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Greetings, fellow CNH District Leaders

50 years ago, America was embroiled in a great conflict, which resulted in more than 9 million men and women serving their country. More than 58,000 paid the ultimate sacrifice; their names adorn the walls of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D. C.

Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> has been designated "Vietnam Veterans Day", a national day of recognition for those whose banner is: "All Gave Some, Some Gave All". Many of us have served or know of Kiwanians who have served; others have family members or friends who answered the call to serve during the Vietnam conflict.

The CHN District of Kiwanis International has a well-defined program whose purpose is to recognize our American veterans. Now is the time for Kiwanians in every division to do what they do so well: Reach out to the communities where we live and work, and provide specific encouragement, gratitude and recognition to all who served during time of war.

CNH District's program is titled: "Patriotism Banner Patch Award", and applications, guidelines and recommended activities can be found under "Awards" in the menu at [cnhkiwanis.org](http://cnhkiwanis.org). There are more than a dozen efforts clubs can undertake in "Patriotic Service", "Patriotic Education", and "Patriotic Influence", as well as a bonus area for a project or activity, that will have a direct, positive influence on our Veterans, both in Kiwanis and in our communities. A total of 225 service points can be earned, but only 125 points are required to earn the "Patriotism Banner Patch" as well as club recognition at Mid-Year and District Conferences. Directions and qualifying requirements are listed, as well as the application form. Please note that the deadline for submission is November 15, 2020. Won't you please take a moment to review this Banner Award and the veteran recognition services available to all Kiwanians, and then share it with each of the clubs you serve? Our efforts together can mean so much to so many!

Please join me, and thousands of others, in honoring those who served us so faithfully.

In gratitude and Kiwanis service,

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