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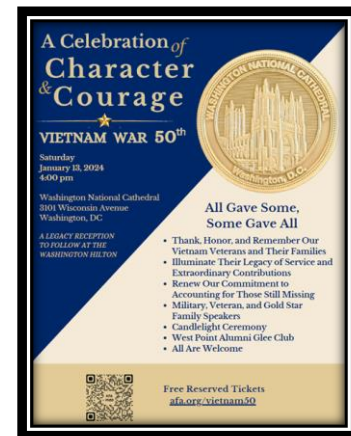
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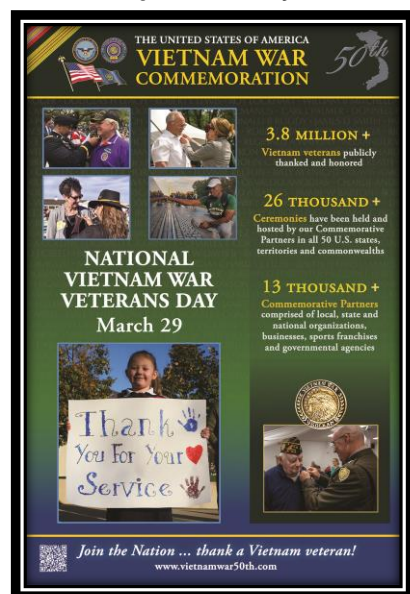
Dear Commemorative Partners,

Happy New Year! As we enter into 2024, a few important items to share with you as you engage the new year.

First, remember to join us on Saturday, January 13 at 4 p.m. at the Washington National Cathedral for a very special service titled [**A Celebration of Character & Courage**](#). This ceremony will be a national salute to honor the service, courage and legacy of Vietnam veterans, Gold Star Families, and will also include a renewal of commitment to account for those who remain missing. Ceremony elements will feature military, veteran, and Gold Star Family speakers, performances by the West Point Alumni Glee Club, personal reflections, and stories and music that highlight the extraordinary contributions of a generation of soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, coast guardsmen and civilian loved ones in a gathering of community, faith, and gratitude. You can view the [**flyer**](#) for more information, and [**register**](#) to attend in person. For those not in the area or unable to come in person, you can also attend virtually via the [**live-stream page**](#).



Second, just **84 days** remain until [**National Vietnam War Veterans Day**](#) (NVWVD)! As many of you know, this special day was formalized in 2017 by our 45th President, designating every **March 29** as NVWVD. It also joins six other military-centric annual observances codified in [**Title 4 of the United States Code §6**](#), among them Memorial Day, Independence Day and Veterans Day. March 29 is fitting for a day honoring Vietnam veterans. It was chosen to be observed in perpetuity, as March 29, 1973 was the day United States Military Assistance Command, Vietnam was disestablished and the day the last U.S. combat troops departed Vietnam. In addition, on and around this same day Hanoi released the last of its acknowledged prisoners of war.



Begin making preparations now for your NVWVD events, by submitting your event request through the [**Partner Portal**](#) at least 30 days in advance, but preferably as soon as possible. This will help ensure you receive your materials in plenty of time. New downloadable items available this year include the **brand new NVWVD Poster** (above left), and videos from our May

Welcome Home event last year—the [**Honor Concert**](#) and a [**Vietnam veteran tribute!**](#)

Finally, stay tuned for our next SITREP edition, as we bring to you our **Year in Review**, spotlighting some key moments of recognition and significant accomplishments from 2023!

~ The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration Staff ~

Join the Nation ... thank a Vietnam veteran!