

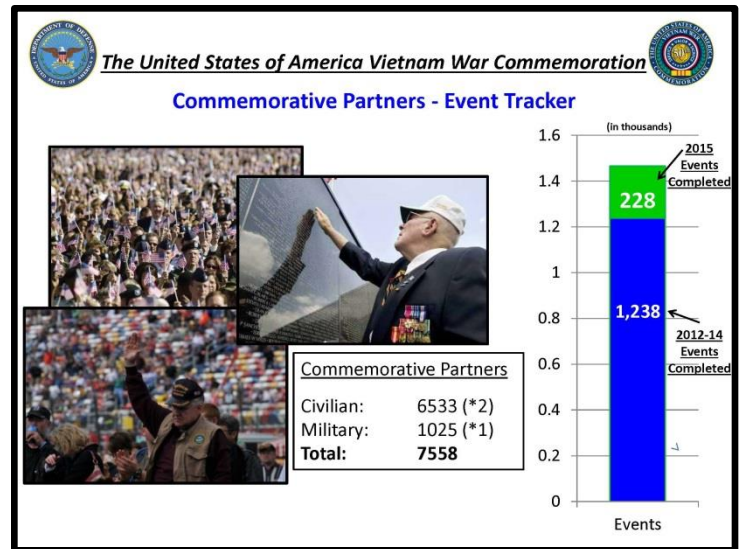
Vietnam War Commemoration "SITREP" – 2015, Issue 1

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Dear Commemorative Partners

Thank you for your commitment to host events and activities that, on behalf of the Nation, thank and honor our Vietnam veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice! Daily, we receive reports of your tremendous successes in towns and cities across America.

In a remarkable show of national resolution, more than 7,000 organizations have aligned themselves with this most noble mission ... and more join us every month. In the event tracker on the right, you can see the number of civilian partners who have committed to hosting two events each year. Our military partners, in addition to defending our Constitution and the ideals embodied within, will host one event annually. You also can view the number of commemorative events, of which we are aware, that have occurred to date.



To help us **accurately account for all events taking place around the globe**, we ask that you submit a "Commemorative Event Request Form" ... not for "permission" to host an event, but simply to allow us to capture all the efforts being made to thank and honor our 7.2 million living Vietnam veterans and the families of all 9 million who served in uniform from November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975. It also helps us provide support for Commemorative Partner events, when able.

The form is **online, easy** to fill out and **extremely helpful** in fulfilling our shared mission:

1. Log in to the Commemorative Partner Portal at www.vietnamwar50th.com/partners/login

*Note: use the email of your respective Committee Chairperson and the password that was provided.

2. Click on "Event Support."

3. Click on the DD2956 (online version) link under "Commemorative Events Request Form."

4. Fill in the fields. *Note: after 15 minutes of inactivity, the system will "time out" and require you to log in again.

5. A "Thank You" notification will occur when your submission is successful.

*Note: If you don't see the "thank you" notification, scroll up to find any box highlighted in red, make the necessary corrections and resubmit.

Above & Beyond!

*Ms. Arlene Murray, President
Gold Star Wives of America
Tahoma Chapter, Tacoma, WA*



Arlene's chapter has personally thanked more than 1,500 Vietnam veterans in 18 ceremonies during the past 7 months. Thank you, Arlene!

Upcoming issues will feature useful tips on after-action reports, photo submission guidelines, the use of the Commemorative Partner Seal and Flag, and answers to your most frequently asked questions.

Thank you, again, for your wonderful efforts on behalf of the nation!

Sincerely, *The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration Staff*