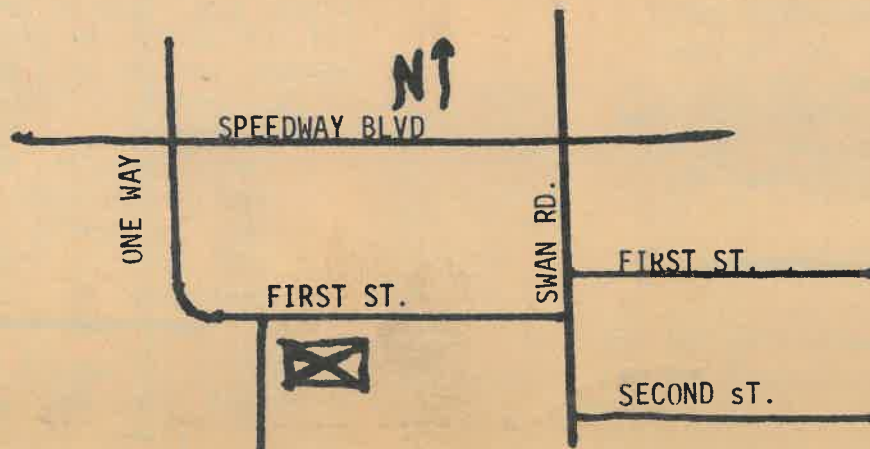


# Viet Vet Monsoon Tribune

## CALENDAR

- SEPTEMBER 27 VVA GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 18 Hall, 4656 E. 1st St. (See map) at 7:30 p.m. Upcoming elections to discuss and lots of other important business. YOU need to be there for all of us.
- OCTOBER 15 THE GREAT DEBATE will be held at the Temple of Music and Art, 330 S. Scott. Find out where the candidates for Congressional District 5 stand on issues in foreign policy. This is your chance to become a more informed voter.
- NOVEMBER 1 LIGHT UP THE DARKNESS. Drive with your headlights on today in support of our POW/MIA's. Let our elected officials, present and future, know that this issue must be resolved.



## McNulty Briefs Trib on Vet Bills

Extension of GI Bill benefits is currently being held up while the U.S. House and Senate work out compromise language for a bill authorizing 1985 defense spending.

The GI Bill, HR 2204, attached to the Defense Authorization Act of 1985 is being delayed while Congress debates budget differences on other defense spending issues.

President Reagan wants a 13 per cent increase in defense spending while the House is looking at a 4 per cent raise. It is expected that spending will be held to a 6 to 7 per cent increase.

The feeling in Congress is that the defense bill will be signed before October 1. Both the 1983 and 1984 Defense Authorization Acts were signed in September respectively.

Representative James McNulty, D-Az., in an inter-

view held on August 17, said, "It would be impossible politically for the president to veto the entire Act just to prevent passage of HR 2204."

The bill extends the delimiting period for use of educational benefits by Vietnam veterans from 10 to 20 years, through December 31, 1995, at the latest.

The House version of the GI Bill differs substantially from the Senate. The House would allow servicemen to continue military service and earn educational benefits which are comparable to those provided under the Vietnam Era Act.

"A grotesque example of a program is the Senate version," said McNulty. The Senate bill took out \$250 from each monthly paycheck and added it to recruiting funds. "It's hard to say how that's going to be an inducement," McNulty said.

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# Fragments

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By Chuck Hovey

VietVet's Memorial Statistics - each of the walls is 246' 8" long and they meet at an angle of 125°, 12', pointing exactly to the northeast corners of the Washington Monument and Lincoln Memorial. The walls are supported along their entire length by 140 concrete pilings driven approximately 35 feet to bedrock. At their vertex the walls are 10' 1½" in height. The stone for the walls, safety curbs and walkways is a black granite quarried near Bangalore, India. All cutting and fabrication was done in Barre, Vermont. The variations in color and texture are a result of different finishing techniques, i.e. polishing, honing and flame treating. The names and inscriptions were gritblasted in Memphis, Tennessee, using stencils produced through a photographic process. The names were arranged chronologically and typeset in Atlanta, Georgia, from a computer tape of the official Vietnam casualty list. The letters are .53" high and approximately .015" deep. A total of 57,951 are inscribed on the walls.

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The Defense Department has identified three units DIRECTLY sprayed in Vietnam: 3rd Bn, 1st Marines, 31st Engineer Bn and the 1st Squadron, 9th Cav (Airmobile). If you were a member, please get your VA Agent Orange Examination and file under the auspices of the Class Action Lawsuit by October 26, 1984.

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H.R. 4158, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Dignity Act, was introduced by Rep. Duncan Hunter (R-Ca.) and is intended to "restore the quiet dignity of the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial." It would prevent demonstrations by doubling the size of the Memorial grounds. Rep. Hunter is a VietVet who served in 1970-71.

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Remember H.R. 1870, which would authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to coin and sell National Medals in honor of U.S. Armed Forces who served in the Vietnam War? It was approved by the House Banking Committee on Consumer Affairs and Coinage and now is lost somewhere in the congressional maze. The committee planned to have a design contest and would encourage VietVets to participate, but where is it? Contact your Senator or Representative to voice your opinion

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"The message should be plain," Governor Cuomo stated, "Vietnam Veterans deserve more than political rhetoric from Washington; they deserve concrete programs that will allow them once again to contribute as productive members of our society." Are you listening, Governor Babbitt?

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Serve with any Canadians in Nam? Doug Clark is researching these Vets for a book. If you have any information please contact:  
Doug Clark  
7 Douglas Crescent  
Fergus, Ont. N1M 1C1  
Canada

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The Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Fund has published The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Directory of Names as another measure of honor to those who made the ultimate sacrifice. The book is softcover, 763 pages and costs \$15.00. Names are alphabetically indexed as inscribed on the granite. The Directory also provides the exact location of each name as well as additional information about each person, i.e. date and place of birth, date of death, branch of service etc. If interested, contact the Fund, 1110 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Ste. #308, Washington, D.D. 20005 or call (202) 659-2490.

New Yorkers who are VietVets can receive a special tuition aid up to \$500 per semester as a result of a bill signed by Governor Mario Cuomo. Under the \$3 million aid program, fulltime undergraduates who are state residents and VietVets may receive up to the stated amount and part-timers up to \$250/semester.

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Do you have a special day coming up and are still undecided about what to do? Why not fly your flag over the nation's capitol!!! For the price of a flag (\$5.50-16.00), your Congressperson can have the Architect of the Capitol fly your personal Stars and Stripes over the Building on the day you specify. You receive the flag and a certificate noting the date the flag was flown and in whose honor. Contact your local Representative for more information.

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The Social Security Administration can help you contact a lost loved one, friend or other missing person. Just write a letter to the individual and send it to the SSA along with as much personal information as possible, e.g. date of birth, last residence, etc. If SSA can locate the person, your letter will be forwarded, but you will not be given the current address. If you need more information, contact the SSA or send your letter to:

Social Security Administration  
Public Inquiries  
Dept. of Health and Human Services  
6501 Security Blvd.  
Baltimore, MD 21235

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The DOD is collecting information from those who participated in nuclear weapons tests in Nevada or the Marshall Islands from 1945-62 and from anyone who went into Japan three months after the atomic bombs were dropped. If you were present or know of anyone, call:  
1-800-422-9213 AK & HI  
1-800-336-3068

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Did you memorize all those military terms and acronyms? The Government Printing Office offers The Dictionary of Military and Associated Terms, regarded as the Bible in the DOD, for \$6.50. Order from the Superintendent of Documents, GPO, Washington, D.C., 20402. As with everything else, there is a special office in the Pentagon which creates TEW's (those extraordinary words) If you have a special word, contact:

Terminology Branch  
Plans and Policy  
Joint Chiefs of Staff  
Dept of Defense  
Room 1D958 Washington, D.C. 20301

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Are you a Navy Veteran? If you were engaged in coastal and riverine warfare while in Vietnam, the US Navy would like to know about your experiences. Contributions can be sent to LCDR T.J. Cutler, c/o Dept of Professional Pgms, US Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD 21402. LCDR Cutler is authoring a book detailing the naval warfare during the Vietnam War and according to him, names need not be used. Any story or experience will be appreciated.

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Washington, D.C. 20515

Authority on veterans' matters to include compensation life insurance adjustment to civilian life, hospitals and medical treatment, and veterans cemeteries.



# From the Top

Last month I had the opportunity to visit Prescott, Az., and socialize with members of Chapter 95 at their annual pig roast. The event was informal and the food was fantastic, but the best part was the conversation that I had with some of their members. Everyone I talked to reflected views or opinions that either I held myself or I had heard expressed from members of 106. The point is that there is a common bond between Vietnam Vets across the nation; if you got to read some of the many newsletters from other chapters that I brought to the last meeting, you will understand what I mean.

Not all of my time in Prescott was spent socializing. Sunday morning I sat down with Pete McHugh and the rest of the State Council and amended the state council's bylaws, updated the state on the future activities of 106 and solicited the help and input from Chapter 95 and the State Council for our nation-wide effort on the POW/MIA issue. I also learned that there will be more input from the chapters via state council representatives at the National board meetings. Also discussed was the increase in dues, (\$9 Nat'l, \$9 Chapter, \$2 State Council). I voiced my objection to the increase and was informed that the \$2 was to facilitate the State Council so that we could promote new chapters throughout the state and help defray the expenses now covered by the chapter for State Council business. I might add that up to now most expenses have been out of pocket from the State Council members.

All in all, it was a good weekend in Prescott and I look forward to meeting other VVA members when I go to Washington, D C., in November for the dedication of the statue at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. At that time myself and other members of 106 will meet with members of the National Office to express the views and concerns of 106 and let them know what a dynamic chapter we have. VVA brought us together, now let us use VVA to bring the rest of the nation back to us.

Jim Randall  
President, Chapter 106

There are a couple of things that are of great concern to me and should be to all members of VVA Chapter 106.

First, our local elections are coming up and will be here before long. If you know of anybody whom you think would make a good candidate for office, please let the nominating committee know. We need participation. It is not right for people to run unopposed. We also need our Chapter members to vote and show their concern for our chapter's future. Please vote!

Second, Veterans' Day, November 11, will be on a Sunday this year. For all you Vets who couldn't make the

parade last year because of work, your appearance this year will be well appreciated. The acceptance we received from the people watching the parade last year was non-stop applause from start to finish. It left a tingling sensation in the body that is hard to explain. After 14 years I was once again proud to say I served in Vietnam. If you want to participate in the parade this year, please contact John Paulus at 296-5674 as soon as possible.

Mike Buckley  
Vice President, 106

## Sister Column

By Bess Jones

In an earlier INSIDE column I was pleased to see a thank you for the nurses who served in Vietnam. But it occurred to me that a finer point should be made. The women who served in Vietnam were not only nurses. They served as dietitians, occupational therapists, physical therapists, pharmacists, physicians, clerks, typists and other support areas. The flip side is that not all the nurses who served in Vietnam were women. In 1972, 25% of the Army Nurse Corps (my apologies to the Air Force and Navy but I have no contacts in these services) were male. Today 98% of all nurses, military and civilian, are female and 26% of the ANC are male. All nurses who served in Vietnam, as well as all women who served, should be recognized and thanked for the services rendered.

According to Congressman James McNulty's August 1984 Legislative Report, Public Law 98-160 was passed. It provides for a VA Advisory Committee on Women Veterans. According to the report the committee is established "to urge greater sensitivity in the administration of VA health care and benefits for women," and "to organize special outreach program grants to inform women veterans of their educational medical, and burial benefits."

Congratulations to Lorna Griess, one of the Vietnam nurses, for passing her promotion board for full colonel.

Thanks to all for the support and assistance you've given to the Women's Committee and the SISTER COLUMN, Keep the responses coming.

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## POW/MIA Update

Information from the National League of Families on the remains of six Americans turned over to the U.S. on July 17, have positively been identified: Capt. Vincent J. Connolly, USAF, missing since November 4, 1966; Capt. Hugh Fanning, USMC and Capt. Stephen J. Kott, USMC, both missing since October 31, 1967; Lt. Cmdr. Richard C. Nelson, USN, missing since March 6, 1968; Lt. J.G. Gary L. Shank, USN, missing since July 23, 1972; and Sgt. Dominic Sansone, USA, killed in action December 10, 1964. Two other remains are still undergoing analysis at the Central Identification Laboratory in Hawaii and have not yet been correlated to missing Americans.

**HINTS OF U.S. GOVERNMENT COVERUP CONTINUE!** Rep. Douglas Applegate, Chairman of the House Veterans Affairs subcommittee, testified during a hearing of the Subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Affairs Committee on Foreign Affairs on August 8, 1984, testified that he has a list of 97 CIA reports of American prisoners in Laos that U.S. officials knew about and 300 CIA reports on tracking prisoners in Vietnam as late as 1979. ... "As of July 15, 1984, the Defense Intelligence Agency had over 2,620 reports on Americans in Southeast Asia - 640 of those reports are eyewitnesses. A refugee report, never investigated by the DIA, cites 50 live American POW's in northern Laos. This live sighting of our boys was made on April 26, 1982."

Information from the Southeast Asia Review reports ... "that discussions are continuing for the eventual return of French soldiers killed in Vietnam between 1939 and 1954. ... Some eighteen thousand French Union forces are buried in Saigon, and a further two thousand are dispersed in other areas. No indication was given of those listed as MIA. ... the Hanoi government has placed an extremely high "price tag" on such an operation."

I hope the U.S. government will not take thirty years to bring home the remains of our men and women. However, it is already eleven years since the end of the Vietnam conflict and what evidence is there of the return of ONE LIVE AMERICAN POW?

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If any of you are interested in my brother's bracelet please make payment direct to me and mail in care of this newspaper.

Eleanor Reitz, sister  
Major Victor J. Apodaca, USAF  
MIA North Vietnam June 8, 1967

### SUBSCRIPTIONS

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## Minutes

The last general meeting of VVA Chapter 106 was called to order at 7:30 p.m. August 27, by President Jim Randall. Reading of the minutes of the last meeting was waived and Treasurer John Paulus then gave the treasurer's report. Vice President Mike Buckley spoke about the statue dedication at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C. on Sunday, November 11, 1984. (See story).

Craig Hilts asked members to take note of the fact that the newsletter is selling advertising space and to get out and sell some ads. Dennis Thompson informed the membership about a free CPR class offered by the Marine Corps League USS Arizona Detachment at the DAV Hall, 4656 E. 1st St., at 9:00 a.m., September 22, (Saturday). Pete McHugh gave a short update on The Spirit of 106 (search and rescue helicopters) and spoke briefly on "Light Up The Darkness", the proposed nation-wide headlight campaign to alert elected officials to the POW/MIA situation. (See story)

After a short break, President Randall brought up the subject of the coming election. A nominating committee was formed and nominations were taken for the election to be held October 25 at the general meeting. (See story). Jim made a motion to abolish the position of Assistant Treasurer, add a second vice president's position and add two members-at-large to the board of directors. The motion was seconded and approved. Chuck Hovey then made a motion that the position of chapter historian be added to positions open for nominations which was seconded and approved. There being no other business pending the meeting was adjourned.

### VVA OFFICERS, COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN, REPRESENTATIVES

President	Jim Randall
Vice-President	Mike Buckley
Treasurer	John Paulus
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Membership Committee	Neil Gregerson
Public Affairs Committee	Pete McHugh
Women's Affairs Committee	Norma Herman
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State Council Representatives	Bill Pritzen Pete McHugh

### Welcome Welcome

We would like to welcome another active member to the chapter. She will make a welcome addition to the membership.

Yolanda Hovey

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## McNulty (Con't.)

McNulty and Rep. Lane Evans D-Ill. have written a letter asking the joint conference committee to retain the House language in the bill which currently has 129 cosponsors.

The prospect exists if the House and Senate are unable to reach agreement on the Defense Authorization Act of 1985 that a "continuing resolution" which allows the funding of the defense budget but holds the spending at the 1984 level would be passed. If that occurs, all attached bills to the 1985 Act are automatically rejected.

As of now, the president does not have a line item veto option and "the current House will not give him that power," said McNulty.

In other Congressional matter of significance, House Concurrent Resolution 322 states that the location of POW/MIA is a matter of highest national priority, and House Joint Resolution 489 which directs the president to secure a full accounting of POW/MIA.

Both resolutions are pending in the House Affairs Subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Affairs.

"It's hard to get any progress when nobody is talking," McNulty said in reference to a statement made by Secretary of State George P. Schultz while at a recent conference held in Southeast Asia that the Vietnamese and the U.S. were not going to be friends.

Vietnam Veterans Agent Orange Relief Act HR 1961, previously passed by the House and by the Senate on May 22, will provide relief for victims of Agent Orange. It is in a joint conference of the Congress.

The bill HR 4772 would grant a Charter to the Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc., passed the House on June 11, and is in the Senate Committee on the Judiciary

The provision to have all veterans attending college go through a certification procedure handled by the VA regional office in Phoenix has been put aside for now.

Veterans going to technical schools will be delayed in receiving their checks because they were not exempted and will have to send a VA form to the regional office each term.

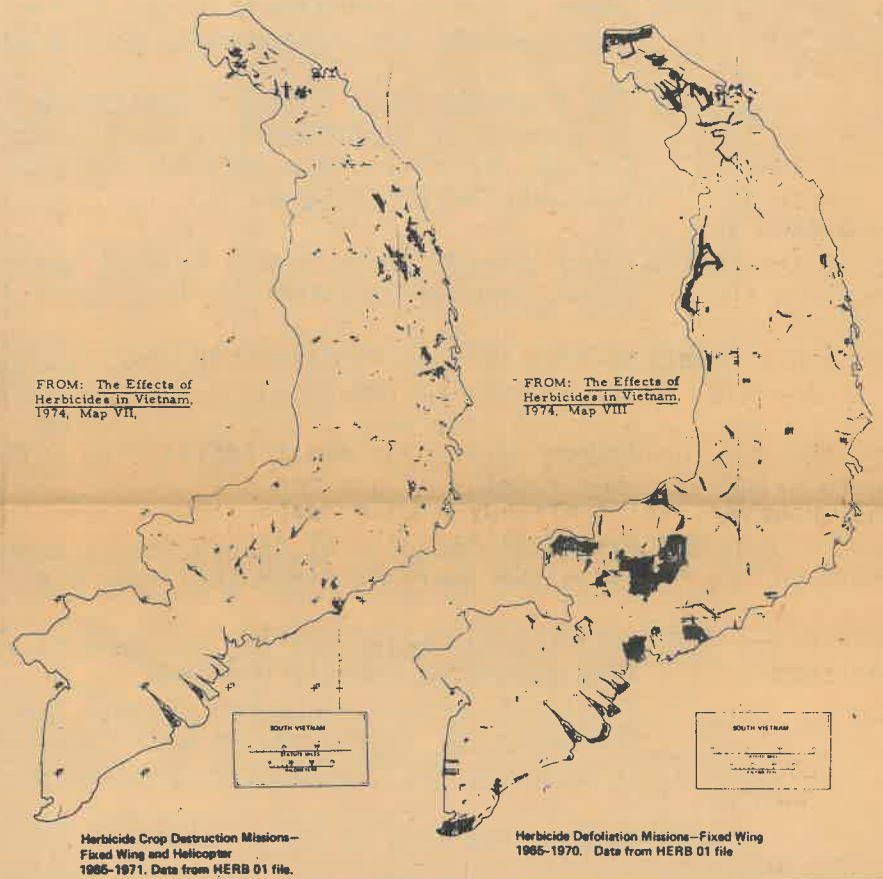
In response to the statement that restricting of educational benefits of past or present military personnel is not a positive inducement for prospective enlistees, McNulty said, "he and the House of Representatives feel the same way."

Compiled from Marty Kenner, Congressional Aide to Rep. McNulty and Judy Leiby, Assistant for Veterans Affairs in Arizona for Sen. Dennis DeConcini, D-AZ

## Women's Fair Booth A Success

On September 8, the Tucson Professional Women's Association held a fair at the El Con Mall for public service groups to create public awareness for their organizations. Chapter 106 was there, and the day was an unqualified success. We were able to get a lot of information to a lot of people, and more people now know what we are all about. A special thanks to Mike Buckley and John Paulus, who set up the booth, and to Gene Zabel, Jim Randall, Bill Bollinger, Cliff Tracy, Pete McHugh for manning the booth throughout the day. If you know of or hear about a possible fair or other place where the booth can be set up and the public be informed, let the chapter know about it.

The maps printed below are reprinted from the HERBS tapes and show the officially recognized areas of Agent Orange spraying in Vietnam by both helicopter and fixed-wing aircraft. They do not show spraying done from vehicles along roads or even by hand around bases, nor do they show the spraying done because "there was a little left over after the mission."



### ERRATA

We apologize to our readers for a mistake in "The Great Debate" article last month. Sandy Rathbun, who will be one of the panelists in the debate, is a reporter for KOLD, Channel 13.

### STATUE DEDICATION PARTICIPANTS

Amtrak is offering a fare to Vietnam Vets to get to Washington, D.C. on November 11 for the statue dedication at the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial. It is called the All Aboard Fare and with it you can make three stops in any city on the way within a thirty day period. The cost is \$250 from Albuquerque and \$325 from Flagstaff for a round trip. Reservations must be made by the first week in October.

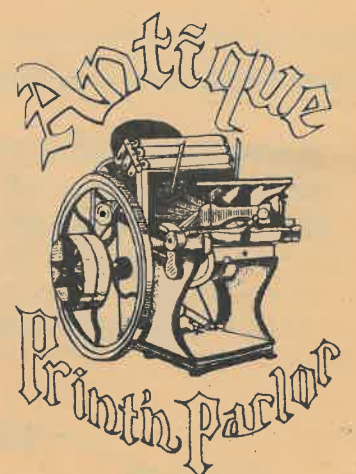
VVA National has requested a block of rooms for members at the Hotel Washington. Large groups should contact Libby Dyer (202) 638-5900 to make arrangements. Individuals or small groups may use the toll-free number (800) 424-9540. Be sure to ask for the VVA block.

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## NEWS DUES NEWS

VVA National has standardized the dues nationwide. Previously, chapters set their own dues rate, and the state councils received no dues. As of September 1, membership dues will be \$20 per year. If the member is affiliated with a chapter, the chapter will receive \$9, state \$2, and national \$9. If the member chooses to remain unaffiliated, national receives \$18 and state \$2. As Jim noted in his column, the state council needs a source of revenue, and the decision by National regarding the unaffiliated members is a move to get members involved locally. To determine when your dues are due, check your card or your VVA Veteran mailing label for the date.

## File Your Class Action Claim Now!!

If you or your family have suffered adverse effects from Agent Orange, **OCTOBER 26, 1984 IS THE CUTOFF DATE FOR FILING!!! THAT'S IT!!!** After that, you have 120 days from the time any adverse effects were noted to file a claim. Call the Court Toll Free Number in the Quick Reference or write to the court address listed in the legal notice. **DO IT NOW BEFORE YOUR GRANDCHILDREN BECOME THE LAST CASUALTIES OF THE VIETNAM WAR!!!!!!**

## Inside

The Santa Rita Veterans Association is helping with a drive to get toys for Casa de los Ninos, a home for abused children. This is a way for them to help the community in a positive way, and they are asking our assistance in obtaining toys. If you have toys in good shape, get them to Bill Pritzen, who will donate them to Casa de los Ninos in the name of the SRVA.

## Light Up The Darkness

As noted last month, Chapter 106 is planning a campaign to bring the plight of the POW/MIA issue to the eyes and minds of elected officials. We are attempting to make this a nation-wide drive. The plan is to drive with headlights on all day on November 1, just before elections, as a protest and a demand that action be taken on the POW/MIA issue. Tell everyone you know, and let your elected officials know how we feel about this shameful situation.

## Heads Up— Election Notice

All members, be advised. We're having our annual elections October 25. Elected officers take their seats January 1, 1985.

You must come to vote. We need maximum turnout to assure a successful election. Come to the next meeting and support your local chapter.

Here are the offices we'll vote for and the early nominees.

President - Jim Randall (Incumbent)  
1st Vice-Pres. - Mike Buckley (Inc.)  
2nd Vice-Pres. - Dan Glesinger  
Treasurer - John Paulus (Inc.)  
Corresponding Secretary - Bob Arambula (Inc.)  
Chuck Hovey  
Recording Secretary - Rex Beving (Inc.)  
Board of Directors Members at Large (3 positions)  
Dennis Thompson  
Pete McHugh  
Clifford Tracy  
Bill Pritzen  
Chapter Historian (New Position)  
Chuck Hovey

All nominees must have submitted DD 214 or other proof of service (as membership requirement) and be members of Chapter 106, with local and national dues paid.

Submit all nominations to the nominating committee.

Chairman Clifford Tracy 327-8857  
Dan Glesinger 747-7532  
Gene Zabeł 326-2038  
Bill Bollinger 326-9912

Deadline for nominations is election night on the floor, October 25.

## Historically, In September

- 1945 Japan formally surrenders to the Allies. Ho Chi Minh declares the independence of Vietnam Sept. 12
- 1954 The Southeast Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO) is created on September 8 by the US, Britain, France, Australia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Thailand and The Phillipines.
- 1959 Hanoi creates Group 959 to furnish weapons and other supplies to communist insurgents in Laos.
- 1965 Chinese Defense Minister Lin Biao, in Long Live The Victory Of The People's War, indicates China will not intervene directly in Vietnam. Mao Zedong begins the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution.
- 1966 President DeGaulle of France visits Cambodia and calls for American withdrawal from Vietnam.
- 1967 NVA/VC begin major actions and General Westmoreland begins to fortify Khe Sanh. President Johnson, in a San Antonio speech on September 28, states the US will stop bombings in exchange for "productive discussion."
- 1969 Ho Chi Minh dies in Hanoi at age of 79 Sept. 3
- 1972 South Vietnamese Marines recapture Quang Tri City September 15.

"I just had the greatest brainwashing that anyone can get when you go over to Vietnam; not only by the generals, but also by the diplomatic corps over there, and they do a very thorough job."

George Romney  
Governor of Michigan  
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September 4, 1967

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# Letters Etc.

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[ To those who never made it all the way back ]

Men still living alone in the wild  
Scared of society so much like a child  
Always that fear of not fitting in  
Like going to Nam was some kind of sin

Alone their secure, in their ability to survive  
Like animals of the wild, their staying alive  
Just too many memories, and sound of the past  
Like in society is, just too damn fast

In the wild all alone, you set your own pace  
No people, to keep getting up in your face  
Alone to forget, or remember if you will  
Of people long ago, that you had to kill

The sleepless nights of endless fear  
The friends that are no longer here  
The coming home to anger and hate  
The feeling of getting to little to late

Your comrades of Nam, we share the memories too  
If ever you need us, were here to help you  
The road back has, many boulders in the way  
But together we can move them, and keep them away

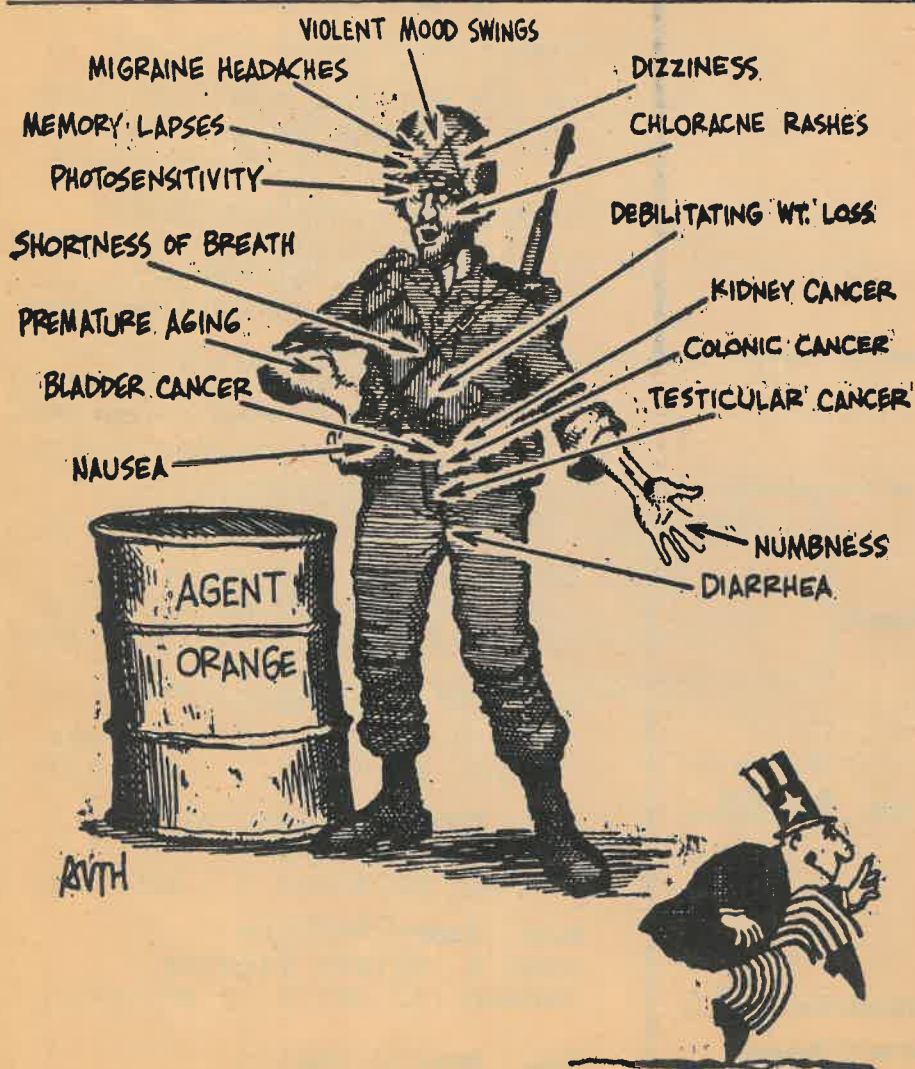
Thomas Roberts

AN APPROPRIATE MESSAGE

Vietnam was mad!  
Vietnam was sad!  
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Life again!

Timmy Wiseman, 9 years old  
Chapter 75

# AGENT ORANGE



"I DID MY DUTY, YOU DO YOURS."

## In Memoriam

This will be a monthly feature to help us remember those of our brothers and sisters who did not return from Southeast Asia. If you have a clipping, photo and/or a candidate for this part of the paper, please send it to the Viet Vet Monsoon Tribune.

From the Tucson Citizen, October 16, 1970

### TUCSON NAVAL CORPSMAN DIES IN VIETNAM ACTION

Navy Hospital Corpsman Michael Royce Borg, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Borg, 6434 E. Malvern St. was killed in action Monday in South Vietnam.

The service man, who had been in Vietnam since Aug. 11, was reported killed by an enemy mine explosion in Quang Nam Province while he was en route to join a Marine unit.

A Palo Verde High School graduate, Borg enlisted in the Navy in June 1969.

His father is a civil service worker. Survivors include his parents, a sister, Mrs. Ronald Tanner of Phoenix, and two brothers, Curtis Borg of Lancaster, Calif. and Robert Borg of Vacaville, Calif.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Adair Funeral Home.



# VEJTA Jobs Available

DES officials report that the number of job areas covered by Veterans' Emergency Job Training Act has risen greatly as employer interest has risen considerably due to the efforts of DES and Veterans. Listed below are a few of these areas, but availability of jobs is subject to change. Vets are being hired thus filling job positions, but het your certificate now if you don't already have it. If jobs are not available in your specific area of interest, hang in there!!!

Exterminators  
 Auto Parts  
 Installers - Variety  
 Management Positions  
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 Mechanics  
 Administrative  
 Woodworkers - cabinetmakers, carpenters, etc.  
 Electrical  
 Sales  
 Computers  
 Construction  
 Food Preparation  
 Dental and Medical  
 Drafting

The important thing is to register with DES, gain your certificate, and be persistent in your efforts.

## Want Ads

If you wish to place an ad in the want ads column, please submit your ad to this newsletter by the time of the general meeting preceding the month of issue. The ads are free if you are a member of the VVA.

### SERVICES

SEWING BY NORMA ... alterations, make ready. Call 323-7797.

Tutoring in algebra, basic electricity/electronics, and computer programming in BASIC, FORTRAN IV/V and PASCAL. Vets preferred. Send inquiries c/o the newsletter to Mark.

### FOR SALE

1961 Chevrolet Impala 4-door, white w/ blue interior. 283 V-8 engine. Powerglide automatic trans., air conditioning. Good condition, mechanically sound. John Paulus 296-5674

### WANTED

Wanted: A file cabinet for 106. Any type will serve, and your contribution is tax deductible. Contact Craig at 882-3010.

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DEADLINE: General Meeting preceding issue.

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