The following pages are provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) as a guide in obtaining the “Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin” as provided by the Vietnam War 50th Anniversary Commemoration program (displayed here)

**Purpose:** To recognize, thank and honor United States military Veterans who served during the Vietnam War.

**Eligibility:** Living United States Veterans 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, are eligible to receive on lapel pin.

**Presentation:** These lapel pins will be presented in a dignified manner to each Vietnam Veteran during public events held in their communities by Commemorative Partners. Accompanying remarks should reflect the nation’s thanks for their service and sacrifice. In the rare instance when an honoree cannot attend a public event, the pin may be presented during a private ceremony.

The above is an excerpt from the Commemorative web site. The full “Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin” fact sheet can be found at: [http://www.vietnamwar50th.com/assets/1/7/Veteran_Lapel_Pin_Fact_Sheet.pdf](http://www.vietnamwar50th.com/assets/1/7/Veteran_Lapel_Pin_Fact_Sheet.pdf)

Three options are available to obtain lapel pins to present to living Vietnam Veterans (instructions provided on the following pages). The Pennsylvania DMVA will conduct events/ceremonies throughout the calendar year as part of our honor/duty as a Commemorative partner. The Pennsylvania DMVA will post these events to the Commemorative web site. The Pennsylvania DMVA will also notify (to the best of their ability) Veterans Service Organizations, Veterans, elected officials, etc… when these events are planned.
Option 1: Find a Commemorative Partner close to you. Go to the following web site and find a Commemorative partner near you. Commemorative Partner Web Site [http://www.vietnamwar50th.com/](http://www.vietnamwar50th.com/)
You can look up Commemorative partners by name (alphabetical)
Option 1 (Continued): Or, you can search for a Commemorative Partner using the interactive map. Either zoom into the geographical area of interest or select Country; “United States”, State/Region; “Pennsylvania” and City if desired. [http://www.vietnamwar50th.com/partners/partner_map/]
**Option 2:** Find a Commemorative event near you. Click on “Commemorative Events” from the home page. Enter Event Country; “United States”, State; “PA”, Dates/date range you wish to search for an event. In the example below, I searched for “United States”, “PA”, “5/2/2016” to “5/31/2016” and several events have appeared in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. A list defining each event will populate below the map displayed in this guide.  
http://www.vietnamwar50th.com/events/
Option 3: Become a Commemorative Partner.
http://www.vietnamwar50th.com/commemorative_partners/commemorative_partner_program_online_application_forms/
Follow the instructions provided online at the web site provided above.