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Dear Commemorative Partners,

We are excited to announce a **new VWC *Honorary Partner* distinction** being conferred to organizations made up solely of those who **bore the battle** of the Vietnam War (i.e., **Vietnam Veterans of America** state councils and chapters), or those who **bore the loss** (i.e., **Sons & Daughters in Touch** ... Vietnam War Gold Star children).



VWC Director, retired U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Pete Aylward (back left) presents the *Honorary Partner* distinction to SDIT Founder & President Mr. Tony Cordero (back right), members of the SDIT Board and members at large.



VWC Director, retired U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Pete Aylward (left) presents the *Honorary Partner* distinction to VVA National President, Mr. Jack McManus (right).

The **National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)** has committed to build on its legacy of remarkable, collective success as Commemorative Partners—10 years; 2,069 chapters; 6,112 events hosted; 361 thousand

Vietnam veterans honored—by collaborating with us to bestow this ***Honorary Partner*** distinction on all **Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA)** organizations. DAR State Regents are coordinating the efforts of their respective chapters to arrange ceremonies for each of the 47 VVA state councils and 601 chapters within our 50 states and the District of Columbia.

During these public ceremonies, DAR chapter members will present a **Commemorative Flag** and ***Honorary Partner certificate*** to each VVA entity. In addition, any Vietnam veteran who has yet to receive a **Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin** (VVLP) will be honored with a personal presentation of that lapel pin. Finally, any surviving spouse of a late Vietnam veteran attending one of these ceremonies will receive their veteran’s VVLP, along with a **Surviving Spouse Lapel Pin**. All will receive a warm ***Welcome Home!*** along with the humble thanks of a grateful Nation. Of note, next week the **John James Audubon Chapter (DAR)** will host the very first VVA chapter ceremony for Chapter 852 in Baton Rouge, LA!

We invite everyone to visit our **Honorary Partner** webpage to learn more about this milestone initiative. Our website also enables you to explore another distinct part of our Commemorative Partner Program involving **Commemorative Ambassadors**. These individuals are recognized leaders in both Governmental and nongovernmental organizations who embrace opportunities to promote the mission and messages of the VWC, and inspire others to thank and honor Vietnam veterans and their families.

~ *The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration Staff* ~

Join the Nation ... thank a Vietnam veteran!