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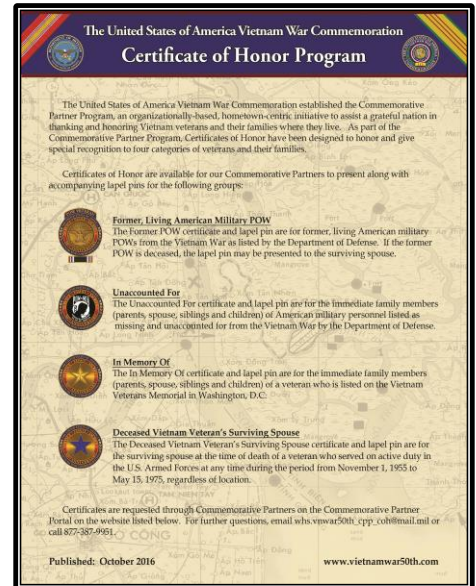
"Join the nation ... thank a Vietnam veteran!"

Monday, June 26

Dear Commemorative Partners,

The Commemoration's first congressional objective is to thank and honor Vietnam veterans, including personnel who were held as Prisoners of War, or listed as missing in action and their families. To achieve this objective, the Commemoration offers a special program that assists a grateful nation in honoring these veterans and families. As partners with the Commemoration, your organization may participate in the [Certificate of Honor](#) program which recognizes the unique service and sacrifice of *four* distinct groups. **Recipients are eligible to receive only one certificate and one lapel pin from the Commemoration:**

1. Former, living American military POWs from the Vietnam War as listed by the Department of Defense;
2. Immediate family members (parents, spouse, siblings, and children) of American military personnel listed as missing and unaccounted for from the Vietnam War by the Department of Defense;
3. Immediate family members (parents, spouse, siblings, and children) of a veteran who is listed on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. and who is not listed as missing or unaccounted for by the Department of Defense;
4. Surviving spouse, at the time of death, of a veteran who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces at any time from November 1, 1955 – May 15, 1975, regardless of location of service.



2017 Key Upcoming Events

June 16 – 18	Gold Star Mother's National Conference, San Antonio, TX
June 21 – 25	National League of POW/MIA Families – 48 th Annual Meeting Arlington, VA
June 25 – July 1	DAR Continental Congress Washington, DC
July 12 – 16	Gold Star Wives of America National Convention, San Antonio, TX

The first three Certificates of Honor are available to you, our partners, by logging into the Commemorative [Partner Portal](#) and following instructions located under the "Certificate of Honor" tab. Under the same tab, the Certificate of Honor for a surviving spouse of a deceased veteran may be downloaded and filled out in either color or black and white versions. An accompanying lapel pin for each surviving spouse certificate can be ordered using Form [DD2956](#). The certificate of honor personalizes the sacrifice of the surviving spouse; therefore, partner organizations should order the same number of pins as certificates being presented.

For printed copies of the [Certificate of Honor Fact Sheet](#) (shown above), as well as suggested scripts for POW/MIA and Missing Man Table ceremonies, please visit the Commemorative Partner Program tab on our [website](#). Thank you, again, for being a ... *"Proud Partner with The U.S.A. Vietnam War Commemoration!"*

The Vietnam War Commemoration supports the national commitment for the fullest possible accounting of missing and unaccounted for from the Vietnam War.