Vietnam War Commemoration "SITREP" – 2016, Issue 8

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

Dear Commemorative Partners,

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

President Obama conferred upon retired Army Lt. Col. <u>Charles Kettles</u>, 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. <u>Harvey C.</u> <u>Barnum, Jr.</u>, who received his Medal of Honor in 1967.

Both of these heroes were presented the <u>Vietnam</u> <u>Veteran Lapel Pin</u> 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.

Our mission remains to ensure that all Vietnam veterans know they are appreciated for their service and sacrifice, and to present them the <u>Vietnam Veteran</u> <u>Lapel Pin</u> at an appropriate ceremony.

Monday, August 8



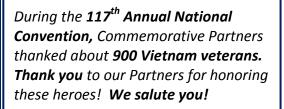
President Obama honoring Charles Kettles (Official White House photo)



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

Above & Beyond

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



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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

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