

March – April 2025

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**Please reference the events and operations below.
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Communication intent: First Army is conducting various initiatives with relevance to internal and external audiences. First Army communicators should message our activities within our formation, with reserve component partners, and across the Army to highlight that First Army is a leadership factory that produces the most doctrinally sound and skilled leaders in the Army.

Observances:

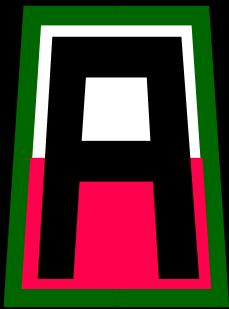
1. 25 MAR National Medal of Honor Day [link](#)
2. 29 MAR National Vietnam Veterans Day ([link](#))

Operations and Activities:

1. (Re)constitution Symposium ([link](#))

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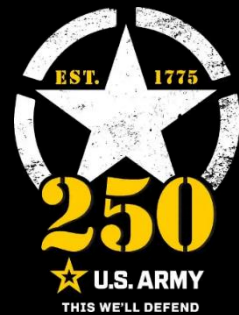




National Medal of Honor Day

“You’ve just got to do everything you can when it’s your time to do it.”

-SGT Salvatore Giunta, Medal of Honor recipient



TOP LINES

National Medal of Honor Day is observed every year on March 25 and is dedicated to Medal of Honor Recipients. Each branch of the U.S. military awards the Medal of Honor to those who have distinguished themselves “conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity” above and beyond the call of duty.

- March 25 was established by Congress in 1999 as National Medal of Honor Day to “foster public appreciation and recognition of Medal of Honor recipients.”
- Of the 41 million who have served in the Armed Forces, just 3,517 have been awarded the Medal of Honor for service “above and beyond the call of duty.”
- Use this day to engage our Army family and communities to honor their sacrifices and to inspire the future.

Key Facts

The first Medal of Honor was awarded in 1863.

There have been 3,547 Medals of Honor awarded to 3,528 recipients and 19 are double awardees.

There are 61 Medal of Honor recipients alive today.

All four of the U.S. Unknown Soldiers have been presented a Medal of Honor in recognition of their sacrifice and the sacrifices of all who serve the country.

Two fathers and sons were awarded the MOH: President Teddy Roosevelt and his son, MG Teddy Roosevelt Jr., and 1LT Arthur MacArthur and his son, GEN Douglas MacArthur.

Objectives

Thank and honor Medal of Honor awardees and their families on behalf of the nation.

Highlight the stories of these heroes to generate discussions about service and our Army values.

Army
Medals
of Honor

Talking Points

Medals of Honor are awarded sparingly and are bestowed only to the bravest of the brave, and that courage must be well documented.

We remember and honor the sacrifices of our Medal of Honor recipients to thank them and to help inspire others to serve.

The stories of our Medal of honor awardees reinforce the importance of embracing and living our Army values every day.

The Medal of Honor is our nations highest award for valor, “conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity” in the face of battle.

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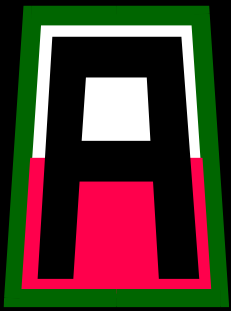
★ [A History of Heroism](#)

★ [Medal of Honor Experience](#)
★ [National Army Museum](#)

★ [61 Living Medal of Honor Recipients](#)



Meet First Army



National Vietnam War Veterans Day

“ We don't heal alone, and we don't survive alone.”

-Diane Carlson Evans, Vietnam Nurse



TOP LINES

March 29 is National Vietnam War Veterans Day, when we thank and honor our Vietnam veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice on behalf of the nation, with distinct recognition of former prisoners of war and families of those still listed as missing in action.

- On National Vietnam War Veterans Day, the Army honors all United States veterans who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces from 1 November 1955 to 15 May 1975, regardless of location.
- The 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War is being recognized nationwide from 28 May 2012 through 11 November 2025 as part of the United States Vietnam War Commemoration.
- This year marks the seventh anniversary of the Vietnam War Veterans Day.
- March 29 is the anniversary of the withdrawal of combat and combat support units from South Vietnam in 1973.

Objectives

1. Thank and honor Vietnam veterans and their families on behalf of the nation, with distinct recognition of former prisoners of war and families of those still listed as missing in action.
2. Highlight the service of our Armed Forces and support organizations during the war.
3. Pay tribute to wartime contributions at home by American citizens.

4. Highlight technology, science and medical advances made during the war.
5. Recognize contributions by our allies.

Authorization

The Vietnam War Commemoration was authorized by Congress, established under the Secretary of Defense in 2012. The Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act was signed into law in 2017, designating 29 March as National Vietnam War Veterans Day.

[Honor
Their
Legacy](#)

Talking Points


During the Vietnam War First Army focused on preparing forces for deployment with counterinsurgency, and jungle warfare training

Vietnam Veterans Memorial, also known as “The Wall,” has 58,281 names engraved in the black granite – 50,406 enlisted and 7,875 officers. There are 1,553 Vietnam veterans listed as Missing in Action or unaccounted for.

The Medal of Honor was awarded to 267 Vietnam veterans. Currently, 73% of the living Medal of Honor recipients are Vietnam veterans. The Army awarded 351,000 Purple Hearts to Vietnam veterans.

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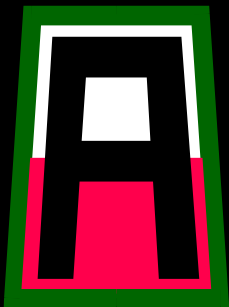
★ [Vietnam Veterans of America](#)

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(Re)constitution Symposium

“First Army should be a collective training headquarters in peacetime, focused on training from Company to Division echelons so we can seamlessly transition this capability in the event of large-scale combat operations.”

- Lt. Gen. Mark Landes, First Army Commanding General



Objectives

First Army's (Re)constitution Symposium will take place April 7-11 at the Army War College. The event will allow the U.S. mobilization enterprise to build shared understanding and identify challenges and opportunities to conduct strategic force generation and/or regeneration.

- Conduct Mission Analysis (MA) to inform future COA development, complement Chief of Staff Army (CSA) decisions, and enable the (re)constitution of a COMPO-agnostic Infantry Division
- Identify gaps in current doctrine and/or need for new doctrine.
- Create greater understanding of CONUS-based (Re)constitution operations

(Re)constitution is

- CONUS-based, **strategic** operation that supports the **generation** of newly constituted Army units and **reconstitution** of disbanded or combat-attributed Army units to meet Theater Army and Combatant Commanders' **force requirements** during large scale combat operations.

Participants

- Army National Guard
- Army Reserve Command
- Army Material Command
- Army Sustainment Command
- U.S. Army North
- Army Sustainment Command
- Dept. of Homeland Security
- Human Resources Command
- IMCOM
- MEDCOM
- MEPCOM
- OSD
- TRADOC
- TRANSCOM

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Talking Points

- As the security environment continues to evolve, it is critical the Army is postured to scale mobilization operations from steady state to LSMO.
- Mobilization is a “team sport.” Compo 1, 2, and 3 each has specific requirements and unique challenges to meet to support steady state missions through Large Scale Combat Operations.
- In partnership with the mobilization enterprise and with the understanding that the nation has never won a global conflict without all three Army components, First Army ensures the delivery of ready RC forces.
- First Army sets the essential conditions and stands ready to direct Large Scale Mobilization Operations (LSMO), providing forces to GCCs capable of fighting and winning across the full spectrum of military operations.

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- ★ [The Army's LSCO Reconstitution Gap](#)
- ★ [CALL Corps and Div Reconstitution Operations planner's guide](#)
- ★ [Lesson in Reconstitution from the Russia Ukraine War](#)
- ★ [Reconstituting Partner Forces in Conflict](#)



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