

# UPDATE OF VN 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE PROGRAM

13 AUGUST 2016

1. NCCOC is a Program Partner, with all sixteen chapters as affiliates. Chapters can establish their own Partnerships, but this is not required. Access the national website at [www.vietnamwar50th.com/partners/login](http://www.vietnamwar50th.com/partners/login). The login ID is [jjgrahamusa@gmail.com](mailto:jjgrahamusa@gmail.com). The password is c0unc1s. This is all lower case...

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You can do all of the paperwork to host an event yourself, on line, but Ed Baisden will provide assistance, if desired. Contact at [edward.baisden@gmail.com](mailto:edward.baisden@gmail.com) or phone at 910-352-8601 (c) or 919-499-4228 (h)

2. Program runs from 2015 – 2017, with two events “required” per year. Catawba Valley actually gathered the initial supply of display items and conducted the first “event” in November, 2014, before the formal Program kicked off.

In 2015, we had three events:

- \* Central Carolina co-hosted an event with the DAR
- \* Cape Fear had an event at a dinner meeting
- \* Triangle Satellite conducted an event at their holiday party, honoring three recipients

In 2016, we have had five events, so far:

- \* Charlotte-Metrolina conducted an event in conjunction with the NCCOC 1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly Meeting
- \* Sandhills Satellite conducted an event in conjunction with a Military Appreciation Dinner at the Carolina Trace Country Club
- \* NCCOC conducted an event at the NC State Legislative Day (only 15 minutes allowed)
- \* SENCLAND conducted an event at their annual picnic honoring JROTC scholarship winners
- \* Sandhills conducted an event at a monthly luncheon

3. An event can be as simple as the one at the Triangle Satellite dinner, with only three recipients of the Commemorative Pin, or as elaborate as the ones at Cape Fear and the Sandhills Satellite, which had entire evenings devoted to the program, with presentation of colors, missing man table ceremonies, etc. The main thing is to conduct your ceremony with dignity and with suitable explanation of what the Program is all about. There is a good bit of background material available to help you plan your event, with programs, program inserts, texts for the actual presentation of pins, etc.