

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA VIETNAM WAR COMMEMORATION

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Dear Commemorative Partners,

Thank you for your kind expressions of gratitude to service members during this *Military Appreciation Month!* Now, with *Memorial Day* approaching, we remember those who gave their "... last full measure of devotion," as our 16th U.S. President Abraham Lincoln affirmed during his November 1863 Gettysburg Address. We invite you to join with us and the rest of the country during the *National Moment of Remembrance* on **31 May.** At 3:00 p.m. (your local time), please pause in whatever you may be doing to honor the sacrifice and service of these great patriots, and the loss endured by their respective families.





As part of your *Memorial Day activities*, we offer this beautiful, 2-minute <u>video tribute</u> – also linked in its graphic at left. We hope you will *watch it with family and share it with your friends and neighbors*.

As you *photograph* and *capture video* this weekend of your commemorative

events honoring the memories of Vietnam veterans who have "gone before us," we encourage you to post these photos and video clips on your social media sites, and *share them* with us by *"tagging" us.* This will ensure we are alerted to your post, and will be able to see and further share your content.

We also invite you to *follow us* on social media: simply type "vietnamwarcommemoration" in the search field, look for our name and <u>Seal</u>, and utilize our **#ThankVietnamVets** and **#SeeThemThankThem** hashtags.

Finally, as the country continues to "open up," we urge you to remain vigilant. Follow <u>CDC</u> guidance, as well as your local State, county and city guidelines as you plan and host public events thanking & honoring our Vietnam veterans and their families. **Thank you, and stay safe!**

Above & Beyond

On 15 May, one of our remarkable Commemorative Partners – *Wreaths Across America* – unveiled a striking monument in the Balsam Valley Amphitheater, Columbia Falls, ME.

It was the first of its kind to honor the service & sacrifice of the 93 U.S. servicemen, 11 crew members and 3 South Vietnamese military who tragically perished on Flying Tiger Line Flight 739, March 16, 1962.

Thank you, *Wreaths Across America*, for helping comfort and encourage the 93 families of these Vietnam veterans!

~ The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration Staff ~

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