Vietnam
50th Year
Commemoration Events
Society of Air Force Nurses
2014-2017

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In Accordance With Public Law 110-181 SEC.598:

- The 2008 National Defense Authorization Act authorized the Secretary of Defense to conduct a program to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War and "in conducting the commemorative program, the Secretary shall coordinate, support, and facilitate other programs and activities of the Federal Government, State and local governments, and other persons and organizations in commemoration of the Vietnam War."
SAFN is a Commemorative Partner
Commemoration Objectives

• To thank and honor veterans of the Vietnam War, including personnel who were held as prisoners of war or listed as missing in action, for their service and sacrifice on behalf of the United States and to thank and honor the families of these veterans.

• To highlight the service of the Armed Forces during the Vietnam War and the contributions of Federal agencies and governmental and non-governmental organizations that served with, or in support of, the Armed Forces.

• To pay tribute to the contributions made on the home front by the people of the United States during the Vietnam War.

• To highlight the advances in technology, science, and medicine related to military research conducted during the Vietnam War.

• To recognize the contributions and sacrifices made by the allies of the United States during the Vietnam War.
Have you received your pin? Please join us up front.
The following slides are of SAFN Vietnam Commemoration Events held in all seven regions over the past several years.
North Central Region Celebrates Vietnam Nurses at their Regional Meeting.
North Central SAFN nurses gather at the Vietnam Memorial to render a salute.
South Central Region Celebrates Vietnam Nurses.
South Central Region remembers Vietnam Nurses.
South Central Region gives flowers to Vietnam Nurses.
South Central Region, Colonel (ret) Lloyd Reinke, wrote an article for the SAFN website on each state in her region capturing their Vietnam memorials along with pictures of each. The American Flag was presented to Sue Yingling (at SAFN national convention in 2012) to recognize the regions participation in the Vietnam Commemoration. We displayed the flag at the meetings mentioned.
Colonel (ret) Lloyd Reinke worked with Stinson Air Museum staff to set up an era of uniforms presentation. In addition, our South Central Region conducted a luncheon for the Alamo Chapter and displayed posters, uniforms and gave a presentation.
Southeast Region Celebrates Vietnam Veterans.
Southeast Regional Director, Frank Thornburg presents certificates to Vietnam Veteran.
Southeast Region Celebrates
Southeast Region Presents “Quilts of Valor” to each Vietnam Veteran.
More “Quilts of Valor”
Southeast Region Celebrates
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Southeast Region Celebration
Sally Lynch and Marsha Jordan traveled to D.C. in 1993 for dedication of Vietnam Women’s Statue Memorial. (They had the privilege of meeting the statue's sculptor Glenna Goodacre and the three models she used for the three service members.)
Cheryl White, Ruth (Nan) Nancarrow, and Joan Gray with Marsha Jordan also attended the dedication ceremony. (All SAFN members.)
North East Region Kay Connolly, Vietnam Veteran speaks at MA Women’s Veteran Event.
North East Region Sara Kuchariski escorts WWII, Korean and Vietnam Veterans on D-day to Washington D.C. Memorials.
Rocky Mountain Region: Colorado Chapter walks in Veterans Parade (14th year).
Rocky Mountain Region: Tucson Chapter Celebrates Vietnam Nurses

Back: Becky Dylla, Bernice Aris, Rita Gengler, Carol Grams
Front: Connie Doerty, Betty Ryan, Marilyn Hastings, Donna Cousino
Rocky Mountain Region Recognizing our Vietnam Nurses at the RMR Regional Meeting in Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

Back: Ann Morey, Joanne Harnit, Carol Nuss, Phyllis Easley, Betty Shelby
Front row: Mary Littlejohn, Donna Cousino, and Anne Hickman
Rocky Mountain Region: Albuquerque Chapter Celebration

with

Colonel Michele Kirk Commemorating AF Nurse Vietnam Veterans from Kirkland AFB with a cake
Rocky Mountain Region: New Mexico Chapter Celebration Vietnam Commemoration.

Back: Michele Kirk, Kerri Gilbertson, Sue Dehne, Anne Hickman, Shirley McGuire, Doreen Hunter, Diana Wong
Front: Marilyn Baker-Brown, Josefita Swazo
Colonel (ret) Debra Munsell, RMR Director gives a speech Honoring Women in the Military at the Veteran’s Commemoration Day Memorial in Pueblo, CO.
Rocky Mountain Region: Colorado Chapter Supports Vietnam Veterans “Run for the Wall” Bike Ride to Washington D.C.
Rocky Mountain Region:
Albuquerque Chapter
Women's Memorial Dedication

This Tribute was formed in 1985
to honor all Military Women
who served our great country.
Past ~ Present ~ Future
Rocky Mountain Region: Vietnam Nurses take Train Ride with friends to celebrate.
Colorado Chapter does it again!!
Walk in Veterans Parade
Celebrating Vietnam Nurses.
Rocky Mountain Region: Phoenix Chapter Celebration of Vietnam Veteran Nurses.
Vietnam Veteran Mary Littlejohn

- Mary Littlejohn participated in the Veteran’s Day Pikes Peak Community College screening documentary. The name of the documentary was, “Bomber’s Moon: Girls Beneath the Bomb” which collects and preserves the stories, music and images of historic places, people and events.

- She also gave a speech at the Classical Academy and then at Veteran’s Reunion in Pueblo, CO. She states, “It’s great publicity for our AF Nurses!”

- In March 2017 she was invited to join the Army Veterans who had a weeklong reunion at Elegante Hotel and Ft. Carson, CO for those Vietnam Veterans who were part of the Battle of the Suoi Tre. The Battle of Suoi Tre (Vietnamese: suôi Tre) occurred during the early morning of 21 March 1967 during Operation Junction City, a search and destroy mission by American military forces in Tay Ninh Province of South Vietnam, to the west of the capital Saigon. Mary Littlejohn was invited to go on a bus with them for honors and a 21gun salute.
East Central Region places wreaths at the Vietnam Women's Memorial twice a year.
East Central Region “Remembers” at Arlington National Cemetery Washington D.C.
Cathy Pluta Director Pacific Region pins Vietnam Nurses.
SAFN President Pat Chappell Celebration with Pacific Region Vietnam Commemoration.
Pacific Region Celebrating
Vietnam Nurses
Pacific Region Vietnam Commemoration Celebration
Pacific Region
Vietnam Nurses Pinning Ceremony
Pacific Region Celebration with Vietnam Nurses
SAFN recognizes all Vietnam Era Veterans Cathy Pluta pins Commander (ret) Tschudy, USN who was a POW from the Hanoi Hilton in Vietnam.
All Regions Celebrate with Cakes

SAFN President, Pat Chappell with Marilynn Doenges (93yrs) and Joyce Snavely (90yrs)
North East Region: Jane Bigelow photos while in Saigon
North East Region: Elise Herrmann Hernandez photos while at 20th Casualty Staging Flights’ Yokota AB facility. All casualties brought to Japan from Vietnam pass through her unit.
Thank You to all of our Vietnam Nurses
Thank you SAFN President Pat Chappell
Deb Munsell, Pete Jefferson, and Mary Littlejohn presented on behalf of SAFN Leadership Team
Rocky Mountain Region salutes with all SAFN Nurses, “Hats off to President Pat Chappell.”