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2022 National Vietnam War Veterans Day Poster – Veteran Photos (Descriptions)

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Gen. Colin L. Powell, U.S. Army, Ret. (Infantry)

- 1962-1963 – Advisor to a battalion of the 1st ARVN Division (Vietnam)
- 1968-1969 – Assistant chief of staff of operations, 23rd (Americal) Infantry Division (Vietnam).
- Soldiers Medal, Purple Heart.

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Colonel Robert L. Helvey, U.S. Army, Ret. (Infantry)

- 1965-1966 – ARVN advisor with Advisory Team 3 (Vietnam).
- 1967-1968 – Company commander in the 2d Battalion, 12th Cavalry (Vietnam).
- Distinguished Service Cross, 3 Silver Star Medals, 3 Purple Hearts.

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Kenneth F. Borchers, U.S. Coast Guard

- 1968 – Crewman on 82-foot Patrol Boat *Arden* Coast Guard Squadron One, Danang (Vietnam).
- Military presenter / escort at the 1968 Miss America pageant.

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CW4 Doris "Lucki" Allen, U.S. Army, Ret. (Military Intelligence)

- 1967-1970 – 3 tours; started as senior intelligence analyst, tours culminated with promotion to warrant officer and service as officer-in-charge of translation services in Saigon (Vietnam).
- Only black American military woman in the Intelligence Hall of Fame, Fort Huachuca, Arizona.

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Jose J. Anzaldua, U.S. Marines (Infantry)

- 1969 – Marine Scout with 2d Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division (Vietnam).
- 1969-1973 – Prisoner of War (camps on Vietnam-Laotian border and in Hanoi [Hanoi Hilton]).
- Navy & Marine Corp Medal.

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Roger W. Jordheim, U.S. Army (Military Intelligence)

- 1970-1971 – Phoenix Program Advisor; conducted more than 100 missions.
- Led building of a Catholic orphanage in Duc Pho (Vietnam).

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Lt. Cmdr. Vila J. "Bobbi" Hovis, U.S. Navy, Ret. (Flight Nurse)

- 1963 – "Advisory period" volunteer; 1 of only 7 Navy woman nurses in Vietnam at that time.
- Shot at by an insurgent; saved by a balcony balustrade and lucky ricochet; still has the bullet

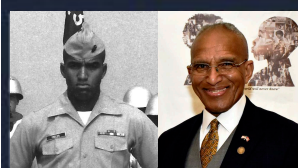
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Col. Joaquin C. Gracida, U.S. Marine Corps, Ret. (Infantry)

- 1967-1968 – 2 tours, first as platoon leader, then CORDS advisor, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division (Vietnam).
- 2 Bronze Star Medals with "V" device (for valor), 2 Purple Hearts

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Maj. Gen. Arnold Fields, U.S. Marine Corps, Ret.

- 1969-2004 – 34-year career
- 1971 – 81mm mortar platoon commander, 3d Marine Division, Okinawa, Japan
- Bronze Star Medal with "V" device (for valor) (Kuwait)

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Col. Bruce P. "Snake" Crandall, U.S. Army, Ret. ("Huey" UH-1 Pilot)

- 1965-1966 – Company A, 229th Assault Helicopter Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division (Vietnam).
- 1967-1968 – B Troop, 1st Squadron, 9th Cavalry Regiment (Vietnam).
- **Medal of Honor** recipient (for gallant actions during the 1965 Battle at LZ-X-Ray, Ia Drang Valley).

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Cmdr. Everett Alvarez, Jr., U.S. Navy, Ret. (Naval Aviator)

- 1963-1964 – Gulf of Tonkin; 1964 – 1st U.S. aviator shot down and captured in North Vietnam.
- 1964-1973 – Prisoner of War (8 1/2 years).
- Distinguished Flying Cross, Silver Star Medal.

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Brig. Gen. Wilma L. Vaught, U.S. Air Force, Ret.

- 1966 – 1st woman deployed with a Strategic Air Command bomb wing (Vietnam).
- 1968 – Comptroller and analyst for MACV (1 of only 4 women at HQ) (Vietnam).

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Sgt. Maj. Ernest J. Davis, U.S. Army, Ret. (Special Forces)

- 1967-1968 – 5th Special Forces Group, Kien Phong Province and Canto (Vietnam).
- 1969 – 5th Special Forces Group (Vietnam).
- 1971-1972 – 5th Special Forces Group, USARV ITG, Dong-Ba-Thin (Vietnam).
- Bronze Star Medal with "V" device (for valor).

Command Sgt. Maj. Jimmie W. Spencer, U.S. Army, Ret. (Infantry)

- 1965-1966 – 2d Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division (Vietnam).
- 1968-1969 – adviser to Regional Forces / Popular Forces (Vietnam).
- Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart.

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Brig. Gen. J. Timothy Boddie, Jr., U.S. Air Force, Ret. (Fighter Pilot)

- 1966-1967 – 559th Tactical Fighter Squadron, 12th Tactical Fighter Wing (Vietnam).
- 201 combat missions (57 over North Vietnam) in the F-4 Phantom II.
- Distinguished Flying Cross, 14 Air Medals.

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Col. F. Harold "Hal" Kushner, U.S. Army, Ret. (Flight Surgeon)

- 1967 – Flight surgeon, 1st Squadron, 9th U.S. Cavalry, 1st Air Cavalry Division (Vietnam).
- 1967-1973 – Prisoner of War (shot down and captured, November 1967)
- Silver Star Medal, Air Medal, Bronze Star Medal, 3 Purple Hearts.

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The Honorable John Allen, Superior Court Judge, U.S. Air Force (Fighter Pilot)

- 1968 and 1969 (2 tours) – Udorn Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand.
- 170 high-altitude interdiction missions, North Vietnam and Laos.
- 5 Distinguished Flying Crosses, 23 Air Medals.

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Cmdr. Charles S. Sapp, U.S. Navy, Ret. (HA(L)-3 "Seawolves" Aviator)

- 1965 – Rescue missions over North Vietnam.
- 1967-1968 – Helicopter gunship missions over RVN (Vietnam).
- 4 Distinguished Flying Crosses, 4 Air Medals, 26 Strike Flight Air Medals, Purple Heart.

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