



Vietnam Veterans of
America

Arizona State Council

Phoenix, Arizona



MASTER PLAN

CREATION OF A “VVA STATE COUNCIL” CLOSING “CHALLENGE COIN” and “REMEMBRANCE BOOKS”

March 2026



“THE CLOSING OF VIETNAM VETERANS of America”

PURPOSE

The purpose of this “**Vietnam Veterans of America Closing**” master plan is to have prepared Vietnam Veterans of American (VVA) and the State Councils and Chapters to seriously consider some “remembrances” to be for those veterans that served in Vietnam during the years 1955-1975.

At this moment, (VVA, State Councils Chapters) do not know exactly the “**exact closing date of VVA**”. In light of that, the writer of this document would like to propose that we begin to prepare for its closing and have all of the State Councils and Chapters and VVA National know what the end of VVA might be like and have a final closing within each state and chapters.

As of this date, there is approximately 93,000 Vietnam Veterans personnel that are part of VVA and by the time the closing of VVA comes around, we may have more or we may have less, but the firm idea is to begin “**Creating the Remembrances**” at this point so everything possible is thought of at the actual closing of VVA.

Thousands upon thousands of VVA members have challenge coins, but no one, I repeat no one has ever had a **closing challenge coin**, until this timeframe. In addition, I highly recommend that VVA create their own personal “**VVA Closing Challenge Coin**” in somewhat accordance to match the others within the states of our country that may be developed so they are similar in nature, yet different for the looks of the State Council in charge.

May I recommend (if desirable) that we (VVA, State Councils and Chapters and/or those that might be under a 501c3 or 50c19 status begin the start of the “**VVA CLOSING**” aspect so it does not become a “**last minute effort**”?

[Vietnam Veterans of America – Arizona State Council – 1988 to 202x](#)

The idea of this parting “**NEW VVA-Arizona Challenge Coins**” is to have **EVERY** State within America and those overseas have their own “**INDIVIDUAL STATE COIN**” which represents their own State Council and distinct chapters within their own American State and State Council.

The cost of the coin will depend on:

- How many members there are and their willingness to pay for them.
- How financially set the State Council is.
- How many coins they intend to order.

The idea is to:

- Have a lot of memories of VVA as the bulk of us have spent 20-30 years within this fraternal organization.
- Have memories of the State Council in Arizona.
- Have memories of their individual chapter.
- Have memories of their time in Vietnam.
- Have memories of their family in different wars and time in the service
- Pass those memories of all of the above to their families.
- And have several memories for themselves to enjoy in their last years, such as a challenge coin and a book and DVD

Costs of VVA Closing Challenge Coin

- **New Custom Dies** - \$250 (ONE-TIME cost), includes both sides (\$125 per side)
- **Coins** - \$7.00 each for 50, \$6.75 each for 100, \$6.50 each for 200 coins
- **Shipping** - \$45.00 per box of 200 coins

DEVELOPMENT OF “VVA-Arizona CLOSING” CHALLENGE COIN(S)

COIN #1

1. A VVA-AZ Closing Challenge Coin developed by the Arizona State Council. The two samples you'll create will be a choice of one or the other by State Council's within VVA National.

TOP

- TOP: “**Vietnam Veterans of America Closing**” in circular format
- MIDDLE: The **VVA National Flag** with text with the VVA logo, as shown below.
- BOTTOM: The start and end dates as we know it by then (Aug 2025) or later: **1978 - 202x** (for now)

BACK

- TOP: **ARIZONA STATE COUNCIL - PHOENIX, ARIZONA** in circular format
- MIDDLE: A nice **image/map** of the state of **Arizona** in the middle, attached.
- BOTTOM: **1988-202x - Chapters: 95, 106, 432, 975, 1011, 1093** in circular format.



Other VVA State Councils would have “*their state*” on the back side with proper “*start-close dates*” and “*chapter numbers*” in accordance.

DEVELOPMENT OF “VVA-Arizona CLOSING” CHALLENGE COIN(S)

COIN #2

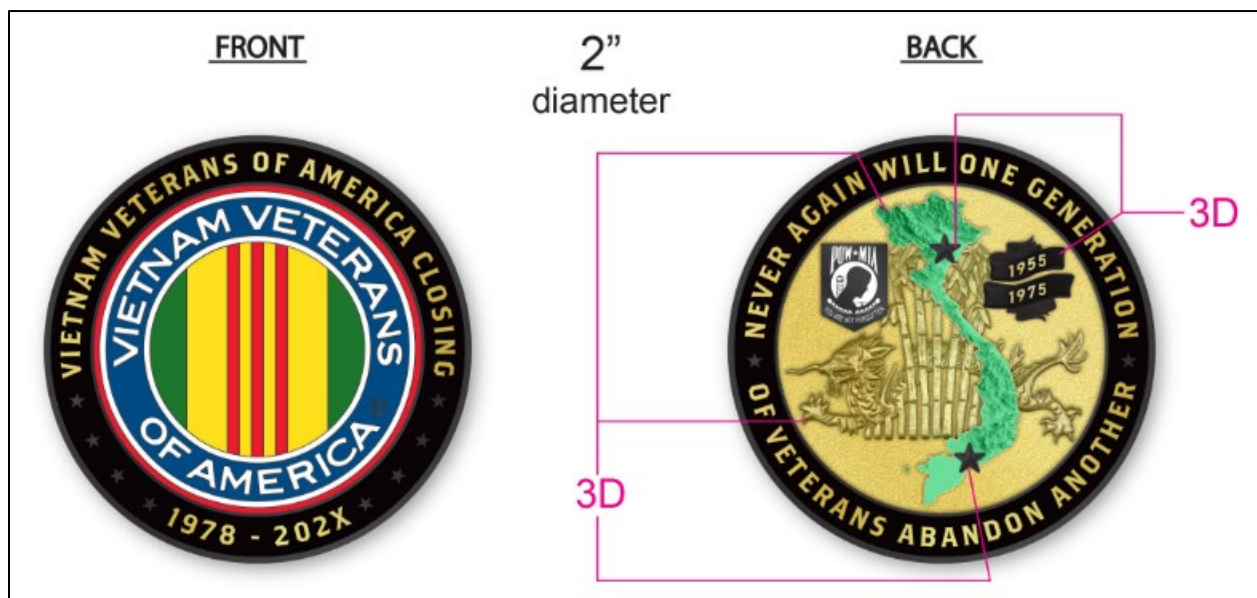
1. This VVA-AZ Closing Challenge Coin developed by the “Ranger Coin Industries”. The two samples created will be a choice of one or the other or both by State Council’s within VVA National. Please, note that other designs could come into play versus the ones shown.

FRONT

- TOP: “**VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA CLOSING**” in circular format
- MIDDLE: The **VVA National Logo** with text with a words
- BOTTOM: The start and end dates as we know it by **1978 - 202x**

BACK

- TOP: “**NEVER AGAIN WILL ONE GENERATION**” in circular format
- MIDDLE: An image/map of the country of **Vietnam** in the middle, with a design of Vietnam and the dates of the war itself.
- BOTTOM: “**OF VETERANS ABANDON ANOTHER**” in circular format.

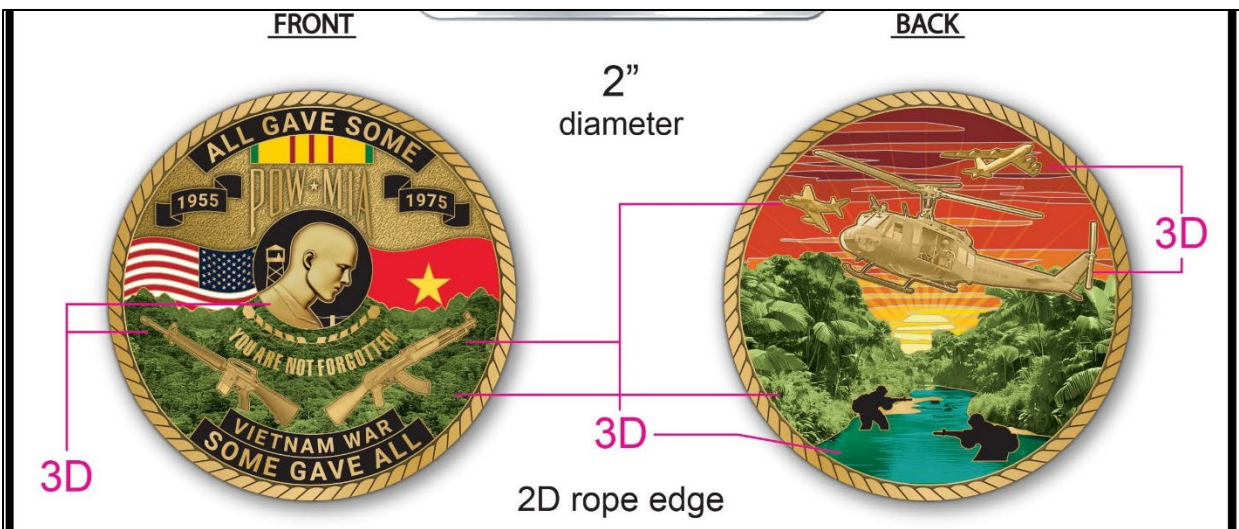


DEVELOPMENT OF “VVA CLOSING” “POW-MIA” CHALLENGE COIN

COIN #3

This VVA-AZ Closing Challenge Coin developed by the “Ranger Coin Industries”. This one depicts something that we should all remember which is the POW-MIA’s of the American branches of Service. This sample represents a superb representation that:

- What the POW-MIA’s went through.
- That we should never forget them.
- Showing pictorially what they experienced.
- And maybe what we went through as well.



DEVELOPMENT OF “VVA CLOSING”
California and Nevada (Samples)
CHALLENGE COIN(s)

COIN #4 and #5

This set of VVA Closing Challenge Coins were developed by the “Ranger Coin Industries”. The two samples created are for **California and Nevada** when they each close in 202x. Please, note that other designs could be designed for each state as these are only examples.

COIN #4



COIN#5



DEVELOPMENT OF “VVA-Arizona CLOSING” REMEMBRANCE DVD’s

The purpose of this section is to provide videos in DVD format of DVD’s or in .MP4 format as a reminder of what:

- VVA was like in attendance of a Leadership Conference.
- VVA was like in attendance of a VVA Convention.
- VVA Chapter and State Council events.
- Another VVA National-type event.
- Videos of that State’s VVA-held events. i.e. Arizona, etc.
- Video of the history of Vietnam from its onset.
- Videos of “what Vietnam was like then and what it is like today”
- Various other movies that constitute the beginning-to-the-end.

It is known that **NOT EVERYONE** might have attended a Leadership Conference or Convention, but they were in Vietnam at a minimum.



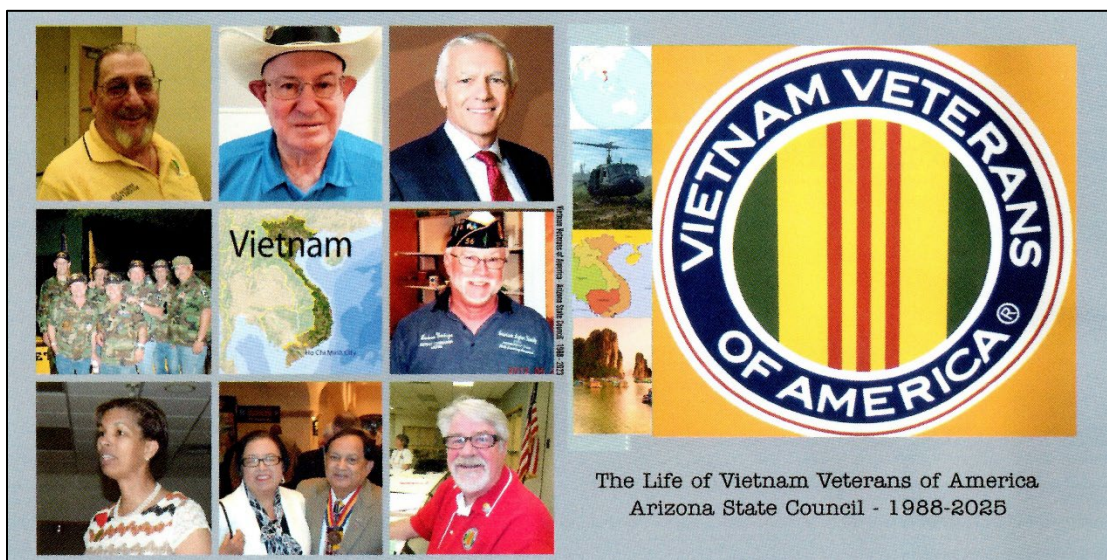
DEVELOPMENT OF “VVA-Arizona CLOSING” REMEMBRANCE LIFE HISTORY BOOK

The purpose of this section is to provide a picture book that has **ALL** of the chapters from the beginning of time of that chapter and state council with photos of the “first President”, “first Vice President”, the “first Secretary” etc., along with the important members of the State Council or Chapter and events that are meaningful to that particular State Council or Chapter within the State and in this case Arizona.

The **SNAPFISH brand book below is a 12” x 12” book** with a minimum of twenty (20) pages all in full color. See www.snapfish.com.

This particular book from the “**beginning of time**” contains:

- All of the State Council Officers from VVA-AZ State Council.
- All of the Chapter Officers from the VVA-AZ Stater Council.
- Different events that went on over time of that State Council.
- All of the web sites of VVA-AZ.
- The exact Start Dates of the States Council and all Chapters
- A copy of the charters for the AZ State Council and all Chapters.
- Vietnam memories page of “items from Vietnam”.
- A “typical VVA-AZ State Council meeting photographs.
- A “typical 50th Event from 2012 to 2025.
- Pictures of “National Convention Awards-“THE AZ-LZ” Newsletter.
- Those officers that have passed on over time.



This is the front and backside cover of the “**VVA-AZ Life History**” book

DEVELOPMENT OF "VVA-Arizona CLOSING" REMEMBRANCE LIFE HISTORY BOOK (cont'd)

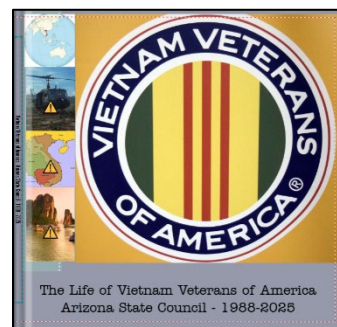
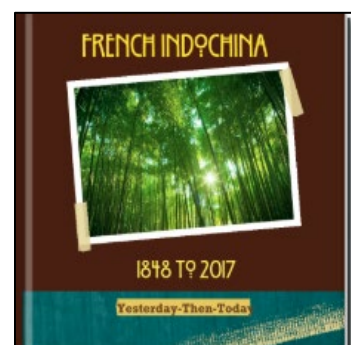
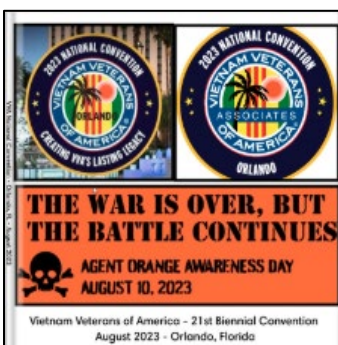
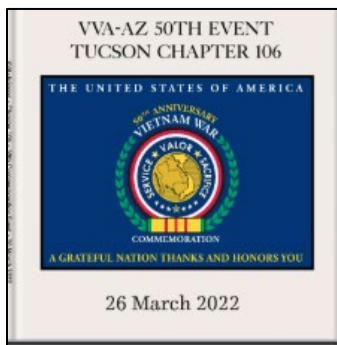
Below are few pictures of some of the VVA-AZ Life History Book as explained above:



DEVELOPMENT OF “VVA-Arizona CLOSING” VVA-AZ EVENT BOOKS

Over time from the late 1900’s to our potential closing within VVA. The Arizona State Council has experienced a lot of great events both in Arizona, the Leadership Conferences, National Conventions, etc.

The books below portray the history of a select few of the many, many events that the Vietnam Veterans have remembrances of. These are SNAPFISH 12”x12” books



DEVELOPMENT OF “VVA-Arizona CLOSING” **VVA-AZ “VIETNAM HISTORY BOOK”**

The purpose of this VVA-Vietnam-History Book is to fully illustrate all of the history of the Vietnam War, VVA-Arizona State Council, VVA National and the country of Vietnam itself. It is to fully provide written and image memories of what took from way back in time such as the 1950's through the mid-1970's. This book will be written concerning topics such as:

- The history of Vietnam in a fair amount of detail and imagery
- The start of VVA National with its history and pictures.
- The start of VVA State Councils, such as “**ARIZONA**”.
- Events throughout the life of the various State Councils and Chapters with imagery and a lot of detailed information of these groups.
- Photos of ALL or most of the State Council officers as well as Chapters Officers of the length of that particular chapter of that state from their beginning to their ending.
- Information and photos about the fifteen (15) years of the 50th Commemoration from year 2010 to year 2025 to include the final 50th event which was hopefully held on March 29, 2025, ending the total 50th event in each state.
- And add the “**Entire History**” of the whole State Council from 19xx to 202x with sorted valuable information and photos which will likely be “**extremely memorable**” to the readers of this document.
- Added will be color imaged documents containing all of the information of the 50th Commemoration illustrating ALL of the professions that were carried out within Vietnam itself from 1955 to 1975.

The book would be printed in color where needed with **ALL** (or more) of the information provided above with a table of contents and bound in a leather book. Each state would provide their own contents except for some selective pages that are “the same” for all books.

We, Vietnam Veterans need to provide a legacy for the next generations of our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and something in:

- To Read -- the **book**
- To Hold -- the **coin**
- To See -- the **video**



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1988 – 202x

History Book of:

VVA-Arizona
VVA National
Vietnam War
Country of Vietnam

VVA-Arizona History Book of VVA and Vietnam

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VVA-Arizona Items Accomplished / In Progress

- Specific "*State Coin Design for Arizona*" – completed.
- *Challenge Coin for CA and NV* – completed.
- POW/MIA "*Remembrance Challenge Coin*" – completed.
- VVA-Arizona "*Videos of Scores of Events*" – completed.
- VVA-Arizona "*Life History-From Beginning to End*" – completed.
- VVA-Arizona "*State Council / Chapter Event Books*" – completed.
- VVA-Arizona "*History Book of Vietnam/VVA*" - completed.