



The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration

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COMMEMORATION NEWSLETTER

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

(1) To thank and honor veterans of the Vietnam War, including personnel who were held as prisoners of war or listed as missing in action, for their service and sacrifice on behalf of the United States and to thank and honor the families of these veterans.

(2) To highlight the service of the Armed Forces during the Vietnam War and the contributions of Federal agencies and governmental and non-governmental organizations that served with, or in support of, the Armed Forces.

(3) To pay tribute to the contributions made on the home front by the people of the United States during the Vietnam War.

(4) To highlight the advances in technology, science, and medicine related to military research conducted during the Vietnam War.

(5) To recognize the contributions and sacrifices made by the allies of the United States during the Vietnam War.

Director of Administration and Management in NYC

Mr. Michael L. Rhodes attends the Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day event in New York City on 26 March. The Key Note speaker is Mr. Paul Bucha, Medal of Honor recipient from the Vietnam War. The Honorable Andrew Cuomo, Governor of New York, signed a proclamation naming 29 March 2011 as Vietnam Veterans Day.

The U.S. Senate has passed a resolution to make 30 March Vietnam Veterans Day. If the motion passes in the House, it will go to the President.

Latest Activities

Meeting with Museums, Educational Institutions, Presidential Libraries

On 26 May, we will meet with institutions to discuss the National Education Plan, Museum Exhibitions, and other partnering opportunities.

For more information call 877-387-9951 or visit the official website at :
<http://www.vietnamwar50th.com>

Web Site Development On Schedule

Development of the new web site is progressing on schedule. Look for the new design, features and functionality in the Spring of 2011. Organizations interested in having their web sites added to the Links page will be able to submit their request via an online submission process. Please continue to monitor the site for the unveiling of the new design.

Web Site Spokesperson

Joe Galloway, former UPI war correspondent, author of "We Were Soldiers Once...And Young", and recipient of the Bronze Star with V device from the Vietnam War has agreed to help promote the updated web site by filming short Public Service Announcements that will be aired on various Defense Media Activity outlets.



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Cpl. Kenneth Juby a radar technician attached to "H" Co., 2nd Bn., Fourth Marines dives into a fox hole at the Cam Lo District Headquarters to escape incoming artillery rounds.

Veteran Organizations



The mission of the American Veterans Center is to preserve and promote the legacy of America's servicemen and women who served from World War II through Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The Center is comprised of two divisions – The World War II Veterans Committee and the National Vietnam Veterans Committee. The American Veterans Center is also the primary sponsor of the National Memorial Day Parade in Washington, DC, drawing a quarter of a million spectators to one of the largest military-themed events in the country.

The National Vietnam Veterans Committee seeks to tell the combat stories of Vietnam veterans and spotlights their many successes after returning home. The National Vietnam Veterans Committee, through its programs which include the publication Valor: The Veterans of Vietnam and now American Valor Quarterly, is working to tell the true story of Vietnam veterans which has so often been ignored.

More information can be found at:

<http://www.americanveteranscenter.org>



DUSTOFF Association

The center can be found at: <http://www.dustoff.org/>

The DUSTOFF association is an incorporated veterans non profit organization for Army Medical Department enlisted and officer personnel, aviation crewmembers, and others who are (or ever were) engaged in (or actively supported in any capacity) Army's medical evacuation programs in War and Peace.

The Fall/Winter 2010 edition of the DUSTOFFer newsletter can be downloaded at: <http://www.dustoff.org/newsletter/Fall-Winter10/2010fall-winter.PDF> (3Mb in Adobe Reader format) and reading.



Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command

The mission of the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) is to achieve the fullest possible accounting of all

Americans missing as a result of the nations past conflicts. The highest priority of the organization is the return of any living Americans that remain prisoners of war. To date, the U.S. Government has not found any evidence that there are still American POWs in captivity from past U.S. conflicts. More information on JPAC can be found at: <http://www.jpac.pacom.mil>



Montagnard Brothers, South Vietnam 1966.