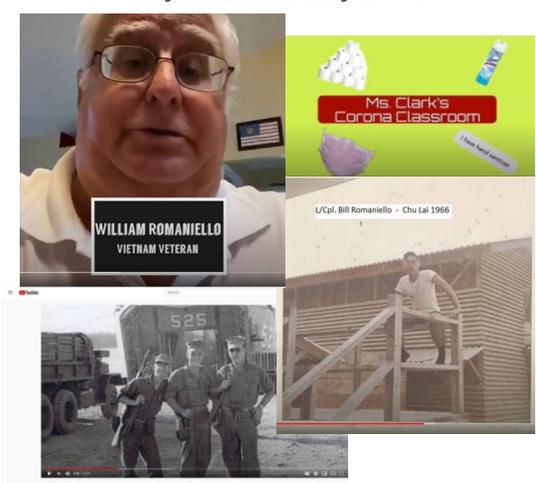
8:45 AM · Jul 16, 2020 from Chicago, IL · Twitter for iPhone

Another Commemorative Partner, **Honor Flight Chicago**, found a way to host a “virtual” Honor Flight by reminding us of the joy experienced during the real ones (see re-tweet at left). Just **check out the expressions of those Vietnam veterans** who experienced a previous Honor Flight ... **priceless!**

**Never doubt the lifelong impact of your efforts as Commemorative Partners ... you are helping our country heal, one Vietnam veteran at a time!**

As communities cautiously remove pandemic restrictions and commemorative events are rescheduled, we trust you will **keep the safety of this vulnerable population at the forefront of your planning**. We encourage everyone to **CALL, TEXT or VIDEO CHAT with a Vietnam veteran** and **offer your profound thanks!** Share our website videos, photos and messages with friends, family and all who served. “Like,” “tag,” “follow” and “share” us on **Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, LinkedIn, and Instagram**.

A U.S. high school creative writing class enjoys a video interview with Vietnam veteran William Romaniello (U.S. Marine Corps) during COVID-19 social distancing restrictions



**Thank you, Proud Partners with The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration!**

*Join the Nation ... thank a Vietnam veteran!*