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2022 IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS

↴ MARCH

- Commemorated the 5th Anniversary of National Vietnam War Veterans Day (March 29) in a solemn ceremony with military leaders from the Pentagon, and Vietnam Veterans of America at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial
- Held a regional gathering in Washington, DC hosted by the Gary Sinise Foundation



MAY ↴

- On Memorial Day, SDIT members Denise Reed and Jill Hubbs joined President Biden and First Lady Dr. Jill Biden to plant a Gold Star Families Tree at the White House, and SDIT members placed a wreath at The Wall from all SDIT members
- In partnership with the Paramount Veterans Network, nearly



100 members and their families attended screenings of the blockbuster film *Top Gun: Maverick* in New York and Los Angeles. In *Top Gun* and in *Maverick*, Tom Cruise portrays Naval Aviator Pete 'Maverick' Mitchell, a Gold Star Son from the Vietnam War

- MIA Daughter Cindy Stonebraker and Richard Petty teamed up to bring POW/MIA awareness to NASCAR for the Coca-Cola 600 at the Charlotte Motor Speedway.



↴ JUNE



- Scores of members joined the Woody Williams Foundation to attend the dedication of Gold Star Families Memorial Monuments across the nation

• On behalf of the estimated 20,000 Gold Star Children from the Vietnam War, SDIT placed a wreath and messages at the Wall on Father's Day



↴ AUGUST



- Aided the US Senate in drafting the Gold Star Children's Day Resolution designating August 1 to honor America's Gold Star Children for their sacrifices.

SEPTEMBER ↴

- Supported National POW/MIA Recognition Day on September 17
- Assembled representatives of 'The Long Gold Line' - Gold Star family members from WWII, the Korean War, the Vietnam War and the Global War on Terror - to thank the US Senate for declaring the last week of September 'Gold Star Families Remembrance Week'



↴ NOVEMBER

- Arranged NFL 'Salute to Service' tributes with the Baltimore Ravens, Buffalo Bills, Indianapolis Colts, Los Angeles Chargers, Minnesota Vikings and Tampa Bay Buccaneers to honor SDIT's Gold Star and POW/MIA Families



- Honoring the 40th Anniversary of The Wall and their fathers remembered there, SDIT members helped read aloud all 58,281 names. More than 100 SDIT members and their families attended the national Veterans Day ceremony at The Wall.
- Organized a Veterans Day 'meet and greet' reception for SDIT members and their families in Arlington, VA, hosted by the Gary Sinise Foundation
- 40 SDIT members braved the rain to attend the annual Veterans Day ceremony in Arlington National Cemetery which was hosted this year by Vietnam Veterans of America
- 25 SDIT members representing every region of the US attended the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund's 'Lifetime Service Award Gala' on November 11



DECEMBER ↴

- Arranged for 25 SDIT Family members to attend the White House Holiday Open House for Gold Star & POW/MIA Families
- Helped plan the Richard Nixon Presidential Library's 'Hometown Heroes' ceremony honoring 'The Long Gold Line' of Gold Star Families
- Collaborated with the White House to honor 15 SDIT families with personalized ornaments placed on the Gold Star Christmas Trees
- SDIT members were again integral in placing and decorating the Christmas Tree at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial
- On December 28, SDIT families were hosted by the Woody Williams Foundation at the Liberty Bowl college football game in Memphis, TN

