

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA VIETNAM WAR **COMMEMORATION**

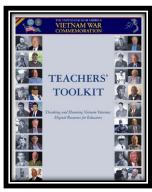


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Dear Commemorative Partners,

August is in full swing, and for many, that signifies summer's crescendo, as students across the country gear up to head back to school. Teachers and parents alike begin to organize their plans for the school year, and as such, we have a variety of educator resources available to help! First, we have a newly expanded Teachers' Toolkit updated just this year. One new highlight of this toolkit is the Posters and Question Prompts under "Classroom Materials." This section, starting on page 15, is designed to facilitate teacher-student discussions about each of the topics featured in our posters-series. In addition, there are service-learning projects, as well as other activities, events and research projects that can be readily incorporated into your learning. Steve, a History and Social Studies Department



The 2023 Teachers' Toolkit

Chairman at Newnan High School in Georgia says, "What I really like about this, is the diversity and variety of the resources that have been compiled. Digital and social media, online exhibits, places to visit, project ideas and more, there is something for every teacher in this toolkit." View this toolkit and access its wealth of material, along with our other available educator resources as you plan the year ahead.



Students at Newton High School in New York review three different VWC poster series as part of their Social Studies class.

Second, in addition to our 18 current three-part posters-series, we have four brand new editions available: *The U.S. Navy in the* Vietnam War, Service Organizations in the Vietnam War, Native Americans in the Vietnam War, and Indigenous Peoples in the *Vietnam War*. You can access all of our 22 posters-series, as well as our five Service Patch posters via our website.

We also have some *exciting updates* on our **Honorary Partner** homefront. Since October of last year, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) chapters have completed or scheduled 285 ceremonies bestowing this distinction upon Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) chapters across America in 41 states and Guam! This noble goal of NSDAR thanking and honoring all 649 VVA chapters and state councils by Veterans Day is well on its way. In fact, 12 states, with another 6 nearing completion, have already fulfilled *all* VVA chapter and state council ceremonies. The photo above right is just one example of these



Honorary Partner Ceremony with NSDAR Elizabeth Schuyler Hamilton Chapter and Michigan VVA Chapter 73.

significant Honorary Partner ceremonies.

Finally, we have expanded the **Honorary Partner** section of our website to reveal these **wonderful photos** received so far from 22 states' ceremonies. We will continue to post these amazing moments, as they so genuinely reflect the inspirational impact on our Vietnam veterans and their families all across the Nation!

~ The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration Staff ~