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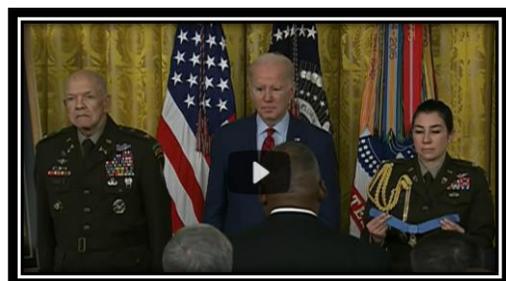
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Dear Commemorative Partners,

This month, we commemorate two significant days, *National Medal of Honor Day*—March 25, and [National Vietnam War Veterans Day](#) (NVWVD)—March 29.

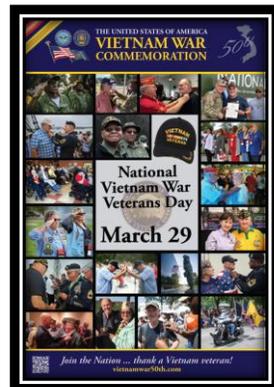
In recognition of *National Medal of Honor Day*, we look to our Nation’s [Medal of Honor history](#), which began during the Civil War period. To date, more than 3,500 U.S. service members have been awarded our country’s highest military distinction for valor. Of those, 268 are from the Vietnam War and 48 remain alive today.



The White House Medal of Honor presentation to U.S. Army Col. Paris D. Davis (Ret.), March 3, 2023.

President Biden presented Vietnam veteran, retired [U.S. Army Colonel Paris D. Davis](#) this award on March 3 at The White House for his gallant actions rescuing his wounded troops following an attack on June 18, 1965. You can read more about the courage and bravery Davis exhibited during this incident in his Medal of Honor [citation](#). Three days after The White House presentation, Davis was [inducted](#) into the Hall of Heroes at the Pentagon by Deputy Secretary of Defense Kathleen H. Hicks. Enjoy this special [video tribute](#) of Davis as we observe National Medal of Honor Day and remember all our recipients.

As we prepare for [March 29](#), we are supporting nearly *1,000 ceremonies* throughout the Nation on or around NVWVD devoted to thanking and honoring Vietnam veterans. We welcome you to join us virtually for a *Joint Wreath-Laying Ceremony* on **Wednesday, March 29 at 10 a.m.** at the [Vietnam Veterans Memorial](#) in Washington, D.C. View the live-streamed ceremony via our [Facebook page](#) or the [Department of Defense](#) streaming page.



As you participate in and host events all across the country in tribute to March 29, remember the resources available to integrate into your own promotions and programs: our brand new [NVWVD PSA](#) (above right), the [poster](#) (at left), [speech templates](#), [fact sheet](#) and myriad [digital resources](#), including a wealth of videos, social media reels and graphics. Also, feel free to promote the upcoming May 11-13 event [Welcome Home! A Nation Honors our Vietnam Veterans and Their Families](#) at your March 29 events. Access all our [Welcome Home resources](#), including our [press release](#), [video](#), [media kit](#), [poster](#), [flyer](#) and others.

Finally, we invite you to *share with us* your captivating stories and memorable moments from *National Vietnam War Veterans Day* on social media. Tag us and use [#VietnamVeteransDay](#). Thank you!

~ The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration Staff ~

Join the Nation ... thank a Vietnam veteran!