



# THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA VIETNAM WAR COMMEMORATION



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*Dear Commemorative Partners,*



*As we approach* the end of this year, the signs of the Holiday Season are upon us! From nativity scenes, to Christmas lights and shopping, or photos with Santa, the familiar symbols are everywhere. Wreaths are one particularly iconic and prominent symbol, especially in December.

A wreath represents many things, but throughout history, it has been distinguished as a time-honored tradition marking special moments of remembrance. The wreath’s circle of greenery signifies continuous life. A laurel wreath, for example, as displayed in our [Seal](#), [Flag](#) and [Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin](#), exemplifies victory, integrity, strength, and honor for all who served; whereas a Christmas wreath epitomizes the Christmas season and the spiritual meaning behind it. Wreaths laid on graves and wreath-laying ceremonies symbolize the significant memorialization, paying tribute to a loved one passed.

Tomorrow, December 16, is *National Wreaths Across America Day*, where millions of volunteers and supporters across the country will gather at more than 4,000 locations in all 50 states, at sea and abroad to continue their tradition of honoring the memory of veterans who are no longer with us by placing wreaths at their graves. For more about this national day of tribute and Arlington National Cemetery’s participation, visit [Wreaths Across America 2023](#). Stay tuned, as our very own Director, Maj. Gen. Ed Chrystal, Jr., U.S. Army, will be joining Wreaths Across America next week for a [radio interview](#) airing Thursday, December 21 at 9:15 a.m. on [Wreaths Across America Radio](#). Tune in and share with your friends, loved ones and everyone you know!



*Finally*, remember to join us on Saturday, January 13 at the Washington National Cathedral at 4 p.m. if you are in the Washington, D.C. area, for the special [A Celebration of Character & Courage](#) ceremony honoring the service, courage and legacy of Vietnam veterans, Gold Star Families, and commitment renewal to account for the remaining missing. You can view the [flyer](#) for more information, and [register](#) to attend in person. In addition, you can also attend virtually via the host’s [live-stream page](#).



Until next year, enjoy the [warmest of greetings](#) from our staff (at left) to you and yours. In the meantime, wishing you a happy, blessed and safe holiday season!

~ *The United States of America Vietnam War  
Commemoration Staff* ~ ❄️

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