



# THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA VIETNAM WAR COMMEMORATION



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*Dear Commemorative Partners,*

*“As we look forward today, you taught us that we should never again let the politics of war interfere with our duty and our honor that we give to our veterans. We can do better, and we will not fail you again.”*

Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs, The Honorable Doug Collins (shown at right) shared those powerful words during his speech on the 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of National Vietnam War Veterans Day (March 29) in Washington, DC. As we gathered together in the Nation’s Capital, more than **350 events** were taking place all across the country and **47,696** Vietnam veterans were thanked, honored, and welcomed home! Our “Facebook Live” broadcast of the event in DC has garnered over 200k views and can be watched on our website or by clicking the image to the right. Although this was our last year spearheading the March 29<sup>th</sup> event at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the event will still take place each year so be on the lookout for details for 2026.



To continue with the celebration of National Vietnam War Veterans Day, we had the amazing pleasure of hosting a tour of the Pentagon Vietnam War Exhibit and Arlington National Cemetery with the Atlanta Vietnam Veterans Business Association (AVVBA). This organization is made exclusively of those who *bore the battle* and was founded in 1981. One of their missions is to promote the positive image of the Vietnam veteran, their dependents and the widows and orphans of deceased Vietnam veterans. Read more about them on their website at [www.avvba.org](http://www.avvba.org).

Also, we want to send a huge shout out to the National Football League’s Washington Commanders, who became the LAST official Commemorative Partner (CP) of the Vietnam War Commemoration, bringing our final total to **13,498** CPs to date! Over the last two years, the Commanders have, among other things, honored distinguished Vietnam War veterans and Medal of Honor recipients as honorary captains and during halftimes of their [Salute to Service](#) games. Welcome aboard!



*Finally*, on Memorial Day, our nation will pause to remember all those who have given the ultimate sacrifice. We thank you in advance for conducting ceremonies around the country to honor the memory of more than 58,000 listed on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and their families. Thank you for all you’ve done and be on the lookout for the final SITREP, to be released in the summer of 2025.

~ The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration Staff ~

*Join the Nation ... thank a Vietnam veteran!*

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