

COMMEMORATION PRINCIPLES

Program will honor all veterans, but will be Vietnam Veteran-focused and will honor their service, valor and sacrifice and their families.

Program will include successful elements of the bicentennial of the Nation, the bicentennial of the Constitution, the 50th and 60th Anniversaries of World War II and the Korean War.

Include an Advisory Committee comprised of a broad cross section of Vietnam Veterans and leaders with State, local and federal perspectives and distinguished citizens who together are committed to honoring and supporting commemoration activities.

Assist Commemorative Partners around the country and world-wide as organizations and communities undertake activities to honor and commemorate Vietnam Veterans and our Allies.

Coordinate key governmental/national events to complement those by local communities and organizations.

Develop educational programs and materials to support the Commemoration.



A wounded airman is assisted by a nurse aboard a U.S. Air Force medical evacuation C-141 aircraft, November 17, 1968. Courtesy of the National Archives.



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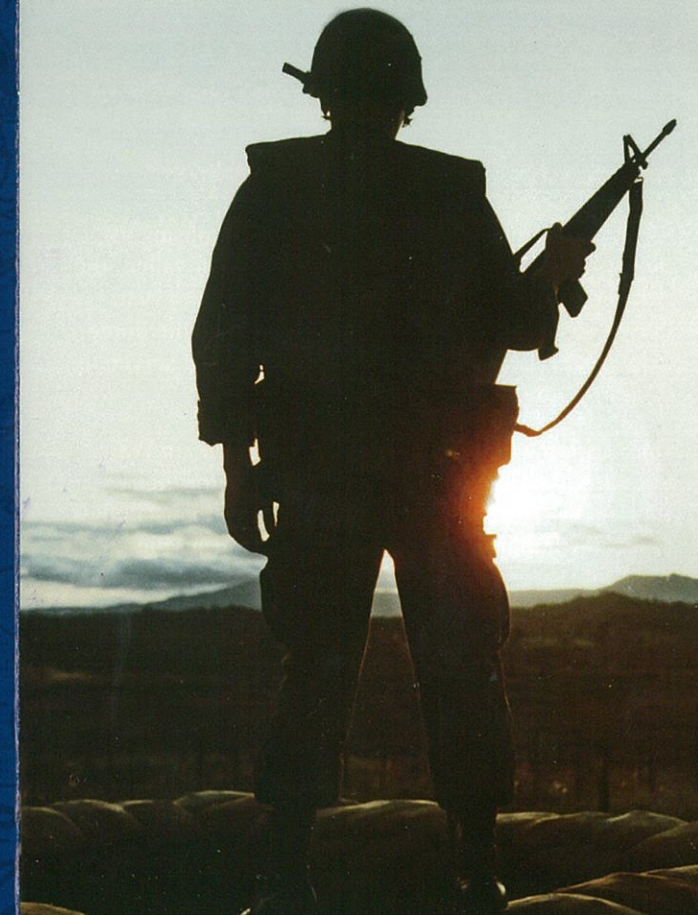
A GRATEFUL NATION THANKS AND HONORS YOU

USS FORRESTAL (CVA-59) underway approximately one month after fires and explosions damaged the ship leaving 132 crewmen dead, 62 injured, and two missing and presumed dead while on duty in waters off Vietnam. Photo by H.L. Wise, USN, August 1967.

Front: PFC William H. Roberts stands guard on the base camp perimeter of HQS 1st Bn, 21st Arty, 1st Cav Div (Airmobile) at An Khe during the late hours of the day. Photo by SSG Howard C. Breedlove, May 25, 1967. Courtesy of the National Archives.



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A search and destroy mission conducted by an infantry platoon of Troop B, 1st Recon Squadron, 9th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), 3 kilometers west of Duc Pho, Quang Ngai Province, Republic of South Vietnam. Photo by SSG Howard C. Breedlove, April 24, 1967. Courtesy of the National Archives.

MISSION

Assist a grateful Nation in thanking and honoring its Vietnam War Veterans and their families, the fallen, the wounded, those who were held as Prisoners of War, those listed as missing and unaccounted for, the home front, Federal Agencies, all organizations that served or supported the Armed Forces, and our Allies.

This mission will be complete when all Vietnam War Veterans have been thanked and honored for their Service, Valor, and Sacrifice. This includes their families, especially families who lost loved ones during the Vietnam War.

This Commemoration will do everything possible to support the commitment of this Nation to achieve the fullest possible accounting for missing US personnel, and other Vietnam Veterans not yet returned.

This Commemoration will be mostly hometown-centric, but will include international, national, regional, and State events.

COMMEMORATION OBJECTIVES

To thank and honor veterans of the Vietnam War, including personnel who were held as Prisoners of War or listed as missing in action, for their service and sacrifice on behalf of the United States and to thank and honor the families of those veterans.

To highlight the service of the Armed Forces during the Vietnam War and the contributions of Federal Agencies and governmental and non-governmental organizations that served with, or in support of, the Armed Forces.

To pay tribute to the contributions made on the home front by the people of the United States during the Vietnam War.

To highlight the advances in technology, science, and medicine related to military research conducted during the Vietnam War.

To recognize the contributions and sacrifices made by the Allies of the United States during the Vietnam War.

GET INVOLVED

The Commemorative Partner Program is designed for federal, State and local communities, veterans' organizations and other nongovernmental organizations to assist a grateful nation in thanking and honoring our Vietnam Veterans and their families. Commemorative Partners are encouraged to participate in the Commemoration of the Vietnam War by planning and conducting events and activities that will recognize the Vietnam Veterans and their families' service and sacrifice.



Marines disembark from an H-34 Seahorse helicopter. The amphibious assault ship USS Princeton spawned both. Photo by J.C. Cote, USN, April 1966. Courtesy of the National Archives.



Side view of an F-4E refueling from a KC-135 as two F-105s and another F-4E await their turn. The F-4s and F-105s are assigned to the 388th Tactical Fighter Wing. Photo by Ken Hackman, USAF. Courtesy of the National Archives.

Commemorative Partners will be eligible to receive a commemorative flag, Commemorative Partner certificate and other materials and authorization to use the United States of America Vietnam War Commemorative Partner seal, without modification, for approved purposes. As stated before, events and activities must adhere to the defined Congressional objectives of the program.

To become an official Commemorative Partner, organizations must submit an application. Once the application is approved, the Commemoration program will provide organizations with materials for developing and implementing their programs. Commemorative Partners must commit to conduct two events each year from 2015-2017.

Interested organizations may visit our website at www.vietnamwar50th.com to apply to become a Commemorative Partner.

We look forward to working with you and your organization in assisting a grateful nation in thanking and honoring our Vietnam Veterans and their families.