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Dear Commemorative Partners,

Sunday, September 18 we hail the **United States Air Force** anniversary and 75 years of their dedicated service to our Nation. Happy Birthday U.S. Air Force!

This milestone-year commemoration kicked off in Pasadena, California, at the Tournament of Roses Parade and Rose Bowl December 31, 2021. The U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff, General Charles Q. Brown, acclaimed: "As the Air Force approaches its 75th anniversary, we have a responsibility to our nation and our international allies and partners. I am confident that our Airmen will continue to innovate, accelerate and thrive so that we can execute our mission to ***Fly, Fight, and Win*** … Airpower Anytime, Anywhere."

In March, on **National Vietnam War Veterans Day**, the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff led General Brown and the other Joint Chiefs, along with the Principal Deputy Director of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency in a national joint-wreath laying ceremony at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. These national leaders united with nine Vietnam War Gold Star family members—one mother, two wives, one brother, three daughters and two sons on **29 March** to honor the service and sacrifice of their loved ones and all 58,281 patriots whose names are deeply etched in the black granite of 'The Wall.' Vietnam Gold Star son Mr. Tony Cordero pictured above, stands alongside General Brown.

During Vietnam, the contribution of the United States Air Force began as advisors in the U.S. Military Assistance Advisory Group in the 1950s and concluded with expansive bombing operations in the early 1970s. You can read more about their Vietnam War involvement in this **Fact Sheet** provided by the *History Division of the U.S. Air Force*, as well as our 3-part poster series ***Air Base Defense in the Vietnam War***. In addition, the thumbnail graphic (below right), provided by the *Department of Defense*, highlights specific aircraft used by the Air Force and losses experienced from 1961 to 1975.

We invite you to visit the **United States Air Force 75th Anniversary** for more on this significant year's commemoration, including a very special **75th Commemorative Poster**.

Finally, on their anniversary especially, but all this month, we **salute** the dedicated servicemembers—both past and present—of the United States Air Force!

~ The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration Staff ~