



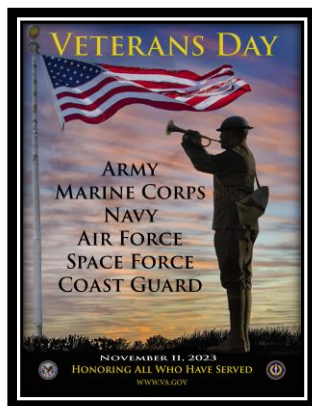
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA VIETNAM WAR COMMEMORATION



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Dear Commemorative Partners,



Tomorrow, we celebrate Veterans Day—a national day of recognition each year to honor our veterans for their service to our country. It was originally known as “Armistice Day” during World War I in 1918, due to the Allied nations’ cease-fire issued on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. In 1926, Congress officially recognized it as a legal holiday, “calling upon the officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on November 11 and inviting the people of the United States to observe the day in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies of friendly relations with all other peoples.” Read more about the history of this patriotic holiday and test your Veterans Day knowledge with a simple quiz.

This year, in honor of Veterans Day, we are *officially releasing* the video of our multimedia production, “Welcome Home!” This live feature capped off our 3-day milestone event of the same name, earlier in May this year in Washington, D.C. For your viewing pleasure, this *brand new video* includes a special addition—an introductory message from our very own director, Maj. Gen. Ed Chrystal, Jr., U.S. Army National Guard. If you were unable to attend in person or live-stream this star-studded honor concert, you can now view it with the click of a button. Share it widely with your friends, family, neighbors and everyone you know. Tag us in your social media posts and use #WelcomeHome2023 and #VWCWelcomeHome23. Host watch parties and savor this monumental production year-round!



A *VWC shout-out* to National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR), as they continue to honor those who *bore the battle*, presenting the Honorary Partner distinction to Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) state councils and chapters in ceremonies across the Nation. Through their remarkable efforts, more than **400 ceremonies** have been scheduled or completed in 47 states, the District of Columbia and Guam. They aim to reach the remaining VVA chapters by March 29, National Vietnam War Veterans Day in 2024. Thank you DAR for the tremendous expansive impact you are making!



Finally, enjoy a special *Veterans Day message* from President Joseph R. Biden, Jr., and also check out Department of Defense spotlights Honoring Our Veterans and Commemorating the Vietnam War, as we pay tribute to our veterans on this special holiday. To all of our brave men and women who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces over the years, thank you for your service. We salute you!

~ The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration Staff ~

Join the Nation ... thank a Vietnam veteran!