



# Deceased Vietnam Veteran's Surviving Spouse Lapel Pin

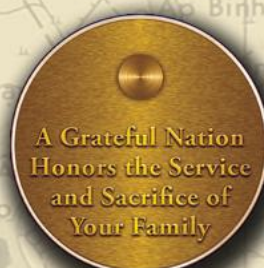


*"A Lasting Memento of the Nation's Thanks!"*

Front



Back



The Deceased Vietnam Veteran's Surviving Spouse lapel pin is for the surviving spouse at the time of death of a veteran who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces at any time during the period of November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975, regardless of location of service. The lapel pin is usually presented with the corresponding DoD Certificate of Honor.

## Symbolism:

- **Blue Star** - Symbolic of the Blue Star Family during the veteran's period of service.
- **Red Circle** - Represents the sacrifice of both the veteran and their family in service to our country.
- **Blue Circle** - The color blue matches the canton of the American flag and signifies vigilance, perseverance, and justice.
- **Laurel Wreath** - A time-honored symbol representing victory, integrity, and strength.
- **Message** - "A Grateful Nation Honors the Service and Sacrifice of Your Family" is embossed on the back, closest to the heart of the wearer and is the nation's lasting message of thanks.