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# VIETNAM WAR BAYONETS OF HONOR

Announcing the world's first limited edition Bayonets. Plated with 24-karat gold and made to full G.I. specifications using original wartime tooling.



Overall length: 11 5/8"



"Dak To, Pleiku, Khe Sanh. A Shau Valley ... Who are the names on the Wall?"

The American Historical Foundation is proud to help draw national attention to the unheralded Americans who fought the Vietnam War and to provide an individual memorial to them, through the world's first limited edition Bayonets, "The Vietnam War Bayonets of Honor."

Four different commemorative Bayonets of Honor are being issued—one each for the Marines, Army, Navy and Air Force. They are available individually or as a complete collection to honor all Americans who served.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for Vietnam veterans, their families, those who are proud of the Americans who answered the call to duty and military collectors.

The fact that this is the first limited edition commemorative bayonet ever issued in world history will in itself draw further attention and importance to this issue—especially among collectors. And each time it is displayed and remembered! These Bayonets are beautiful, yet deadly, symbols of combat that say: "NEVER FORGET!"

### A Bayonet Cannot Be Ignored!

The Bayonet is the symbol of combat—the willingness to close with the enemy and fight eyeball to eyeball. It is representative of the courage of the individual trooper who fought the many small actions that characterized the warfare in Vietnam.

When you pick up each Bayonet of Honor, you will know you are holding a combat-worthy weapon. Designed in 1963, each is made to full G.I. specifications with a total of 16 parts, including two working spring-loaded releases. And each is tested to fit the M16 Rifle.

We have specially commissioned the Imperial Knife Company to custom make each re-issue Bayonet for this Collection. They are using the same original tooling that they used during the Vietnam War, and each is made in the United States.

Twenty years ago (14 Apr 65) U.S. Marines land in Vietnam.

However, that's where all similarity ends. An incredible amount of hand work makes each a presentation grade collectible, worthy of this tribute...

- The 6 5/8" blade is heat-treated high carbon steel, polished to a mirror finish and deeply acid etched with a tribute inscription and a jungle scene, designed by Vietnam combat veteran B.J. Weber, with a dragon and serpent, symbolic of warfare in Southeast Asia. The blade is hard flash chromed to assure lasting beauty and gold-gilt and black enamel inlaid for contrast.
- The grips are specially made of highly polished black phenolic, checkered to the authentic G.I. pattern, and inset with a full color cloisonne medallion of the service branch insignia.
- 24-karat gold is thickly plated on the crossguard, two releases, butt, two grip screws and two grip nuts—after they are polished to a mirror finish.
- After the craftsman carefully files, fits and peens together the 16 components that make up this Bayonet, he inspects it in all particulars and tests it for fit on the M16. Then the individual limited edition serial number is engraved on the blade reverse.
- Finally, the numbered Certificate of Authenticity is matched with the Bayonet, ready to deliver to you.

### Limited Edition Of 2500

Although more than 2,500,000 Americans served in Vietnam, only 2500 of each Vietnam War Bayonet of Honor will ever be made to further assure rarity, respect and value. Serial No. 1 of each Bayonet will be presented to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund for the recognition they have given to all Vietnam veterans.

Contributions will also be made by the Foundation to Vietnam veterans organizations, to help them perpetuate the memory of those who served and to help establish a Vietnam War Exhibit in The American Historical Foundation Museum.

### First Option, Without Obligation

As an added advantage, you will be guaranteed the opportunity, without obligation, to reserve subsequent Bayonets of Honor in this series with the same serial number—so you can systematically acquire a complete matched set. These tributes—one to the Army, one to the Air Force and one to the Navy—can be reserved by you, one Bayonet at a time, in the months ahead. Each will have different blade etchings and grip medallions bearing the symbol of the service branch.

You may also reserve the optional display case, which is covered and lined with velvet, with actual ribbon from the Vietnam Service Medal mounted across the inner lid. It is fitted with two closure clasps to store and display your Bayonet. The cases are color coordinated for each service branch.

### How To Reserve: Satisfaction Guaranteed

You may easily place your reservation with a small deposit, and credit cards are accepted. You may call toll free (800-368-8080), use the reservation on this page or personally visit. Satisfaction is guaranteed, and there are no shipping charges. For an additional \$15 we will personalize your Bayonet by engraving your name, rank and serial number on the blade reverse.

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 in full.

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