

Honoring Vietnam War veterans

HUDSON—The United States Department of Defense Vietnam War Commemoration recognized the Hendrick Hudson Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution as a commemorative partner.

The chapter was recognized for its willingness to assist and support a grateful nation in thanking and honoring Vietnam War veterans, their families, and those who served with, or in support of, the Armed Forces.

On March 29, 2016, Vietnam Veterans Day, chapter Regent Margie Laurie and First Vice Regent Jane Martin visited area nursing homes and gave blankets knitted by a chapter member to Vietnam veterans.

They also joined the Hudson American Legion and Columbia County VFW Post on April 4, 2016, to honor the service, valor, and sacrifice of area residents who served in the Vietnam War.

All together, the chapter distributed 50 pins to veterans, as well as 100 tin button pins commemorating the 50th anniversary of the United States' entry in the Vietnam War.

The Commemorative Partner Program was designed for federal, state, and local communities, veterans organizations, and other non-governmental organizations to honor Vietnam War veterans and their families by conducting events and activities that recognize their service, valor, and sacrifice.

The Vietnam War began November 1, 1955 and ended April 30, 1975. The United States entered the fray on March 8, 1965.

The most important of the Congressionally-mandated objectives of the Commemorative Partner Program are 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 thanks and honor the families of these veterans.

Another objective is to highlight the service of the Armed Forces during the Vietnam War and the contributions of federal agencies and governmental and non-governmental organizations



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Other goals are to pay tribute to the contributions made on the home front during the war; to highlight the advances in technology, science, and medicine related to military research conducted during the Vietnam War; and to recognize the contributions and sacrifices made by the allies of the United States during the Vietnam War.

In all, there have been 7,329 commemorative events with 10,323 total partners.

