

# Vietnam War Commemoration "SITREP"

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

Thursday, May 24

*Dear Commemorative Partners,*

The Nation will celebrate *Memorial Day* this year on Monday, May 28, 2018. This day is set aside to thank, honor, and recognize the men and women who gave their lives for our freedom while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. That weekend in Washington, DC will be the annual event known as [Rolling Thunder XXXI](#), which focuses on the POW/MIA issue and calls attention to the fact that there are **1,598** Vietnam veterans still unaccounted for or missing.



This great group – Rolling Thunder – exists to help us all to **NEVER FORGET** the service members that were prisoners or missing in action after the Vietnam War. Their motorcycle run has evolved into a display of patriotism and respect for all who defend our country. The Vietnam War Commemoration has participated during this effort for many years because it is a perfect opportunity to connect with OUR primary audience; Vietnam veterans and their families. Please [click here](#) to listen to a radio interview with VWC Director Maj. Gen. (Ret.) James T. Jackson and CSM (Ret.) Jimmie Spencer on "The Morning Briefing," which discusses our involvement in Rolling Thunder (FF to 26:15 using this symbol to begin the VWC segment).

Humana®, an official sponsor of Rolling Thunder and proud partner of the Commemoration, will thank and honor our living Vietnam veterans by distributing Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pins for the second year in a row. This "lasting memento of the Nation's thanks" has been distributed to over 220,000 of our heroes this year alone! As you prepare to host events this year, please don't forget to submit your request for lapel pins and other materials via the [Partner Portal](#) on our website, [www.vietnamwar50th.com](http://www.vietnamwar50th.com).

Vietnam War Commemoration staff will also be present at the base of the Lincoln Memorial all weekend and the North Pentagon Parking Lot

## Upcoming Events

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| <b>June 3-8</b>   | National Association of County Veteran Service Officers, Reno, NV    |
| <b>June 18-24</b> | DAR Continental Congress, Washington, DC                             |
| <b>June 21-24</b> | National League of POW/MIA Families Annual Conference, Arlington, VA |

(Sunday only) to distribute Lapel Pins and Eagle Tin Pins to our honored Vietnam veterans and their families. From Saturday through Monday beginning at 9 am will be the opening of *Thunder Alley*, the official vendor site for Rolling Thunder XXXI, located on 22nd Street and Constitution Avenue Northwest.



Although Memorial Day is observed to honor those who perished in war, let's not forget those who are still alive and also deserve our thanks. We are losing **over 500** of our Vietnam veterans per day so it's imperative that we thank and honor them while we can. Our sincerest thanks for serving as... ***Proud Partners with The U.S.A. Vietnam War Commemoration!***