

Vietnam War Commemoration "SITREP"

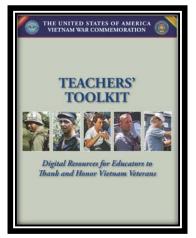
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"Join the nation ... thank a Vietnam veteran!"

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Dear Commemorative Partners,



The new *Teachers' Toolkit*, developed by the History and Legacy Branch, offers educators a *comprehensive packet of information* to support our national effort to thank and honor our Vietnam veterans and their families. The kit highlights service-learning projects, suggested websites, and resources for activities and events from notable sources.

Steve Quesinberry, Chairman of the History and Social Studies Department at Newnan High School in Newnan, GA, says "What I really like about this is the *diversity and variety* of the resources that have been compiled. Digital and social media, online exhibits, places to visit, project ideas and more, there is something for every teacher in this toolkit. Well done!"

The History and Legacy Branch's goal in developing this toolkit is to provide *historically accurate materials* and interactive experiences that will help teachers and students better understand and appreciate the service of our Vietnam veterans and the history of U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War. While we do not endorse any particular resource, we encourage everyone to take advantage of the suggested materials and ideas for use in elementary to college classrooms and afterschool programs so that schools, school districts, and educational organizations can develop programs to thank and honor Vietnam veterans locally and nationally.

Above & Beyond



Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS)
Miramar Air Show

"A Salute to Vietnam Veterans" was held in San Diego, CA, September 21-25, 2017 during the MCAS Miramar Air Show. **Over 2,400** VVLPs were distributed to our deserving Vietnam veterans! **Thank you Marine Corps!** During a recent visit to Newnan High School, VWC Director Maj. General (Ret.) James T. Jackson talked to the students about the importance of *thanking and honoring our Vietnam veterans*.



Major General (Ret.) James T. Jackson, Director of the Vietnam War Commemoration, talks to students at Newnan HS (Newnan, GA).

He told the students "because you're a part of this class, you've been empowered by the Secretary of Defense to represent the country and thank our Vietnam veterans for their service years ago. Watch the reaction you're going to get. You'll come away a better person."

The Teachers' Toolkit is now available for download online on our <u>website</u>. We hope that you will share this useful and highly effective tool during your event so that the importance of honoring our veterans will be etched in the minds of this generation of students and those to come. Thank you for serving as a ... "Proud Partner with The U.S.A. Vietnam War Commemoration!"



