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Vietnam Veterans
of America (VVA)
Chapter 106
Tucson, Arizona



The incidence of infections from the hepatitis C virus (HCV) has risen dramatically over the last few years and is likely to place a significant burden on the VA healthcare system. The incidence of claims for compensation or pension based on HCV is unclear at this time but the potential for confusion and wrongful denials of these claims is great given the long period the disease is dormant.

Vietnam veterans, particularly those who were wounded or those in the medical care field, are at increased risk if they received blood transfusions or products prior to 1990 or if they were exposed to blood or blood products.

Unlike hepatitis A from which people suffer flu-like symptoms, persons with HCV generally do not have recognizable symptoms. Nonetheless, approximately 85% of persons with chronic HCV eventually can develop liver diseases such as cirrhosis and liver cancer. Prior to

developing liver disease, HCV can have a major impact on persons' ability to function at work, their sleep, alertness and emotional behavior.

Only recently has an accurate blood test been developed for HCV. In 1991, the VA began tracking the number of veterans seen in VAMCs who were positive for antibody to HCV and discovered 6,600 of them. In 1994, there were 18,800 and in 1996, 21,400. Additional information about HCV and testing for it are available at the nearest VAMC.

ARE YOU AT RISK?

You may be at risk if any of these apply:

- Wounded
- Member of Medical care field
- Received blood transfusions or products prior to 1990
- Exposed to blood or blood products
- IV drug user
- Received tattoos
- Multiple sex partners

Editor Notes

This issue includes a special section devoted to the celebration of Memorial Day. As Americans we generally view this as another in a string of three-day holidays. A welcomed break from work and a great time to head to the lake or visit with friends and relatives. As veterans we need to at least stop, give pause and remember our long ago buddies who can't head to the lake with us. Or sit around and share a cold one with us. A moment of quiet time and reflection will help us keep perspective as to what really matters in life. The urgency of the moment tends to fade under the realization that we once stood shoulder to shoulder with buds who's memory will continue to fade as our grey and age increase. So be sure to stop for a least a moment. They deserve at least that much from us.

Speaking of remembering. Chapter member Deane Cooper is looking for Then and Now Pictures. See the ad next to this column. She is hoping to find a few good men and women who are willing to share a bit of themselves with others via The Museum during Nam Jam '98. You never know how many lives you can touch and heal by such a simple act.

I would like to thank readers who like to share their thoughts and healings in words. We have included two such writings in our Memorial Day Section. If you feel so inclined, please forward them on. This newsletter is supposed to be a shared experience. If possible, please type or e-mail your submissions.

Until next time.

NEWS BITS

TUCSON—The Veterans Stamp and Coin Club at the Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center in Tucson is currently reminding us that they need to replenish their depleted stock of cancelled stamps used in therapy and rehabilitation programs. If you presently have any useful stamps, please forward them to: Dept of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Veterans Stamp and Coin Club #135, 3601 S. 6th Ave., Tucson, AZ 85723.

Items needed include U.S. and Foreign Stamps (on or off paper), First Day Covers, Foreign Covers and if possible, old U.S. Covers (pre-1920). Also needed are coins, sports cards, post cards (old & new), Hunting permit Stamps and collectors catalogs for Stamps and Coins. These items are used in rehabilitation and treatment of disabled, handicapped veterans. No coins or stamps submitted will be sold or traded.

PHOENIX—Effective December 1997, the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs (VA) reversed their previous decision to provide prescription drugs to veterans residing in State Veteran Homes without jeopardizing the VA per diem reimbursements to those eligible veterans. Quick coordination with the Carl T. Hayden VA Medical Center enabled the ASVH to implement the program the first week in February. Currently, 37 residents are receiving free medications from the VA Medical Center pharmacy. This cost saving program provides additional savings to veterans residing at the ASVH.

In related news, the Medicare rate has been increased from \$200 per day to \$353 per day and this new rate became effective at the ASVH in mid February 1998.



Nam Jam '98

and

The Museum Committee
are looking for

Then & Now Pictures

If you have photos of yourself and/or buddies taken during a tour of duty in Vietnam as well as current photos and would like them displayed in The Museum during Nam Jam '98, please contact:

Deane Cooper
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WANTED

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Special Memorial Day Section

In this Special Memorial Day Section, we remember the human aspects of war. The dead, the missing, and those left behind.

THOUSANDS STILL MISSING FROM WAR

Editor's Note: The following information is provided by the 1998 Advocacy and Intelligence Index for Prisoners Of War/Missing In Action, Inc. The Monsoon Tribune will run this information periodically to keep our readers informed.

01 FEB 98: 2,097 Americans are still missing and unaccounted for from the Vietnam War. Vietnam -1,565 (North, 571, South, 994); Laos -449, Cambodia -75; the Peoples Republic of China territorial waters - 8. A total of 486 Americans have been accounted-for from the Vietnam War: Vietnam -361, Laos - 117, Cambodia -6 and China -2.

02 FEB 98: Red Cross officials announced that Afghanistan's warring factions released 307 prisoners of war. Red Cross officials also said that Taliban is still holding 4,000 war prisoners, while the northern opposition holds another 1,500.

Opposition forces in Tajikistan released 12 prisoners of war captured during the republic's civil war. Official figures show 150 pro-government soldiers

remain in camps, while 1,500 rebel figures are held in government jails.

03 FEB 98: The Discovery Channel will air the program "Vietnam POWs: Stories of Survival" on March 8th at



9 P.M. EDT. This documentary tells powerful and emotional stories of life in captivity for American POWs during the Vietnam War and their journey home in 1973.

04 FEB 98: The remains of two American servicemen previously

unaccounted-for from Southeast Asia have been identified and returned to their families for burial in the United States. They are identified as Col. Paul G. Underwood, of Goldsboro, N.C. and Capt. Donald B. Bloodworth, of San Diego, CA, both U.S. Air Force.

05 FEB 98 : The Pentagon announces that the remains of the Vietnam Unknown had been found with shreds of a pilot's suit, part of an ejection seat, money, and two ID cards belonging to Air Force 1st Lt. Michael J. Blassie. The DoD is considering DNA testing on the remains.

10 FEB 98: Acting VA Secretary Togo West has directed that the POW-MIA flag be flown daily at the VA Central Office at 810 Vermont Ave., Wash., D.C. Public Law 105-85 requires the flag to be flown on six specified days a year.

11 FEB 98: Republican National Committee Chairman Tim Nicholson

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Special Memorial Day Section

My Father

Pictures mean so much and are taken many ways,
Many paint bright pictures, but this one paints grey.

You may not stop to look at this picture, you may not even bother.
But please take a look at this man, he is my father.

To you he may be a boy in a jungle - shaggy and lean,
but to me I see a man named Thomas Coy Green.

I heard as a child stories of Vietnam, and was glad to have nothing to compare.
For I knew I could never relate unless I had been there.

There wasn't much I understood, but I knew it was a fight.
Nor did I understand what was wrong or right, but I believe in my father.
I believe he is right.

Never the less we don't talk about it much anymore.
I realize I had pried into the past and reopened an old sore.

I do not judge and will never possible understand.
Even now I see the pain in once a boy; now a man.

It's been years since he made these memories in the past.
Look deep into his eyes and you'll know that they last.

Sometimes when we watch war movies he quickly leaves at the end.
Maybe a painful memory of an old friend.

As a child I would laugh when my dad said "pop smoke".
I really didn't know, to me it was a joke.

In my life now I say it with meaning, as I try to understand.
To me "pop smoke" is a bond I feel with my father like a extended helping hand.

War is robbing and on my father it has taken its toll.
In my heart I would like to believe it has strengthened his soul.

War is unfair and takes many views.
Mine is, war is a time where men became brothers and many became few.

Look at this picture. Take a good long look,
there is history here you won't find in any book.

I am proud to say at moments in him, I can see me.
He is my hero and always will be.

My father has done good and lives his life well.
He served his country, loves his family, and has learned not to dwell.

If after what you read here, you still don't fully understand,
That's OK, just know that he is my father and he is an honorable man.

—Submitted by Mrs. Emma Green on behalf of her daughter

Special Memorial Day Section

Stories

from the Heart and Soul



I lost you, Dad, when I was seven years old. I carry with me everyday the few memories I still have and cherish of you. When the wind blows and gently touches my face, I remember our last day together flying a kite on that windy day in the park.

It's been two years since Mom died. It is a great source of comfort to know you and Mom are together again. Please give her a big hug for me.

I am so very proud to be your daughter and especially proud of all that you represent. Although we had little time together on this earth, I treasure all the memories I have of you.

**I love you Dad (LCDR Charles Leslie Parker, Jr.)
- Kimberly Parker Crudo**

The soul is a feeling
the soul is an idea
a feel, a saying

The soul is funny
and it is wallet size
the soul is greatness

Somedays I wonder
if I can find the soul
somedays I am off

Somedays I am blue
and the blue is there
some days I can sing

I can laugh
I can learn
I can sing a blue note

The soul is me
and my baby
yes the soul is me

The soul is my soul
the soul is my heaven
the soul is my earth

I look at my soul
and see a blind spot
just a blind spot

You can knock me down
but my soul is there
my eyes are pretty

And so is
the soul
of my soul

—Submitted by Joseph Williams

Special Memorial Day Section

VVA, Chapter 106, remembers these Vietnam Vets who gave their all. May we never forget.

Aguirre, Filberto Jr	USN	HM3	Lukenbach, Max	USN	CDR
Alvarez, Estaban	USMC	LCPL	Mansfield, Patrick	USA	CPL
Alvarez, Jose Ricardo	USA	PFC	Martin, Clifford	USN	HN
Anderson, Gary	USA	1LT	Meyer, Arthur	USA	PFC
Applegate, P	USA	SFC	Miller, Michael	USAF	1LT
Armstrong, Walter	USMC	LCPL	Monroe, Charles	USMC	LCPL
Babcock, Ronald	USA	1LT	Montano, Francisco	USMC	LCPL
Bautista, Jesus	USA	PFC	Muir, James	USMC	1LT
Bell, Oscar Jr	USMC	PFC	Norvelle, Clyde Jr	USA	WO
Blackwell, Kenneth	USMC	CPL	O'Brien, Willard	USA	SP4
Bois, Claire Ronald	USN	ADJ2	Ochoa, Jesus	USAF	SGT
Bonillas, Guillermo	USN	SK1	Ochoa, Ralph	USMC	PFC
Borg, Michael	USN	HN	O'Connor, Mortimer	USA	LTC
Brown, Anthony	USN	RD2	Olson, Erick	USA	CPL
Burns, John	USMC	PFC	Pahissa, William	USA	1LT
Caamano, Leonard	USA	1LT	Parks, Calvin	USMC	LCPL
Caldwell, Joe	USA	PFC	Paulsen, Michael	USA	SGT
Carrillo, Joe	USA	1LT	Pena, John	USMC	SGT
Christopher, Adolphus	USA	FSGT	Pennington, Fred	USA	SP4
Clifford, William	USA	1LT	Perry, Elmer	USA	SGT
Cobb, Theron	USA	SP4	Polanco, Jose Jr	USA	SP4
Cornwell, Leroy III	USAF	CAPT	Porovich, Steve	USAF	SMS
Cox, John Jr	USA	PFC	Quesney, Jose	USA	CPL
Cronin, James	USA	PFC	Robertsd, James Jr	USA	SSGT
Davidson, Charles	USA	CPL	Robinette, Charles	USA	PFC
Davis, Harry	USMC	GSGT	Rodriguez, Joe	USA	SSGT
Delozier, John Adrian	USMC	PFC	Rodriguez, Paul Jr	USMC	PFC
Dunlap, William	USA	CWO	Roush, Sam	USA	SP4
Elias, Juan	USA	SGT	Sandoval, Randall	USA	PFC
Fenter, Charles	USAF	MSGT	Schrader, Ronald	USA	SP4
French, Dennis	USA	SP4	Sharpe, William Jr	USA	SP4
Fults, Lawrence Jr	USMC	PFC	Shaver, Clinton Jr	USA	SP4
Gallego, Michael	USA	CPL	Shevlin, Hugh	USA	SP4
Gonzales, Gerardo	USMC	LCPL	Smolik, Vernon Jr	USA	SGT
Green, Jerry	USA	CWO	Solano, Mike	USA	SGT
Grisby, Gary	USA	PFC	Stewart, Gregory	USA	CPL
Hathaway, Stephen	USMC	LCPL	Sudduth, Robert	USN	SN
Hawkins, Robert	USMC	PFC	Thompson, Richard	USMC	LCPL
Haynes, John	USA	SP4	Todd, George	USA	SGT
Hernandez, Alex	USA	PFC	Trujillo, Jacob	USA	PFC
Hollister, John	USA	SP5	Valencia, Rosalio	USA	SGT
Howell, James	USMC	CPL	Valle, Manuel	USA	PFC
Johnston, David	USMC	PFC	Wahl, Johnnie	USA	SGT
Jordan, Lawrence	USMC	LCPL	Walters, Craig	USA	SP4
Kelley, Victor	USA	CAPT	Wheeler, James	USAF	CAPT
Knepper, Warren	USA	SGT	White, Samuel Jr	USA	SP4
Konigsfeld, Philip	USA	SGT	Whitehead, William	USA	CAPT
Kosik, Joseph III	USN	AN	Williams, Robert Jr	USAF	SSGT
Lauffer, Billy	USA	PFC	Wilson, John	USA	PFC
Lawson, William	USA	SP4	Wilson, Robert	USA	SSGT
Lee, Bill	USA	SP4	Woolridge, Thomas	USA	SGT
Lentz, Edward	USA	SSGT	Yoakum, David	USAF	CAPT

Special Memorial Day Section

POW/MIA: THOUSANDS MISSING FROM WAR

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announced that the POW-MIA flag will be flown at RNC headquarters beginning on February 12, the 25th anniversary of the release of the 591 American POWs held captive by North Vietnam.

DPMO announces research efforts to review documents in the repositories of Cambodia and the international Committee of the Red Cross on POW-MIA related information. DPMO is also planning to publish the first "Personnel Missing /Korean War" database (PMKOR).

12 FEB 98: The gates at Hanoi's infamous Hoa Lo (Hanoi Hilton) prison swung open 25 years ago today, releasing the first wave of U.S. prisoners of war who had been tortured and starved in retaliation for battling the communist regime in Vietnam.

Senate passes Res. 177 - Recognizing, and calling on all Americans to recognize, the courage and sacrifice of the members of the Armed Forces held as prisoners of war during the Vietnam conflict and stating that the American people will not forget that more than 23000 members of the Armed Forces remain unaccounted for from the Vietnam conflict and will continue to press for the fullest possible accounting for all such members whose whereabouts are unknown.

15 FEB 98: AP reports that hundreds of American servicemen were shuttled through a clandestine network of prison camps in China during the Korean War, say formerly secret U.S. Army intelligence reports. Declassified reports in the files of the Army's assistant chief

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of staff for intelligence now make it clear that the U.S. knew of the prisoners, closely tracked their movements and feared for their lives. It has been well documented that China, with Russian help, ran most of the POW camps in North Korea.

16 FEB 98: Cambodian POW/MIA Chairman Nuon Sareth announced that in Phnom Penh, remains that could be those of missing Americans were repatriated to the United States. The remains turned over were from two crash sites, one a helicopter and one an F-4. Archival research and oral history efforts are continuing in Cambodia, as well as field investigations and excavations. Although 90% of the lost incidents occurred in areas under Vietnamese control, Vietnam has yet to provide records believed to be available on U.S. losses.

19 FEB 98: Former Allied prisoners of war and civilian internees appealed to Japan's government to take moral responsibility for its past. The plain-

tiffs represent six organizations from Britain, the United States, Australia and New Zealand which jointly launched a lawsuit in January 1995 demanding an official apology and compensation of \$22,000 each from the Japanese government for inhumane treatment during their captivity. Japan has maintained that the issue of war compensation is closed and that all claims were settled in 1951 under the San Francisco peace agreements.

24 FEB 98: A mass grave of Vietnamese soldiers who fought against the U.S.-backed government in the former Saigon has been recovered in Vietnam's central highlands. Authorities excavated 17 sets of remains in Kon Turn province, said Lt. Col. Le Ngoc Son. A ceremony was held to bury the remains at the unknown soldiers grave in the district military cemetery. An investigation is under way to trace the soldiers' identities.

25 FEB 98: DPMO has announced that the "missing" volumes of the aircraft search and rescue (SAR) records maintained at JTF-FA have been located in the National Archives at College Park, Maryland. The records contain the 1966 and 1967 records of the Third Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Group. Records pertaining to the Korean War have also been reviewed by DPMO archivists at the St. Louis National Personnel Records Center. Four servicemen previously classified as KIA/BNR were in fact repatriated to the U.S. Their names have been removed from the "Persons Missing/Korean War" database.

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FAMILY LIFE

PROJECT SEEKS INFO FROM VETS AND FAMILY

The COV Project is an anthology that is actively seeking submissions by Vietnam Veterans and their children. No project of this type has been undertaken as yet. An inter-generational understanding of Vietnam must be established and maintained so that a generation of American' efforts and sacrifices will not be forgotten.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this project is to compile personal essays about how veteran parents did or did not explain their Vietnam experiences to their children and why and how they chose to do so.

Veterans: How did your involvement in Vietnam change you? How did you pass what you learned along to your children? Did your children ever ask you about Vietnam? How did you

answer their curiosity? Was Vietnam a sensitive subject in your household? Do you feel that film and television adequately represent Vietnam for your children? What can post-war generations learn from Vietnam, both good and bad? If you have chosen not to discuss this part of your life with your children, why have you done so?

Children of Veterans: When did you become aware of your veteran parents' involvement in the Vietnam War? How do you think Vietnam has changed your parent's life or the dynamics of your family? How has this influenced your attitude toward the world? Do you feel that the Vietnam experience of your parent is an impediment to knowing him/her fully? How did you feel learning about the Vietnam War in school, watching films about the war, reading books about it? Do you feel confused about the Vietnam era? Has

your parent been willing or unwilling to clarify this confusion? Have you had success looking into your parent's past without your parent's knowledge? What lessons, positive or negative, do you

take from your understanding of the war?

GUIDELINES

Anthology submissions should be written by Vietnam veterans or children of surviving or deceased Vietnam veterans. Specific, informed and thoughtful personal accounts of how you/your family/your children addressed (or did not address) issues surrounding the Vietnam War are strongly encouraged. Each submission must be a genuine attempt at probity or an illumination of some truth gained by result of involvement with the Vietnam War. Though creativity is encouraged, please, no fiction. However, letters to a child or parent that are accounts of what you would say, but for some reason find that you cannot, are acceptable.

All submissions should be typewritten and double spaced, 1 to 20 pages. Enclose an SASE with adequate postage if you wish to have your work returned. Contributors do not need to be professional writers, just regular people with wisdom gained by trial and fire. All submissions will be considered.

For submission or for more information, please contact:

The COV Project

J.M. Colella, Editor

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College Park, MD 20740



Esperanza

HOLO-ORGANIC GARDEN TAKES ROOT

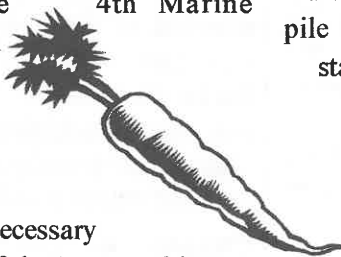
By Michael A. Stoop

The Veterans Transitional Facility, known as Esperanza en Escalante', adjacent to Davis Monthan AFB is currently in the process of expanding their residential housing. and has numerous other projects in the planning stages.

One such enterprise was begun in late December by Mr. Hawley Mills. Hawley is a veteran of two tours ('65-'66) in Viet Nam with the 4th Marine

Regiment. Soon after his arrival at E en E, he felt that to let the unused acreage

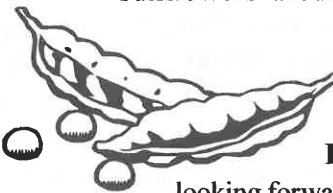
lie fallow was unnecessary and a bit wasteful. A vegetable garden seemed a good way to keep mind and body busy and provide a continuous supply of fresh food for everyone else. Without any prior gardening experience, he took it upon himself to break ground



and spent several weeks tilling and turning the sandy desert soil to make it right for cultivation. Several other residents participated in this phase of production, and the consistent rains from El Nino kept the ground softer than usual. In mid-January, Asplundh Tree Service brought in a large amount of mulch shavings and a compost pile was begun. With some salvaged stakes and about a bale of chicken wire, a plot of approx. 1600 square feet was designed and completed.

With most of the seed donated, and about \$100.00 out of pocket for the appropriate tools, fertilizer and a few more seeds from Payless Cashways, the first planting came at the end of February. This now includes a growing crop of the following: Tomatoes,

corn, cabbage, carrots, radishes, lettuce, broccoli, turnips, peas, beans, eggplant, potatoes, cantaloupe, pumpkin, and watermelon. There is also a row of sunflowers around the enclosure to



provide some shade and to discourage varmints.

Everyone on site is looking forward to the first harvest. And the intention is to expand the plot to twice it's current size, build 3 raised planter boxes with drip irrigation for leaf veggies and rotate the crops in a seasonal manner to provide a perennial Vegan feast for all.

On a personal note, this writer has observed this process from the first day, and sense it to be a bit remarkable. How much other talent is dormant in the ranks of our Homeless Veterans? Only way to find out is ask and encourage action.

A vegetable garden seemed a good way to keep mind and body busy...



Chapter News

Show Low is location of State Meeting **New Officers Elected**

Several members of Chapter 106 recently attended the Arizona State Council meeting held in Show Low. The April 18th meeting was presided over by State Council President Pete Duerr, State Treasurer Chester Rick II and State Secretary Walt Maxam. If these names look familiar, its because they also serve as officers in Chapter 106.

Attendees heard reports from the four existing chapters around the state: Chapter 95-Prescott, Chapter 106-Tucson, Chapter 432-Phoenix, and Chapter 778-White Mountains. Pete Duerr reported on the current status of Arizona Vietnam Veterans, Inc. and Terry Nolan reported on the Vietnam Veterans of AZ Foundation, Inc., the charitable foundation arm of Vietnam Veterans of America - Arizona.

Old business agenda items included nominations for the upcoming State Council positions to be voted on during the 1998 State Council Elections and Banquet to be held June 6 in Phoenix (See story below).

New business included information regarding the formation of four new VVA chapters in Arizona. Also discussed was a fund raising proposal offered by Joe Kelley, Chapter 106-Tucson. This proposal would establish a plan seeking federal and private funding of community and charitable activities in each of the chapters and the state council. State President Pete Duerr also reported on the upcoming Region IX meeting in Nevada. Finally, the next regular State Council meeting is scheduled for July 18th in Prescott and will be hosted by the fine folks in Chapter 95.

The 1998 VVA Chapter 106 elections were held during the regularly scheduled April 27th meeting. Chaplain Gail Skinner conducted the elections.

Continuing in their present posts will be chapter President Chester Rick II and as Treasurer will be Pete Duerr. Starting his new term as Vice-President will be Walt Maxam. Also newly elected to the post of Secretary is Joe Kelley, editor of the *Monsoon Tribune*.

Elected to Chapter 106 Board of Directors were: Rita Ramey, Robert Taylor, Gail Skinner, Joe Luke, Frank Martinez, Chuck Bald-Coulter, Robert Maldonado, Gerard Berume, William Fort and Dennis Robinson.

Chapter member Mike Brasher administered the official oath of office to all nominees present at the meeting.

State Council Announce 1998 Elections of Officers and Banquet

The Vietnam Veterans of America, Arizona State Council, have announced the 1998 Election of Officers & Banquet. Both activities are to take place at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in Phoenix on Saturday, June 6. The hotel is located at 2641 W Union Hills Drive. The scheduled June meeting of the VVA Arizona State Council meeting will start at 2:00 pm and will consist of a special meeting for the Election of Officers. The positions to be elected include: President, Vice President (two positions), Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Director, Director (Chapter 95), Director (Chapter 432), Director (Chapter 106), Director (Chapter 778).

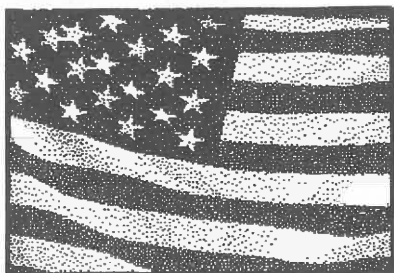
Evening banquet activities include a No Host cocktail hour starting at 6 pm, followed by dinner at 7 pm. Installation of officers will start at 8 pm. The evening will be completed by dancing to 50's, 60's, and 70's music provided by Bonnie Lou.

Larry Brown, Director, Arizona State Council states "I really wanted to do something before I departed State Council that would make me feel I gave back something to the VVA Community within the state. And this is it! The Council has asked me to cordially invite you, along with all chapter members, family and friends, to attend the 1st Annual State Council Banquet &

Dance." Cost for the evening is \$25 per person. Dinner will consist of either London Broil with roasted garlic or Sauted chicken with roasted walnuts (Vegetarian plate available upon request.).

Attire requested will be proper evening attire; coat and tie optional. Please no shorts or casual summer wear. RSVP (with money) by June 1, 1998. Hotel accommodations are available for \$49.00 a night. Contact the hotel directly for room reservations. Be sure to inform the reservationist you are with the VVA Banquet for discount rate. Telephone number is 602-978-2222.

Join the ranks of fellow Vietnam Veterans today!



Vietnam Veterans of America

Chapter 106

Programs to help veterans and their families ● Community programs and projects
Free VVA representation in VA claims cases
Plus free VVA newspaper and Chapter 106 newsletter

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Name _____ Sex _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Marital Status _____ Spouse's Name _____

Chapter No. _____ Sponsor _____ ID No. _____

Type: Individual Member - 1 year @ \$20 annual Individual Member - 3 years @ \$50

Life Member \$250 (Payment Plan - \$50 down, monthly payments of \$25) Coupons Bill Credit Card

Associate - 1 year @ \$20 annual Associate - 3 years @ \$50

Life Associate \$250 (Payment Plan - \$50 down, monthly payments of \$25) Coupons Bill Credit Card

Payment Method Check Money Order

Visa MasterCard Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature _____

Individual members must submit a copy of their DD-214 along with this application and dues payment.

Associate participation is open to family, friends, all veterans, and other interested persons.

Please send completed form, payment method and copy of DD-214 (if applicable) to:

Vietnam Veterans of America
Tucson Chapter 106, P.O. Box 40903
Tucson, AZ 85717-0903

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Tucson, AZ 85717-0903

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May / June Schedule



Memorial Day - May 25

VVA Chapter 106 Meeting, Monday, May 25, 6:30 pm
VFW Meeting Hall, 345 E. Roger Rd.

State Elections and Banquet, Wyndham Garden Hotel,
Phoenix. Elections-2 pm Banquet-7pm.

VVA Chapter 106 Meeting, Monday, June 22, 6:30 pm
VFW Meeting Hall, 345 E. Roger Rd.