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You performed with a steadfastness and valor that veterans of other wars salute, and you are forever in the ranks of that special number of Americans in every generation that the Nation records as true patriots.

President Ronald Reagan

Dedication Ceremony at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Washington, DC



Fifty-nine years ago, America asked a new generation of our young men and women to answer the nation's call to duty. From the first U.S. Marines to arrive in Da Nang in March 1965 until the fall of Saigon in April 1975, more than 2.7 million Americans served in Vietnam and Southeast Asia in one of America's longest and least understood wars. What is crystal clear and without ambiguity is that Americans who served in Southeast Asia did so with honor in the pursuit of a noble purpose - to help keep South Vietnam a free and democratic nation.

From all of us at the Vietnam Center & Sam Johnson Vietnam Archive, the Institute for Peace & Conflict, and Texas Tech University, we extend our sincerest thanks and heartfelt appreciation to America's Vietnam Veterans and their families. Today, as a nation, we celebrate and honor your service and sacrifice. For us at Texas Tech, it is our privilege to work with you and your families every day to help preserve your legacy

so that a grateful nation will never forget.

With best wishes and our deepest gratitude
on National Vietnam War Veterans Day!

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