



THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA VIETNAM WAR COMMEMORATION



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Dear Commemorative Partners,

As we fully engage 2024, a few highlights from the year so far ...

First, on January 13, a very special [*A Celebration of Character & Courage*](#) ceremony was held at the Washington National Cathedral alongside the Air & Space Forces Association, with other contributing Commemorative Partners. This ceremony honored the service, courage and legacy of Vietnam veterans, Gold Star Families, and included a renewal of



Presentation of the Colors during *A Celebration of Courage*, January 13. (Photo credit: Mike Tsukamoto, Air & Space Forces Association. (AFA))



Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin presentation during the reception. (Photo credit: M. Tsukamoto. (AFA))

commitment to account for those missing. It also featured commentary by retired U.S. Air Force Brigadier General Bernie Skoch, and individual remarks by Vietnam War Gold Star Daughter Colleen Shine and the 33rd Chief of Staff of the Army and Vietnam veteran, retired U.S. Army General Dennis Reimer. This *awe-inspiring service* also comprised performances by the West Point Alumni Glee Club, personal reflections, and stories and music spotlighting the contributions of this generation of service members and their loved ones. In addition, a reception followed the ceremony where in total, **130 Vietnam veterans** were thanked and honored! For those unable to attend

either the ceremony or reception, the program, photos and video are all available via the [event page](#).

Second, the Atlanta Vietnam Veterans Business Association

(AVVBA) was presented with the [Honorary Partner](#) distinction, as an organization made up solely of those who **bore the battle**. At right, VWC Director, Maj. Gen. Edward Chrystal, Jr., U.S. Army National Guard (center), and VWC History and Legacy Chief, Mr. Mark Franklin (far right), bestow



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this distinction (from l-r in photo at right), to: AVVBA Foundation Chairman of the Board, Mr. Ham Henson; AVVBA President, Mr. Art Katz; and AVVBA Chairman of the Board, Mr. Carl Bell. For more on this effort, view [SITREP 2022 – Issue 15](#). As a result of all of these events, *your combined efforts* have achieved the recognition of more than **3.9 million** Vietnam veterans in **27 thousand events!**



Finally, we are just 43 days out from March 29, [National Vietnam War Veterans Day](#) (NVWVD). Remember to submit your request for materials as soon as possible!

Our [NVWVD Poster](#) (above left), and [Honor Concert](#) and [Vietnam veteran tribute](#) are the newest videos available to download or stream for your event. However, our *posters* will no longer be available for shipping starting in May. View the latest availability announcements for these [posters](#) and [other materials](#) via the updates on our [home](#) page and [Event Materials and Support](#) page. Thank you!

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

Join the Nation ... thank a Vietnam veteran!