

Dear Commemorative Partners

Last week's *Congressional Ceremony* in the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center honored nearly 500 Vietnam veterans and their families as representatives of our 7.2 million living Vietnam veterans and the 9 million families of those who served. This event also marked the official release of the *Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin*.



Retired Air Force Colonel Michael Brazelton, a four-time Silver Star recipient and former Vietnam War POW, reflected on this lapel pin's significance, "I have had a number of medals pinned on me in my day and this is certainly the highest ranking and the most honors I have received for any pinning ceremony," Brazelton said. "Even though it might just be a lapel pin to a lot of people, this is like a medal to the Vietnam veterans."

Distributed only through our Commemorative Partners, this lapel pin will be presented to veterans who served during the Vietnam War period as a lasting memento of the nation's gratitude. *Living U.S. veterans who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces from November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975, regardless of location, are eligible to receive one lapel pin.*

Above & Beyond!

**The Office of the Speaker
Of the House**
Washington, DC



Almost 500 Vietnam veterans and their families, representing the entire U.S. Vietnam veteran community were honored in a Congressional Ceremony on July 8, 2015. This ceremony was streamed live, viewed by tens of thousands around the world, and remains available for viewing at vietnamwar50th.com/videos. Thank you, Mr. Speaker & Congress!

We plan to supply a *limited quantity of pins beginning in August, with full production set for mid-winter*. Once we confirm availability in a future SITREP, partners will be able to request these pins via our Event Request Form. Submitting this form is easy, and instructions can be found in the [VWC SITREP, Issue 1](#). Please list your pin requests in both the form's *purpose* and *materials* ("other" category) sections.

We invite you to review our [Lapel Pin Fact Sheet](#) for additional details or visit vietnamwar50th.com for more information.

Sincerely,

The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration Staff