

Fact Sheet

The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration

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The Commemorative Partner Program is designed for federal, state and local communities, veterans' organizations and other nongovernmental organizations to assist a grateful nation in thanking and honoring our Vietnam veterans and their families. Commemorative Partners participate in the Commemoration by planning and conducting events and activities that recognize Vietnam veterans and their families' service, valor, and sacrifice. Commemorative Partners must commit to conduct two events each year from 2015–2017.

Commemorative events and activities should be dignified, memorable occasions that show a sensitivity and appreciation for the solemnity of war and the losses suffered by many. Events or activities should meet one or more of the congressionally-mandated objectives of the program, and as a minimum, with an emphasis on objective one.

- 1. To thank and honor veterans of the Vietnam War, including personnel who were held as prisoners of war or listed as missing in action, for their service and sacrifice on behalf of the United States and to thank and honor the families of these veterans.
- 2. To highlight the service of the Armed Forces during the Vietnam War and the contributions of Federal agencies and governmental and non-governmental organizations that served with, or in support of, the Armed Forces.
- 3. To pay tribute to the contributions made on the home front by the people of the United States during the Vietnam War.
- 4. To highlight the advances in technology, science, and medicine related to military research conducted during the Vietnam War.
- 5. To recognize the contributions and sacrifices made by the allies of the United States during the Vietnam War.

It costs nothing to become a Commemorative Partner. To become an official Commemorative Partner, organizations must submit an application and a signed Statement of Understanding. To obtain an application, organizations can go to www.VietnamWar50th.com and then to the Commemorative Partner Program webpage for further information on how to apply. Once an application is submitted, the approval process should take no longer than 30 days. Partners are kept informed through electronic notifications. Once approved as a Commemorative Partner, the Commemoration will provide organizations with a starter kit composed of materials for developing and implementing their programs. Commemorative Partners receive a commemorative flag, Commemorative Partner certificate and other materials, and authorization to use The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration Commemorative Partner seal for approved purposes.

- For questions regarding program application process: <u>WHS.VNWar50th CPP@mail.mil</u>
- For <u>online</u> application forms: http://www.vietnamwar50th.com/commemorative_partners/online_application_forms
- For <u>download</u> printer-friendly application forms:
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