

Vietnam War Commemoration "SITREP"

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

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Dear Commemorative Partners,



Everyone has a story, especially our amazing Vietnam veterans. According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, we are losing over **500** of them each day. Since 2013, the Vietnam War Commemoration's [History and Legacy Branch](#) (H&L) has been conducting video-recorded *oral history interviews* to capture the memories of our Vietnam veterans. The mission of the H&L Branch is to provide the American public with a clearer understanding of and appreciation for the service and sacrifice of our Vietnam veterans, and to tell the story about their service during that period of our nation's history.

The goal of the oral history project is to include all ranks, all services and all experiences. In terms of how H&L will process and maintain the video-interviews, unedited footage of the interviews will be kept on file and shared with the [Library of Congress Veterans History Project](#). A more finished product, edited for brevity and clarity, will be made available on our "new and improved" website that we hope to release soon. Segments of some of these interviews will also be embedded into our website timeline.

Some Upcoming Events

August 3 – 6	VVMF Wall that Heals, Omaha, NE
August 10	Broncos vs Bears NFL (Preseason Game), Chicago
August 13 – 18	Marine Corps League National Convention, Kansas City, MO
August 26	VFW Post 4309's Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Event, Brevard, NC

You, our Partners, have the opportunity to connect us with our Vietnam veterans and give them a chance to tell their stories from their point of view. If you come across a Vietnam veteran during an event who wants to participate in this project, please email us at whs.pentagon.wso.mbx.vnwar50th-edu@mail.mil. A member of the H&L team will inform you if we will be traveling to your area to conduct interviews in the near future.



Thank you for serving as a ... *"Proud Partner with The U.S.A. Vietnam War Commemoration!"*

