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Vietnam veterans are a special breed. The survivors fought two battles: one on a distant shore and another when they came home. For the majority, it created an unbreakable bond--a bond shared by those who did their duty for their country and were forced to live without honor, all the while suffering the loss of those they left behind. It forged a brotherhood that many had difficulty understanding.

Our nation eventually recognized and acknowledged the service and sacrifice of its soldiers in Vietnam. Following that long-overdue recognition, respect and appreciation for the American military was restored to its proper place.

The Vietnam war is fading into the pages of history. All who served there will disappear. They will not be forgotten.

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