



Vietnam War Commemoration "SITREP" – 2016, Issue 8



"Join the Nation ... thank a Vietnam veteran!"

Dear Commemorative Partners,

Monday, August 8

Recently, two Vietnam veterans were recognized for their service and valor.

President Obama conferred upon retired Army Lt. Col. [Charles Kettles](#), the Medal of Honor on July 18. Less than two weeks later, Ray Mabus, Secretary of the Navy, announced the naming of one of the Navy's latest destroyers after retired Marine Corps Col. [Harvey C. Barnum, Jr.](#), who received his Medal of Honor in 1967.



*President Obama honoring Charles Kettles
(Official White House photo)*

Both of these heroes were presented the [Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin](#) in recognition of their service and sacrifice. These two gentlemen distinguished themselves conspicuously by gallantry at the risk of their lives above and beyond the call of duty. During both ceremonies, and across the nation, honoring all Vietnam veterans for their legacy of service by presenting these lapel pins, exemplifies a nation's thanks.



*Ray Mabus (left), and Harvey C. Barnum, Jr.
(Official Marine Corps photo)*

Our mission remains to ensure that all Vietnam veterans know they are appreciated for their service and sacrifice, and to present them the [Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin](#) at an appropriate ceremony.

Above & Beyond

***Veterans of Foreign Wars
(VFW): July 23-27, 2016***



During the 117th Annual National Convention, Commemorative Partners thanked about 900 Vietnam veterans. Thank you to our Partners for honoring these heroes! We salute you!

You can request these pins for presentation, along with other materials for your event, in the [Partner Portal](#). For further questions, [email us](#).

Thank you for being a ... ***"Proud partner with The U.S.A. Vietnam War Commemoration!"***

Sincerely,

*The United States of America
Vietnam War Commemoration Staff*