

Viet Vet Monsoon Tribune

PLEASE NOTE: Our **Next Meeting** is on June 14, 1984 at 4741 E. Broadway at 7:30pm.

Party: There will be a chapter party on June 30th from 6-11 p.m. at the A Mountain Community Center. A keg of beer will be provided, and bring pot luck dishes. Don't forget your instruments. The party is open to all members and their guests and prospective members. This is a chance to get acquainted with all the new and old members and to HAVE A GOOD TIME.

We now have a name, submitted by Mike Buckley, who wanted a name all of us could relate to. It didn't matter where you were or what you did in Vietnam, the monsoons affected you. Congratulations, Mike.

VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA
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A Welcome Dinner

Vietnam Veterans have shown what they are capable of in service to America. On May 29, 1984, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 106 sponsored a recognition dinner for Southern Arizona's Vietnam Veterans and once again showed their capabilities and in return, Southern Arizona responded in the most positive and heartwarming way they could to show their appreciation for the job the Vets did. The dinner was held at the Palo Verde Plaza Holiday Inn Holidome, and was a resounding success for all concerned.

Many leaders of the community attended the function. Representative John McCain was the keynote speaker, and Senator Dennis DeConcini and Representative James McNulty attended the pre-dinner cocktail hour to show support for Vietnam Veterans. Many business leaders of the area attended and provided tickets not only for their employees, but for some Viet Vets who would otherwise not have been able to come. There were also several military leaders from Southern Arizona in attendance.

Master of Ceremonies Jim Kolbe, a former state senator, Viet Vet, and member of Chapter 106, was able to introduce a head table consisting entirely of Vietnam Veterans. Among them were General Lowry, Base Commander of Davis-Monthan, and General Wright, Air National Guard. Mike Flannery, VVA State Council Chairman, and Robert Currie, past National Commander, VFW, represented veterans service group leadership and Jim Randall, President, Mike Buckley, Vice-President, Dick Koppe and State Representative Jim Hartdegen represented Chapter 106.

After opening remarks by MC Jim Kolbe, colors were presented by a color guard from DMAFB and Mike Flannery led the pledge of allegiance followed by Dick Koppe giving the invocation. Later, a slide show, donated by August West Productions, served to remind all about the realities of Vietnam and set the tone for evening. Jim Randall then spoke of his pride in serving his country, being a Viet Vet and in finally being welcomed

BY CHUCK HOVEY

home for a job well done. Rex Beving lauded the warm response he received while letting the community know about the dinner and then presented a scholarship to the University of Arizona to be used by offspring of Vietnam Vets. Jim Kolbe then introduced Rep. John McCain who related some of his experiences as a POW for over six years. He spoke about heroes, saying America has them when she needs them. Rep. McCain spoke of his recent trip to El Salvador to observe the elections there and articulated his view of the Central America situation. Bob Currie followed by welcoming the vets home and spoke of his own experiences in accompanying Rep. McCain to El Salvador. The closing remarks were made by State Representative Jim Hartdegen who reminded the audience of the Vietnam Veteran Leadership Program.

The most visible feeling of the evening was pride. It was a pride mixed with sadness for those of our brother and sisters who could not attend, who will never feel the warmth we felt, but it was a pride for the accomplishments of all veterans here and across the country. WELCOME HOME!!

We would like to thank all the leaders in government, business and the military who gave us so much support and helped make this the occasion it was. We also extend our gratitude to Representative McCain for being our Guest Speaker. We would also like to correct the omission of Gates Lear Jet from the program as a sponsor.

Rex Beving, Bob Arambula, Dick Koppe, Pete McHugh, Mike Buckley and Jim Randall deserve a big round of applause for their unstinting efforts in organizing the dinner in spite of the incredibly short time they had to deal with. The following members were instrumental in helping the dinner progress smoothly and deserve a special thank you: Bill Bollinger, Monica Garcia, Tony Garcia, Frank Gonzales, Neil Gregerson, Gino Hamilton, Mike Harrington, Norma Herman and Bess Jones.

As Mike Flannery stated after the dinner, this was beneficial to both veterans and the VVA. We can all take pride in a job well done.

Pagan's Pentagonagram

May the Snorkel God always make
your dives equal the number of
your surfacings.

STATE COUNCIL MEETING

The State Council met on May 20th. Business conducted included election of new officers and discussion of several issues. Local members Bill Pritzen and Pete McHugh were named, respectively, Vice-President and Treasurer. Pete is also the State Information Director, responsible for disseminating information from National to all State Chapters. A decision was made to send a letter to VVA National expressing dissatisfaction with the proposed Agent Orange settlement. The National VFW situation was also discussed and a letter will be sent to VVA National requesting information on what measures will be taken. There was also a discussion about Phoenix Chapter 4, currently under suspension by National, and the need to provide a focus for members of that chapter, who are presently in limbo regarding their status. The Council will meet again in July in Prescott.

June, 1984, has been declared as "Hire A Vet" month. Take a few moments to scan the various legislation which affects you; then take the newfound knowledge as an opportunity to better your position, help our brothers and sisters, and as a challenge to let your employer, prospective employers, the community and others know.

JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT

This replaces the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA). Title 10C of the Act, called the National Veterans Employment Program, entitles Vietnam era, Disabled and recently separated Vets to participate in various employment training programs. For more information, contact the Vet Employment or Disabled Vet Rep at DES.

VIETNAM ERA READJUSTMENT AUTHORITY

This is a special, non-competitive, hiring program limited to Vietnam Era Veterans seeking federal employment. If you have 14 or fewer years of education, you can bypass the normal civil service procedures and, if accepted, will convert to permanent civil service status in grades GS 1-7 after successful completion of an established training period. The 14 year limit is waivable for compensable veterans. VRA appointments during FY 1982 amounted to 4% of all newly hired federal employees, according to the Office of Personnel Management. Check the current GS Pay Rates below and then write the Job Information Center, 522 North Central Ave., Room 120, Phoenix, AZ 85004, or, if interested in military civilian employment, contact the Civilian Personnel Office at Davis-Monthan or Fort Huachuca.

THIRTY PERCENT DISABLED PROGRAM

Again, a special, non-competitive, hiring program for Veterans of any era who have at least a 30% rated disability. After successful completion of a training period, conversion to permanent service status is made. Contact the Federal Job Information Center or any federal agency you may be interested in.

EMERGENCY VETERANS JOB TRAINING ACT

This legislation provides training to unemployed Korean, Vietnam Era and Disabled Vets who have been nemploved 15 of the last 20 weeks. Eligible vets will receive a certificate good for 60 days (renewable) and if accepted for employment could receive OJT up to 9 months (15 months if you hold a disability of 30% or more). Employers will be reimbursed for half of the trainee's salary up to a maximum of \$10,000. Contact your local DES Vet Rep or the Veterans Administration for more information. Program is scheduled to expire December 31, 1984.

GI BILL TARGETED DELIMITING DATE

This program is designed to assist eligible unemployed, underemployed or underskilled veterans who wish to use their GI Bill education benefits to complete high school or attend vocational technical school even if the vet has been discharged 10 or more years.

SISTER COLUMN

In this issue of the VVA newsletter I want to address women. Women veterans and Vietnam era veterans. Many of our experiences are similar; many are different. Here are some quotes from "The Voice of Vietnam", Vet Outreach Centers, Vol. 2, No. 6, June 26, 1981. Interview with Lynda Van Devanter.

Lynda quotes from a letter she received:

I was in Bien Hoa at the 24th Evac Hospital for a year from January, 1967 to January, 1968. Every article I have previously read on Vietnam, and those are precious few, have never once mentioned the women who served in Vietnam. My own thoughts and feelings are seething and I harbor a great deal of anger at being so neglected and ignored. When I returned to the United States no one wanted to talk to me about my experiences and only now, over ten years since my experiences in Vietnam, do my colleagues even acknowledge that I was there and that I might have some opinions on the subject. Now when asked about the Vietnam conflict, friends and coworkers want me to relate "funny stories". The pain is too great for any of us involved, no matter how remotely. I can relate to the fear, anger and frustration implied in the article by a number of women. We, as Vietnam survivors, need the opportunity to interact with others who shared a similar experience."

And the "Voice" goes on to question Lynda about interpersonal relationships. Men often have problems with the significant females in their lives. Does that apply to female veterans, also?

To quote Lynda:

"Yes. I've heard from a lot of women who have been divorced two or three times, who have never established a relationship. You're not talking ugly people here. You're not talking ugly people who have nothing to contribute to anything. You're talking about nice looking women who are professionals, who are intelligent, who are funny, who are giving and have never been able to establish a relationship in ten or fifteen years. It doesn't go with the norm. And I have been told by probably half a dozen of them that they made a decision when they came back from Vietnam that their career was going to come first and they were not going to get involved with anybody. So that's why they've never married, or that's why they don't date. They may date, but they never date more than a few times because - and a few people have been open enough to be able to say this, most have not and it's something that I recognized in myself in my early years when I came back from Vietnam - you let somebody get too close, then you're going to be hurt because they're either going to die or they're going to DEROS. That is your constant companion in Vietnam. Don't get too deeply involved with this person because tomorrow he could be DEROSed. He could be gone."

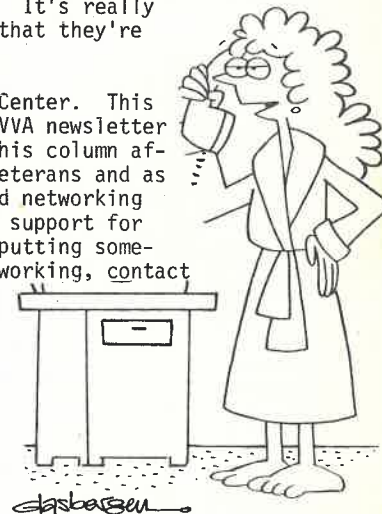
And how do we address the Vietnam era female veteran? She did not go to Vietnam. Her problems could not be the same. She is one of the lucky ones -- or is she?

Lynda says:

"And then there's all the women who were not in health care related situations who were maybe serving on isolated posts, who were subject to large amounts of sexual harassment, who were subject to rape, assault, and it's not an experience that anyone that I have heard from who was in Vietnam has expressed. I mean, every nurse that I have heard from who was in Vietnam experienced nothing but respect during that time. They were, as Shad said, they were looked upon as the soldier's mother and sister and all that sort of thing. There was always respect. But for women who have served in other kinds of situations, especially women, they have experienced enormous levels of sexual harassment. I have really got to the point now where I can't even count the number of reports of rape that I have received. They are going to be very skeptical about going into a Vet Center because they're going to find the same thing there that they found in the military. It's really important for them to know that they're welcome."

So Lynda leaves us at our Vet Center. This is not the Vet Center but the VVA newsletter and how does what appears in this column affect you? It's time that as Veterans and as women that we start writing and networking to accomplish common goals and support for each other. If interested in putting something in this column or in networking, contact me by letter at:

SISTER COLUMN
Norma
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"Which ME are you asking for a date? The wild and crazy me, the shy and sensitive me or the strictly business me?"

HISTORICALLY, IN JUNE

1958 - A coordinated rebel command structure, the National Liberation Front, was formed in the Eastern Mekong Delta.

1965 - Air Marshal Nguyen Cao Ky assumed duty as Prime Minister of the military regime on June 11.

1966 - American aircraft bombed oil depots near Hanoi and Haiphong, June 29.

1968 - Khe Sanh Combat Base was declared to be of no strategic value and evacuation of Allied troops began.

General Creighton Abrams was named to replace General William Westmoreland as Commander, MACV.

1969 - The Provisional Revolutionary Government was formed by the NLF.

President Richard Nixon announced, on Midway, the withdrawal of 25,000 troops from Vietnam, June 8.

1971 - New York Times began publishing the Pentagon Papers and the Supreme Court upheld its right to do so.

QUOTE:

"The enemy has been defeated at every turn."

General William Westmoreland
Commander, US Forces in South Vietnam
Saigon, SV, June 9, 1968

INSIDE

This part of the newsletter is reserved for those of our brothers and sisters who are presently incarcerated.

Dear Sirs:

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My name is Michael L. Rovin. I served in the US Army from 1962-1971. After my release from the Army, I came to Tucson. In 1973 I was arrested for mail theft and forgery. Since then I've lost my family and have no outside contact. I serve as an officer in the Santa Rita Veterans Association. The rank I hold is Lieutenant and I'm proud to be a Vet. I joined Chapter 106 through a Mr. Bill Pritzen, who has done a good job in helping our organization.

But I receive no mail or letters from the outside, and would like to ask anyone who could visit or write to do so. I will answer all letters which come in to me here at Santa Rita. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. My address is enclosed. Please let me know if this is possible.

Sincerely yours,
Michael L. Rovin

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P.S. I enjoy the newsletter. It's real informative and good.

Ed. Note: We received this letter as a request for an ad and decided it was the best ad we could run.

VFW NATIONAL COMMANDER UNDERMINES VVA CHARTER

VFW National Commander Clifford Olsen, in a letter to members of Congress condemned the VVA for its work on the POW/MIA issue, specifically, the trip to Hanoi. Olsen also said that the VVA had done nothing for Viet Vets and he was therefore asking members of Congress to vote against a national charter for VVA. This is apparently a move strictly at the national level, because local VFW chapters maintained a strict "No comment". The VVA will continue to work in any way possible with local VFW posts, since we believe local VFW members do not necessarily concur with what has happened in Washington. We are all working for the same thing - helping Vets.

NATIONAL POW DAY

National POW-MIA Recognition Day will be July 20th of this year and is soon to be honored in Congress. Combined groups unanimously decided upon a nationwide balloon release. We hope to be releasing 2,490 red, white and blue balloons. If you can lend a hand, it will be appreciated. Contact Mike Buckley at 745-6503 for more information.

THE VIET VET MONSOON TRIBUNE IS GRATEFUL FOR THE TIME AND EFFORT DONATED BY OUR BROTHERS AT ANTIQUE PRINT'N PARLOR AND FOR THEIR INVALUABLE ADVICE.

WELCOME

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We would like to welcome the following new members to the fold. Hope we see you at the meeting and the party.

Al Speert
David Siwarski
William Derr
Gerald West
Michael Smith
Gary Gorsuch

Paul Miller
Joe McClanahan
Alfie Plummer
Steven Fuller
Gail Skinner
Tom Henderson

DO YOU REMEMBER.....

1. Remember we are guests here: We make no demands and seek no special treatment.
2. Join with the people! Understand their life, use phrases from their language, and honor their customs and laws.
3. Treat women with politeness and respect.
4. Make personal friends among the soldiers and common people.
5. Always give the Vietnamese the right of way.
6. Be alert to security and ready to react with your military skill.
7. Don't attract attention by loud, rude or unusual behavior.
8. Avoid separating yourself from the people by a display of wealth or privilege.
9. Above all else, you are members of the U.S. Military Forces on a difficult mission, responsible for all your official and personal actions. Reflect honor upon yourself and the USA.

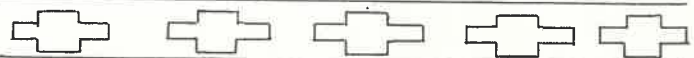
AGENT ORANGE UPDATE

As of this date, there has been no information emanating from Judge Weinstein's court regarding the much acclaimed and maligned Agent Orange settlement. On June 4, 1984, however, Judge Weinstein dismissed a parallel lawsuit against the government filed by thousands of Viet Vets who sought to gain complete medical care for injuries attributed to Agent Orange. The judge, citing a similar case thrown out and not appealed in 1982, stated he saw no grounds for reviewing the decision in lieu of the earlier precedent. Attorney Victor J. Yannacone, Jr., instrumental in litigating the current class action suit, stated he would appeal this latest ruling.

Closer to home, our VVA State Council sent a letter to VVA National expressing their dissatisfaction with the proposed settlement and requesting VVA National to take appropriate action.

ON THE ARIZONA FRONT

On Wednesday, April 29, 1984, Governor Bruce Babbitt signed House Bill 2462, drafted and sponsored by Chapter 106 member Representative Jim Hartdegen, authorizing the construction of a Vietnam Veterans Memorial at the Bolin Plaza in the front of the Arizona State Capitol.... In other legislation, the Governor also placed his signature upon a measure creating special Prisoner of War license plates which will be distributed at a rate



LETTERS, ETC.

The opinions and viewpoints expressed here are those of individual members and do not represent the Vietnam Veterans of America nor is the VVA responsible for the contents of any letters, poems, or thoughts presented here. We welcome any correspondence and will make this a forum for all members and readers.

As a Vietnam Veteran I have felt the same sense of unwelcome that other veterans have felt on returning home. I waited ten years for a parade in which I could march. A parade that was a welcome for Nam vets. I waited ten years for a monument that would remember those of us who gave their all to this country. So you can imagine the great joy, the great anticipation, I felt when I heard that there was to be a Vietnam Veterans Appreciation Dinner. My concern that I would not fit in was alleviated by the many positive statements made by people I think of as brothers. People whom I felt I could trust, who would not deny me as so many in America have done and have continued to do.

With these feelings I looked forward to the dinner given 29 May 1984. Unfortunately it was made very clear that the dinner was not meant for all Vietnam Veterans but rather only for the men who served in Nam. (There are many who werved, as well as a good portion of the American society, who use the term men interchangeably with veterans.) This fact was made very clear by a slide show that was to show what Nam was like. The film showed only field troops. The political speakers only reinforced this fact. From Congressman McCain's quoting President Reagan's appeal to recognize the men who served to State Representative Hartdegen's plea for recognition for "the guys" who served, the fact that the dinner was "For Men Only" was made very clear. After stunned pain, I felt very bitter. I kept wondering, "What about the women?" In Vietnam, no rocket respected gender. No bullet asked to see an ID card or did a physical to determine "Non-combat" status or sex. No g--- ever said "I can't shoot. That's a woman." Or, "I can't harm a C.O."

I do realize that this dinner was planned in a great hurry. I realize that the slide show as well as done in a great hurry. I realize that when you speak of 2.7 million people, less than 10,000 women seems insignificant or when you have 59,000+ combat dead, eight of those women, that it is easy to overlook or to forget them. However, the women of those statistics are no less real; the dead, no less dead; the living, in no less pain because you forgot them.

Please remember that when you forget about the

Please remember that when you forget about the female veteran you are committing the same sin of omission that America committed against the Nam Vet. Think, when you say "guys" and then add "I mean women, too" about how you would feel if someone said "gals" and added "I mean men, too."

I do not wish to take away from the dinner. It was long overdue. I do want to believe that the faults I mention were oversights rather than intentional actions. I only hope that the next dinner will truly be a recognition for all Vietnam Veterans, men and women.

Bess Jones.

You treated us like bastard sons
would not acknowledge what we had done
you christened us the chosen one's
and sent us into Hell.

You were the ones who gave us guns
then blamed us for a war not won
to fight and die for what was right?
But no one hears our cries at night.
Returning now from our war within
united as one, this time we'll win.

Jim Randall
1970 Viet Nam Veteran

An old man
crouching inside a bamboo hut.
Eyes fixed;
staring fearfully into the darkness.
A grandchild cradled to his chest.
as bombs methodically lit the night.

Silently he followed
the ominous flow of death.
Until he realized
how deep his eyes were within the child's.

The fear was there;
omnipresent.
Lingering deep beneath
the shadows of his mind.

All of his days searching
for a way to forget.
A striving to somehow lose
the many sleepless nights

The offspring gazing
with eyes of hunger.
A small body wilted;
a soul crying out.

The man's tired eyes left the child
as he sensed the smell of death.
Slowly he rose with child
firm to his bosom.
And found, for both,
peace beyond life.

Chuck Hovey

"How can our nation learn from the Vietnam War if Vietnam Veterans - those who bear most personally the war's experience - are not participants in the great policy issues that face our people? And, if you, America's Vietnam Veterans, will not forcefully claim that role for yourself, then who else will give it to you?"

Congressman David Bonior
Shoreham Hotel, VVA National Convention
November 7, 1993, Washington, D.C.

Scuttlebutt

Mike Buckley took full advantage of the Vets Emergency Training Act recently when he presented his eligibility certificate to bewildered AZ State Personnel officials. Citing the scope of covered jobs, Mike applied for the position of Governor and assured consternated officials the Feds would pay up to \$10,000 for his training the first year. As of this date, administrators are seriously considering the application, on basis of financial remuneration, and Mike was quoted as saying he is impressed as long as he can take up Capitol residence by the beginning of the monsoon season.

After struggling with his typewriter during a recent newsletter typing session, Mark (Mr. Spock) Toth, let his 'writer "beam him down" to a multitude of illogical errors, Klingon faulty ribon and un-Vulcanlike mutterings. When last seen, Mark was positioning the Romulan typewriter in the Rillito Space Wash for a flanking action and proton torpedo discharge from a somewhat hurriedly occupied ship, USS Buick (1951 2 door hardtop with dynaflow and doggy in the rear window). Space, the final frontier, continues to this hour.

LISTENING POST

Word has been received that the Veterans Administration is, allegedly, considering postponing GI Bill certification for education benefits to after the semester begins. This would mean the elimination of advance pay and heighten the possibility of receiving your first check in late October or early November. The change in procedure affects post-Nam vets, widowers, dependents, etc., and according to the same sources, is being considered to create an entitlement surplus prior to the end of the fiscal year, October 31st. If you are concerned, contact your senators and representative in your area (see Quick Reference on back page). Tell a friend.

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THE FORGOTTEN VETERAN (Me, too)

You say that you can't forget Vietnam.
Me, too.

You say that America turned its back on you.
Me, too.

You say that you have flashbacks.
Me, too.

You say that you don't trust others.
Me, too.

You say that you can't forget the wounded,
the dying, the dead.
Me, too.

You say that you have trouble maintaining
a relationship.
Me, too.

You say that you have trouble with
authority figures.
Me, too.

You say that you miss the adrenaline high.
Me, too.

You say that you can't sleep.
Me, too.

You say that you use drugs/alcohol to cope
with the world.
Me, too.

You say that America owes you thanks.
Me, too.

You say that you're angry.
Me, too.

You say that you have a right to be
treated as a man.

You say that you have a right to be
treated as a man.
I am a woman.

I call you brother and accept you?
Why do you call me sister but forget me?

Bess Jones

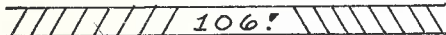
LET'S DO IT TOGETHER

Where were we last year? A good number of us have met through the chapter. A year ago as individuals, which of us would have believed that the VVA in Tucson would be where it is? The chapter has grown rapidly and through various "coming out" projects such as the recognition dinner is becoming known. How the VVA evolves in Tucson will be up to us. Has there been an issue that affected you? If so, where is your comment at the meetings. Tell it to the assembly on the forum floor. Write an "In My Foxhole" letter to be included in the next newsletter. If you have some word of praise for our hectically-paced officials, who somehow successfully coordinate our efforts into a job well done. So, come on out there and make the Tucson chapter of the VVA work with and for you. Be an active voice.

we need you!

Quick Reference

VVA (202) 332-2700 National Hq
 (202) 332-3305 officers/dirs
 1-800-424-7275 HOTLINE
 VA regional 622-6424 Tucson
 263-5411 Phoenix
 1-800-352-0451
 VA medical 629-1450
 VA POW HOTLINE 1-800-821-8139
 Vets Outreach Center
 323-3271
 Fed Info Center
 522 N. Central Ave., Rm 120
 Phoenix, AZ. 85004
 (602) 261-4736 (tape of jobs)
 Vet Employment Hotline
 DES 4525 E Broadway 628-5722
 316 W Ft Lowell 628-5561
 195 W Irvington 628-5749
 AZ State Legislature
 1-800-352-8404
 AZ Veterans Svc Comm. 628-5388
 Pima Voter Registr 792-8101
 Agent Orange Class Action
 1-800-645-1355
 Senator Barry Goldwater
 Federal Building
 301 W. Congress
 Tucson, AZ. 85701 629-6334
 Senator Dennis DeConcini
 33 North Stone
 Tucson, AZ. 84701 629-6831
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LEGAL NOTICE

TO ALL PERSONS WHO SERVED IN OR NEAR VIETNAM AS MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES, AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND FROM 1961-1972

If you or anyone in your family can claim injury, illness, disease, death or birth defect as a result of exposure to "Agent Orange" or any other herbicide while assigned in or near Vietnam at any time from 1961 to 1972, you are a member of a class in an action brought on your behalf in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York unless you take steps to exclude yourself from the class. The class is limited to those who were injured by exposure to "Agent Orange" or any other herbicide while serving in the armed forces in or near Vietnam at any time during 1961-1972. The class also includes members of families who claim derivative injuries such as those to spouses and children.

The court expresses no opinion as to the merit or lack of merit of the lawsuit.

For details about your rights in this "Agent Orange" class action lawsuit, call 1-800-645-1355 if you are outside of New York State, or call 1-800-832-1303 if you are within New York State, or write Clerk of the Court, P.O. Box 887, Smithtown, New York 11787.

Robert C. Heinemann
 Clerk, United States
 District Court
 for the Eastern
 District of
 New York

DATED: Brooklyn, New York
 January 12, 1984



VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA

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 Associate Membership to the Public at Large

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Return this form to

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 I am not a Vietnam era veteran, but would like to be an Associate Member.

I want to give more. Enclosed is my check for \$20. \$50. \$ _____
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Your Local Chapter No. 106

New Member or Renewal

Membership Card No. _____

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TUTORING in algebra, basic electricity/electronics, and computer programming in BASIC, FORTRAN iv/v, and PASCAL. Vets preferred. Send inquiries c/o this P.O. to Mark.

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40 CHANNEL CB RADIO with antenna. \$25
 Contact Pete McHugh.

HELP WANTED

ITEMS WANTED

ATTN: PERSONNEL

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