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Dear Commemorative Partners,

29 March, National Vietnam War Veterans Day (NVWVD) is upon us! Thank you, for all you are doing to help unite Americans on this special day to thank and honor our Vietnam veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice. As we come together to commemorate NVWVD, we hope you utilize the numerous tools available to assist your organization in honoring Vietnam veterans, either "virtually" or in person. Accessed via our website and social



media platforms, these products highlight the importance of incorporating **COVID-19 safety guidelines** into your events, and provide new videos, graphics and written content for your programs.

In fact, by clicking on NVWVD 2021 graphic (above right) you can view and download this powerful one-minute video, which captures the essence and magnitude of 29 March. Also, we invite you to view the **Borne the Battle** podcast interview with our director, retired U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Pete Aylward released Monday. In addition, you can read his personal message on our **homepage** expressing the importance of connecting with, and facilitating the healing of, our Vietnam veterans. Key messages and resources abound in our 2-page **Media & Public Information Kit**, which is hyperlinked to many of our important resources. Further, we remain ready to help you secure **Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pins** for your events. They remain... "A Lasting Memento of the Nation's Thanks!"

As you look to 29 March, please remember *Medal of Honor Day, 25 March*. We have produced and will release *seven new Medal of Honor (MoH) "vignettes"* on and around that day highlighting the gallantry and valor of our Vietnam veterans! Here's a sneak peek of the short video vignette that shares a brief glimpse into the heroic actions of <u>Captain Wesley L. Fox</u>. We invite you to visit our <u>Medal of Honor webpage</u> more complete information on all Vietnam veteran MoH recipients.



Further, this month we have been observing *Women's History Month* by celebrating our women veterans each day on our homepage and social media sites! Click on the image (at left) of Vietnam veteran and U.S. Army nurse Donna Rowe to watch her relate some of her captivating experiences. Finally, we invite you to view a moving, 2:30 video tribute to the eight <u>Women on The Wall</u>, who gave their lives as they cared for others and served our country on active duty in Vietnam. Do you have a story of how women Vietnam veterans impacted you?

We'd love to hear it! Share it with us on our Facebook page!

Above all, our Vietnam veterans represent our Nation's "blood and treasure" from a generation ago. We owe it to them to thank and honor them in the neighborhoods where they live, but we must continue to do it safely. Stay tuned for more on NVWVD next week, and thank you for all you do!

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