

Message on National Vietnam War Veterans Day

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Beginning in 1965, millions of American heroes courageously departed their homeland and arrived in the jungles of Vietnam to halt the spread of communism and defend the cause of freedom against forces of evil and oppression. On March 29, 1973, after 8 years of excruciating battle, the last United States military forces withdrew, and our final prisoners of war were released, solidifying their place in history as gallant warriors for liberty and guardians against tyranny. This National Vietnam War Veterans Day, we solemnly honor these patriots for their extraordinary courage, steadfast resilience, and unbreakable bond of brotherhood while enduring one of the most gruesome combat experiences in American history.

For the better part of a decade, our warriors endured suffocating heat, relentless monsoon rains, treacherous terrains, and the merciless brutality of guerilla warfare. After 8 years of battle, 58,000 American servicemembers had been killed, and more than 300,000 were wounded, making the Vietnam war one of the deadliest engagements that our military has ever seen.

After valiantly serving through such brutal combat, many Vietnam veterans returned home without the welcome and gratitude that they so rightly deserved and had earned. Today we pledge that their service—and the service of every veteran—will never be forgotten or diminished. As President, I will always ensure that our veterans have the respect and support our country owes them. During my first term in office, I proudly signed the Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act to designate March 29 of each year as National Vietnam War Veterans Day, enshrining a permanent, annual day of remembrance for the brave souls who fought in Vietnam.

Since returning to office last year, I have worked tirelessly to empower and uplift our veterans. My administration has secured historic tax relief for senior citizens, including many of our eldest veterans. We are expanding access to care, opening more than 30 new veteran health clinics to date across the country. We are constructing the National Center for Warrior Independence, which will house up to 6,000 homeless veterans by 2028. Meanwhile, under my leadership, the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA)'s backlog of veterans waiting for benefits has dropped more than 60 percent since last year. The VA is processing record numbers of disability claims. And earlier this month, the VA announced the Claim Assist Portal, a new and easier way for veterans to respond to VA claim requests, and the VA and Department of Justice signed an agreement to help our most vulnerable veterans get the care they need.

Today we stand united in gratitude for the courageous service and love of country exemplified by the patriots who fought in the Vietnam war. As we celebrate 250 glorious years of American independence, we reaffirm our Nation's sacred promise to always support and honor every hero who has fought in defense of our freedom, our home, and our way of life. You will always have my unfailing loyalty and support.

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