

Vietnam War Commemoration "SITREP"

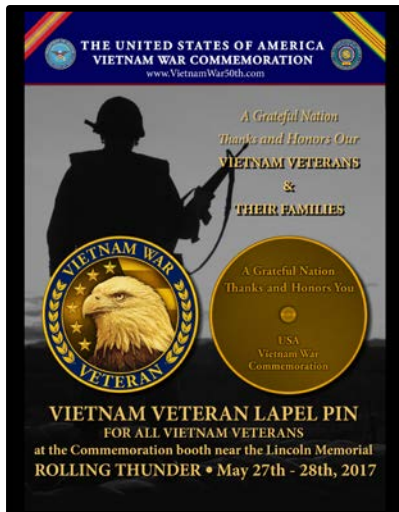
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"Join the nation ... thank a Vietnam veteran!"

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Dear Commemorative Partners,



The above ad appears in the June issue of *Vietnam* magazine.

This Memorial Day weekend marks the 30th anniversary of [Rolling Thunder](#), the annual event in Washington, D.C. that draws attention to the prisoners of war (POW) and missing in action (MIA) issue that the nation faced after the Vietnam War. Rolling Thunder is a proud partner with the Vietnam War Commemoration. The first ride took place on May 30, 1988 and was made up of roughly 2,500 motorcycles and riders. The Rolling Thunder mission is to educate, facilitate, and *never forget*. It continues to grow every year, and has become the world's largest single-day motorcycle event with *over a million riders* and spectators combined.

On Memorial Day, our nation will pause to remember all those who have given the ultimate sacrifice. The Commemoration and our partners will conduct ceremonies around the country to honor the



memory of more than 58,000 listed on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and their families. In addition to honoring these heroes, the Commemoration will also present living Vietnam veterans with the [Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin](#). Sadly, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, we are losing about **426** of them each day, so time is of the essence. As part of the Rolling Thunder run, our presence at the Lincoln Memorial will no doubt help with our mission to reach as many of these patriots as possible and present them with our "lasting memento of the Nation's thanks!"

2017 Key Upcoming Events

- May 23 – 29 ➤ Salute to Vietnam Veterans
State of Hawaii
U.S. Pacific Command
- June 16 – 18 ➤ Gold Star Mother's National
Conference, San Antonio, TX
- June 21 ➤ Military District of Washington,
Twilight Tattoo (Honoring
Vietnam Veterans)
- June 21 – 25 ➤ National League of POW/MIA
Families Annual Conference

According to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, there are still **1,611** Vietnam veterans missing or unaccounted for. As a Commemorative Partner, please consider honoring this group of veterans and their families by including a [Missing Man Table](#) in your upcoming event. For a list of these veterans in each state, see the [Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency's website](#).



Thank you for serving as a ... *"Proud Partner with The U.S.A. Vietnam War Commemoration!"*

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