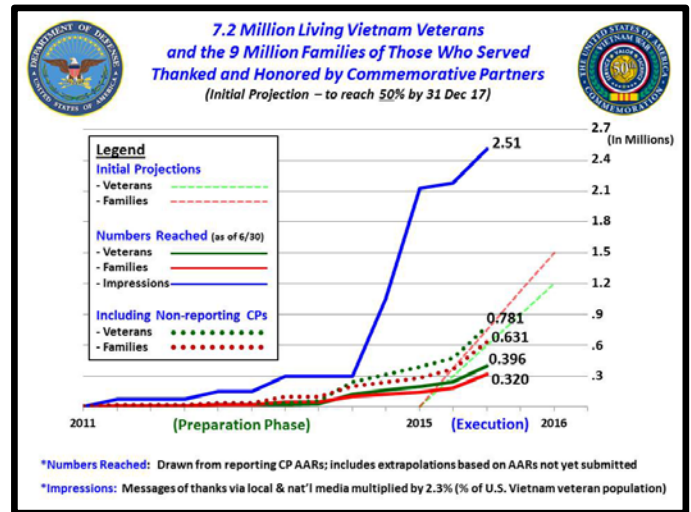


Vietnam War Commemoration "SITREP" – 2015, Issue 9

Wednesday, July 29

Dear Commemorative Partners

The number of Vietnam veterans and their families thanked and honored across the country continues to grow ... *thanks to you!* You can see that growth in the chart on the right: as of 30 June, you have reported **396,000 Vietnam veterans and 320,000 families publicly recognized** in commemorative events. However, we believe there are even larger numbers being reached based on (1) the active readership of our SITREPs and (2) phone conversations we're having with CPs who are reading the SITREPs, but not always alerting us to commemorative events they are hosting.



Of course, the recent announcement of our [Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin](#) certainly is increasing the number of conversations we've enjoyed with CPs these past two weeks. As a reminder, we plan to supply a **limited quantity of pins beginning in August, with full production set for mid-winter**. You can request these pins via our Event Request Form; submission is simple, and instructions can be found in the [VWC SITREP, Issue 1](#). Please list your pin requests in both the form's *purpose* and *materials* ("other" category) sections. Retired Air Force Colonel Michael Brazelton, four-time Silver Star recipient and former Vietnam War POW, said it best, "Even though it might just be a lapel pin to a lot of people, this is like a medal to the Vietnam veterans."

Above & Beyond!

Yellow Ribbon Honor Flight

July 24, 2015



105 Vietnam veterans were "welcomed home" in grand style with a Yellow Ribbon Honor Flight to Washington DC, a visit to "the Wall," and a reception upon their return to Oshkosh, WI by more than 10,000 in recognition of their service and sacrifice. This joint commemorative effort was a perfect example of Commemorative Partners collaborating! **Well done, and thank you ... American Airlines, Old Glory Honor Flight and Experimental Aircraft Association!**

We've also been asked by many CPs for specific "[talking points](#)" on the Commemoration. By clicking on that hyperlink, you'll be routed to a document that contains those *talking points*, along with *key messages, background information and quotable quotes*. In addition, we've prepared a [speech template](#), which you're invited to use when hosting commemorative events. We look forward to your feedback at: whs.vnwar50th@mail.mil.

Sincerely, *The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration Staff*