

## How you can help ...

*Become a proud partner with The U.S.A. Vietnam War Commemoration!*



Commemorative Partners are local, state and national organizations, businesses, sports franchises and governmental agencies that have committed to publicly thank and honor Vietnam veterans and their families on behalf of the nation.

Their commitment includes conducting at least two events or activities each year over a 3-year period that publicly recognize the service and sacrifice of our nation's Vietnam veterans and their families.

In hometown America and on national stages, our partners are helping Americans unite in thanking and honoring these unsung warriors and their families. These events and activities can be as simple as a recognition ceremony during an established organizational function, or as robust as a major staged event solely focused on honoring Vietnam veterans and their families.

Free support materials are available to all our partners, including Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pins and a Commemoration flag. Visit our website today at [www.vietnamwar50th.com](http://www.vietnamwar50th.com) to learn more about becoming a Commemorative Partner.

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



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*"On behalf of President Obama and the entire Department of Defense, I thank all of you for your service."*

*~ Secretary of Defense, Ashton B. Carter ~*

## What the nation is saying ...

*"And one of the most painful chapters in our history was Vietnam, most particularly how we treated our troops. You were often blamed for a war you didn't start, when you should have been commended for serving your country with valor."*

~ President Barack Obama

*"We are a better, stronger nation today because of the tremendous sacrifices that our Vietnam veterans and their families made for this country, and I'm very proud to be part of that generation ..."*

~ Former Secretary of Defense, Chuck Hagel

*"It mattered not what politicians argued. It mattered not what history would reveal. We had no expectation but to serve where duty called us. We asked for no reward except a nation's thanks."*

~ Col. Albert J. Nahas, USA, Retired  
*Warriors Remembered*



## Who we are ...

This national Commemoration was authorized by Congress, established under the secretary of defense, and launched by the president in May 2012.

Under the auspices of the Department of Defense with a small office and staff in Northern Virginia, we rely on the dedicated efforts of Commemorative Partners to bring this national Commemoration to life in hometown America.

Through the dedicated efforts of these partners, 7 million living Vietnam veterans and families of the 9 million who served are being thanked and honored where they live and work by neighbors, family and friends. Our partners are hosting thousands of public ceremonies in towns and cities throughout the country during which Vietnam veterans and their families are recognized for their service and sacrifice.

### Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin

Front



Back



*"A lasting memento of the nation's thanks"*

Each living veteran who served at any time on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, regardless of location, during the period of November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975 is eligible to receive one Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin (pictured above) on behalf of a grateful nation.

*"I have had a number of medals pinned on me in my day ... even though it might just be a lapel pin to a lot of people, this is like a medal to the Vietnam veterans."*

~ Col. Michael Brazelton, USAF, Retired  
*Four Silver Stars awarded, former Vietnam War POW*



## Why we exist ...

The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration exists to fulfill the following five objectives:

1. To thank and honor Vietnam veterans and their families.
2. To highlight the service of our Armed Forces and the contributions of federal agencies, governmental, and non-governmental organizations during the war.
3. To pay tribute to wartime contributions made at home by American citizens.
4. To highlight technology, science, and medical advances made during the war.
5. To recognize the contributions and sacrifices made by our Allies. (Australia, New Zealand, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Thailand)

(2008 National Defense Authorization Act, Sec. 598)