

Vietnam War Commemoration "SITREP" – 2015, Issue 5

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Dear Commemorative Partners

Your superb dedication continues to bring to fruition the Commemoration's vision of individually thanking and honoring each of our 7.2 million living Vietnam veterans and the 9 million families of those who served in uniform from November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975.

Many of you have asked about those dates and we want you to know that the Commemoration honors all veterans who served during the Vietnam War period. Recognizing there were U.S. advisors in the region during the early 1950s, November 1, 1955 was chosen due to the official activation of the Military Assistance Advisory Group – Vietnam, or MAAG-V, on that date. May 15, 1975 was selected in recognition of the Mayaguez altercation and the men who lost their lives as a result. During this Commemoration, we want to be as inclusive as possible, to honor all who served during this challenging period of American history. We invite everyone to visit <http://www.vietnamwar50th.com/> to learn more.

Previous SITREPs have addressed submission of Event Requests and After-Action Reports. Below, you'll find *helpful guidelines* for best results *when submitting photos* to the Commemoration:

- 1. Focus on the veterans** – ensure your submitted pictures contain the people you are honoring.
- 2. Candid** – Pictures of veterans in the act of being recognized capture emotions better than posed photos.
- 3. Check the background** – Avoid "photo bombers" or "busy" backgrounds.
- 4. Editing** – If required, use only basic "dark room" tools (e.g., cropping, dodging, burning).
- 5. Ensure you have permission** from the photographer and photo subjects to post their names and images.
- 6. Limit** – Send up to 3 photos
- 7. Resolution** – Highest possible, but at least 300dpi.
- 8. Include the photographer's name and a brief caption** (who, what, where, when) when sending your pictures to: whs.vnwar50th_CPP_AAR@mail.mil.



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Lastly, if your event is posted online either by your organization or local media, please include that link in your email, and be sure to tag us in your social media posts. Thank you!

Sincerely,

The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration Staff

Above & Beyond!

**Vietnam Veterans
Memorial Fund (VVMF)**
Washington, DC



VVMF's steadfast commitment to presenting their traveling "**Wall that Heals**" and their collaboration with Commemorative Partners in communities across the United States has resulted in more than 114,000 Vietnam veterans and their families being recognized in 2015 alone! **Thank you, VVMF!**