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MOAA SWVA CHAPTER PARTICIPATES IN VIETNAM VETERAN RECOGNITION CEREMONIES

Vietnam Veterans were honored at several special pinning ceremonies throughout Roanoke recently and members of the Military Officers Association of America, Southwest Virginia Chapter actively participated in these events. As a result of a 2008 National Defense Authorization Act, several municipalities and the local chapter of the Association of the United States Army formed a committee tasked with holding at least two events a year from 2015 through 2017 to thank and honor the men and women who served on active duty between November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975.

President of the Stonewall Jackson Chapter/ AUSA and MOAA SWVA Director, COL John Miller, USA (Ret), hosted events throughout 2015 and 2016. For 2017, events to date have included a pinning ceremony on Friday, March 24th at the Salem Veterans Medical Center and on Wednesday, March 29th at exactly noon, simultaneous pinning ceremonies at three locations throughout the Roanoke Valley. MOAA SWVA Chapter members actively supported and attended these ceremonies as well.

With more than 1100 Vietnam Era Veterans living in the area, Miller has led the effort to recognize and honor their service and to welcome them home. More than 15 ceremonies in the Roanoke/New River

Valley have awarded nearly 600 Lapel Pins since 2015. On the front of the pin is an eagle and markers to represent all six of the allies involved in the conflict. The back of the pin has a special note, reading: “A grateful nation thanks and honors you.”



(Receiving a Vietnam Commemoration Pin is MOAA SWVA Chapter member 1stLT Douglas, Phillips, USMC (fmr)