



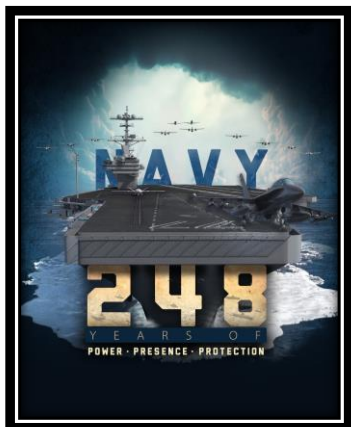
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA VIETNAM WAR COMMEMORATION



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Dear Commemorative Partners,



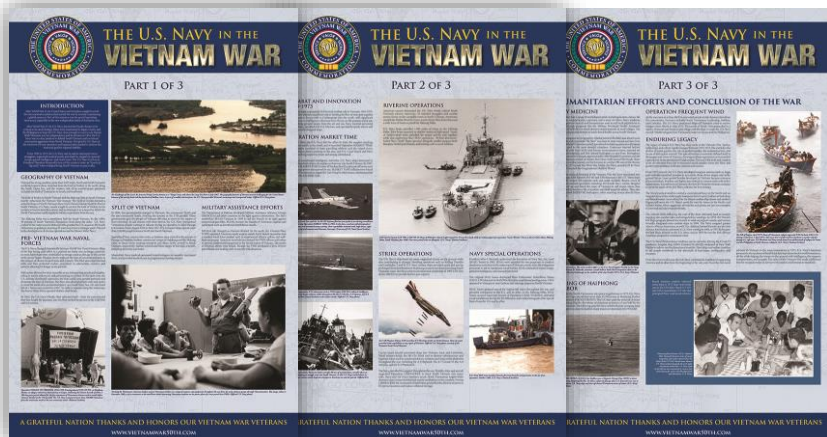
U.S. Navy Birthday Commemoration Poster

In just two weeks, on **October 13**, the [United States Navy](#) rings in another year of service to our Nation. This year, we spotlight their birthday theme of [248 Years of Power, Presence, and Protection](#), as we pay tribute to the service and sacrifice of our Navy service members all this month. This theme highlights the U.S. Navy’s historical and long-standing commitment to being forward deployed, highly trained, and dedicated to defending American interests at sea, on land, and in the sky. Download and enjoy their eye-catching commemoration poster (at left), along with seven other graphics, courtesy of *Naval History and Heritage Command’s* [Digital Resources](#), as you observe their anniversary. Happy Birthday sailors!

During Vietnam, the Navy’s involvement in the region and on its waters encompassed supporting medical needs, providing fire support for troops ashore, collecting intelligence, and much more. These efforts put the Navy at the forefront of every operation and logistical plan for achieving America’s goals and regional stability in Southeast Asia. Sailors and Naval officers were pivotal in meeting America’s strategic, operational, and tactical objectives ashore, on waterways and at sea, as well as in the air. Their contributions have had a lasting impact in shaping the legacy and modernization of today’s U.S. Navy. You can read more about all these operations, including humanitarian efforts and their enduring legacy via our newly unveiled poster series, [The U.S. Navy in the Vietnam War](#).



USS *Garrett County* supporting operation “Game Warden,” Mekong Delta, South Vietnam, 1968. (U.S. Navy)



Further, a wealth of additional fingertip-accessible resources are available from our website, such as the [Navy Service Patch Poster](#), the [Riverine Operations in the Vietnam War](#) poster series, [Medal of Honor citations](#) from our Navy Vietnam War recipients, and 25 [Oral History interviews](#). The *Naval History and Heritage Command* also has a range of supplemental reference materials on the [Vietnam War](#), including Documents, Imagery and The Human Cost.

To all of our men and women who have served in the U.S. Navy, both past and present, we [salute](#) you!

~ *The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration Staff* ~

Join the Nation ... thank a Vietnam veteran!