

Vietnam War Commemoration “SITREP”

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“Join the nation ... thank a Vietnam veteran!”

Monday, March 5

Dear Commemorative Partners,

The *first anniversary* of our [National Vietnam War Veterans Day](#) is one month away. We all are thrilled to witness our national colors flying annually throughout the country to *honor Vietnam veterans!*

On behalf of Secretary Mattis, our Executive Agent, Mr. Michael Rhodes, encouraged *all 56 state, commonwealth and territorial governors*, and *the Mayor of the District of Columbia*, to help lead the nationwide effort on this special day. To date, *31* plan to participate and we expect more! Many will either *host an event* that thanks and honors Vietnam veterans and their families, issue a *proclamation*, release a *public service announcement* or *engage the media* to help resonate their efforts and our national voice; some plan to engage in all these ways and we are so grateful!

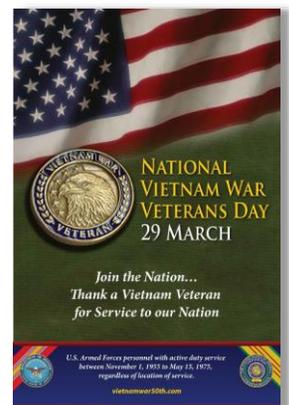


In Washington, D.C., senior Department of Defense and Veterans Affairs (VA) officials will conduct a *joint wreath-laying at [The Vietnam Veterans Memorial](#)*. The VA and its many subsidiaries throughout the country also are planning commemorative events on or around March 29.

Myriad *Army & Air Force ([AAFES](#))*, *Marine Corps ([MCX](#))*, and *Navy ([NEX](#)) Exchanges*, and *Defense Commissaries ([DeCA](#))* around the world also plan to host events. AAFES even has “wrapped” three trucks that will travel the “lower 48” delivering items to exchanges serving military members stationed throughout the U.S. *Thank you, AAFES, MCX, NEX & DeCA!*



Along with all our existing free items available to enhance your commemorative events (examples at left), we’ve developed five *new, high-resolution posters* designed for *March 29* (example at right) that you can [download](#) and print at your convenience. For all other materials, please log into the [Partner Portal](#) to complete a **DD2956** and we’ll do our best to deliver the requested items before your March 29 event.



For any partner not yet committed, we invite you to join the Nation and thank the Vietnam veterans in your communities on their distinctive day. [Requesting our support](#) is easy, and even a simple wreath-laying will be greatly appreciated by our Vietnam veterans!

Thank you, all – *Proud Partners with The U.S.A. Vietnam War Commemoration* – for helping bring our country together to thank and honor these unsung warriors and their families!

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