



THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA VIETNAM WAR COMMEMORATION



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Dear Commemorative Partners,

Welcome Autumn! Fall is upon us, and the coolness of the weather brings nature’s hints that the end of 2024 is fast approaching. As the changing of the leaves brings reminders of a new season, so there are a few *key dates* we need to bring to your attention:

December 2024

*December 31: FINAL Day Commemorative Partner Applications Accepted

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				



March 2025

*March 15: FINAL Day Event Requests (DD2956) Accepted
*March 31: FINAL Day VWC Provides Event Support

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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- **3 months** remain to *become* a [Commemorative Partner](#) – Applications not accepted after **Dec. 31**;
- **5½ months** left to [submit](#) any Commemorative Event Requests (DD2956) (**March 15**); and
- **6 months** left to host your remaining Commemorative Events *with our support* (**March 31**)!

If you plan on hosting any events over the next six months, and desire [materials or support](#), *submit your event requests* (DD2956) through the [Commemorative Partner Portal](#) as soon as possible. Our staffing is limited, and we will be assessing and assigning support capabilities on a *first-come, first-serve* basis.

This season of the year we also honor our *Hispanic Americans*. [National Hispanic Heritage Month](#) extends from **September 15** to **October 15**, and is the only Department of Defense *special observance* to span multiple months. During this period, we recognize individuals who have sacrificed for, contributed to and served our country. This year, we highlight Vietnam War Medal of Honor Recipient, retired U.S. Army Master Sergeant, [Roy P. Benavidez](#). Above and beyond his valorous actions that earned him the [Medal of Honor](#), he also received the Purple Heart, and multiple other awards over his career. Until his death in 1998, Benavidez *mentored* underprivileged children, and *successfully advocated* for continued benefits for disabled Vietnam veterans. In addition, [USNS Benavidez](#) (T-AKR-306) was christened in his honor in 2001 by the United States Navy. Read more about [Benavidez](#), and the Bob Hope-class [ship](#) with his namesake.

Speaking of the U.S. Navy, on October 13, we salute our [sailors](#) as they celebrate **249 years** of service to our Nation. *Happy Birthday*, and to all of those who have served in the Navy, thank you for your service!

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

Join the Nation ... thank a Vietnam veteran!