

# VFW Pays Tribute to the Service of Our Vietnam War Veterans

## The VFW vows to never forget those who died in defense of freedom

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March 29 was officially designated National Vietnam War Veterans Day in 2017 as a way for Americans to honor and celebrate our Vietnam War veterans.

More than 58,000 U.S. service members died during the Vietnam War and approximately 1,587 remain missing, according to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency.

“As a Vietnam War veteran, I understand the impact and human toll this conflict had on my fellow comrades,” said Veterans of Foreign Wars National Commander William “Doc” Schmitz. “We can, and will never forget those who died in defense of freedom and remain missing today.”

VFW senior leaders have traveled back to Vietnam every year since 1991 to help U.S. government efforts to account for missing and unaccounted-for servicemen and civilians.

“As long as the VFW exists, we will continue our efforts to help account for every American missing from the Vietnam War,” said Schmitz.

National Vietnam War Veterans Day was made official through the “Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017,” and encourages Americans to pay their respect to Vietnam War veterans in ceremonies and celebrations across the nation.

[Join the VFW on Facebook on March 29](#) for a virtual event to show your appreciation for Vietnam veterans.

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