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Members of the League, March 29th is designated as National Vietnam War Veterans Day and marks the point when the last United States troops left South Vietnam, ending America's direct military involvement in 1973. "The 29th of March 2023 is the 50th anniversary of the end of America's involvement in the Vietnam War. Let us all take this opportunity to recognize and honor our Vietnam era Veterans.

"Why March 29th?" First, March 29, 1973, was the day U.S. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam was disestablished. In addition, March 29, 1973, was the day the last U.S. combat troops departed Vietnam. Finally, March 29, 1973, was the day Hanoi released the last of its acknowledged prisoners of war. So, you can see, March 29th is a fitting choice for our *National Vietnam War Veterans Day*.

There were 58,202 United States military service men and women that died during the Vietnam War. There were approximately 268 Medal of Honor recipients during the Vietnam War. The war took place from August 5th, 1964, and officially ended on April 30th, 1975.

Let's all remember and say thanks to the brave men and women who survived and are still with us today; say thanks to the families of all that served during the Vietnam War; and say a Prayer and thanks to those that made the ultimate sacrifice during the Vietnam War. We owe them our thanks, our eternal gratitude, and our appreciation for their service.

Semper Fidelis Marines.

Johnny Baker

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