

## THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA VIETNAM WAR COMMEMORATION



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## Dear Commemorative Partners,

Welcome to 2022! To begin this *New Year*, and in celebration of the 5th Anniversary of National Vietnam War Veterans Day, we are publishing a new poster (at right) highlighting the many faces—then & now—of Vietnam veterans who nobly served our Nation. Their courage, collective sacrifice and heroism inspires a deep respect and reverence in the hearts of Americans everywhere!

This poster is available for download via our new March 29 Posters page in multiple formats, including "full bleed" for professional printing, with an embedded QR code that when scanned, takes users to vietnamwar50th.com. In addition, this page includes descriptions of each individual—their dates of service in Vietnam, positions held, key highlights and awards, and links to their Oral History Interviews.

Finally, we encourage you to watch and share—especially with Vietnam veterans and their families in your communities—our 1-minute <u>video</u> highlighting the release of this new poster!



March 29, National Vietnam War Veterans Day was established by The Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017, to be observed in perpetuity, and this special day joins six other military-centric national observances, including Memorial Day, Independence Day and Veterans Day.

This year, we will commemorate the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this distinctive day with a joint wreath-laying ceremony at the <u>Vietnam Veterans Memorial</u>, involving military leaders and Gold Star family representatives. Simultaneously, we encourage you to *host events in your local communities* in the *safest possible manner*. Please observe CDC, state and local COVID protocols. This wonderful <u>Army & Air Force Exchange Service video</u> offers creative recognition alternatives for in-person and virtual events to help you safely honor Vietnam veterans and their families in your neighborhoods!

74 days remain until March 29! America's Vietnam veterans—our Nation's blood and treasure from a generation ago—deserve our heart-felt gratitude and public recognition. So, prepare now for your events by submitting a DD2956 through our Partner Portal and securing freely available Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pins and other commemorative materials. Visit our Media Center for our Media & Public Information Kit, Key Messages, Quotable Quotes and more. Also, 17 multi-panel historical poster series and a Teacher's Toolkit are available for ordering or download. Watch for streaming details on our March 29 ceremony at "The Wall," and TAG us on social media – #VietnamVeteransDay.

~ The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration Staff ~