

## IN THEIR WORDS:

“

Being with others who lost fathers in war felt like family; it brought laughter, tears and healing.

– USN Gold Star Daughter.

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# HEALING TOGETHER. SERVING OTHERS. HONORING ALWAYS.

## SPRING

Commemorated the 7th 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.



## FALL



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



**Military Child World Expo-** Gold Star Son and retired Army General George Casey Jr. kicked off the inaugural event in Arlington, VA. SDIT members shared stories highlighting the strengths and challenges of wearing the title 'military BRAT' (Brave, Resilient, Adaptable and Tough)!

At the **National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu**, SDIT updated the status of 955 Vietnam Veterans previously listed as Missing in Action. On **National POW/MIA Recognition Day**, bronze rosettes were added next to their names on the granite walls, with families and friends honoring their loved ones..



## SUMMER



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



SDIT gathered at the **National Memorial Day Concert** at the US Capitol with Vietnam Veterans of America, honoring stories of courage and sacrifice from World War II to the Global War on Terror.



**POW/MIA Annual Government Briefing** - Each year, SDIT supports MIA families and the POW/MIA Accounting Mission at the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency's Annual Government Briefing.

## WINTER

Arranged for 25 SDIT Family members to attend the **White House Holiday Open House** for Gold Star & POW/MIA Families.



The Gary Sinise Foundation hosted **Nashville City Adventures** for the SDIT community, helping 40 Gold Star 'Sons and Daughters' connect and heal. Participants enjoyed country line dancing and customizing cowboy hats while sharing stories and making new memories.



**Washington National Cathedral-** In partnership with the Air & Space Force Association, SDIT organized "A Celebration of Character & Courage" with support from VVA. The event engaged over 6,000 Vietnam Veterans and their families, featuring information and services from more than 30 non-profits and 3 federal agencies at the Veterans Resource Reception.