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

Dear Commemorative Partners,

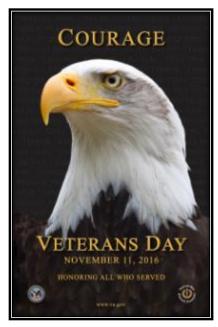
As a nation, we recognize Veterans Day next month. Originally known as Armistice Day, <u>Veterans Day</u> is officially observed November 11, and the poster at the right can be downloaded for printing <u>here</u>. This day honors veterans from all wars but also gives us the distinct opportunity to:

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

One way to do this, is to present these heroes a <u>Vietnam</u> <u>Veteran Lapel Pin</u> in honor of their service! Whether hosting or co-hosting an event, consider a ceremonial presentation of this "lasting memento of the Nation's thanks!" Lapel pins and other materials can be requested easily by submitting a request for support (DD Form 2956) found in the <u>Partner Portal</u>.

Another way to celebrate Veterans Day, is to pay tribute to these veterans. You can do this by simply sitting down and

Friday, October 14



Courtesy of Veterans Day National Committee

asking them to share a story. <u>This video</u>, narrated by Sam Elliott, was created as a tribute to Vietnam veterans, and highlights some of the history and experiences of that time period. Feel free to show it or any of our videos during your event or ceremony. These videos and other resources can be found in the *Communication Resources* section of our <u>website</u>.

We welcome your feedback, and encourage participation by filling out and emailing us your photos, along with your After Action Report (DD Form 2957), after the completion of each event. This form is also located in the Partner Portal.

Above & Beyond

Howard County:

Sept. 15-17, Greentown, IN



Thank you to **these 5 Commemorative Partners**, who helped thank over 1,000 Vietnam veterans during their 34th Annual Vietnam Veterans Reunion!

- ~ Indiana Dept. of Veterans Affairs
- ~ 196th Light Infantry Brigade Association
- ~ Indianapolis Mobile Vet Center
- ~ American Legion Post 217
- ~ Indiana National Guard

Remember to keep us updated on your organization's Chairperson and Points of Contact information. This helps us ensure we're getting the most current information to you when you need it! Be sure to email any changes to us at: whs.vnwar50th@mail.mil.

Thank you again for all you do, and for being a ... "Proud Partner with The U.S.A. Vietnam War Commemoration!" Sincerely,

The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration Staff