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## NOMINATIONS AND THE ELECTORIAL PROCESS

ARE YOU SATISFIED THAT THE TIME YOU SPENT IN THE MILITARY DURING THE VIETNAM WAR WAS FOR NOTHING?

YOUR EXPERIENCE IS IMPORTANT.

WILL THE LEADERS OF TOMORROW REMEMBER THE SACRIFICE WE MADE FOR DEMOCRACY?

THEY WILL IF YOU GIVE YOUR VOTE TO THE VVA AND CHAPTER 106. VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS HAVE PLAYED A BIG PART IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS COUNTRY IN THE LAST 40 YEARS. THE GOVERNMENT RESPONDED TO THE LOBBY EFFORTS THE WORLD WAR II GENERATION OF VETERANS. THE V.F.W. AND AMERICAN LEGION HAVE HAD A STRONG VOICE WHEN IT WAS TIME TO ELECT OUR LEADERS.

OUR COUNTRY IS RUN BY INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE ELECTED INTO OFFICE.

AND SO YOU SAY TO YOURSELF, "I'M NOT BEING REPRESENTED BY THOSE PEOPLE IN OFFICE. THEY'RE JUST LOOKING AFTER THEIR OWN INTERESTS."

HOW'D THOSE PEOPLE GET INTO OFFICE ANYHOW?

HERE'S THE ANSWER, EVERYONE OVER THE AGE OF 19 YEARS OF AGE HAS THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO VOTE, BUT ONLY ABOUT HALF OF THE PEOPLE TAKE THE TIME TO REGISTER. AT ANY GIVEN ELECTION ONLY ABOUT 30% OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS SHOW UP ON ELECTION DAY. THAT MEANS THAT SOMEWHERE BETWEEN 10 AND 20% OF THE POPULATION IS MAKING THE DECISIONS. ANOTHER ADDED FACT IS THAT IN ARIZONA THERE ARE MORE REGISTERED DEMOCRATS THAN REPUBLICANS YET THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IS MUCH STRONGER? ANSWER, MORE REPUBLICANS VOTE THAN DO DEMOCRATS. (THEY SIT AROUND AND PROCRASTINATE.)

WHAT'S THIS HAVE TO DO WITH CHAPTER 106? SIMPLY, IF YOU DON'T VOTE, DON'T BITCH.

WE NEED MORE PARTICIPATION FROM OUR MEMBERS, LISTEN YOU DON'T HAVE TO MAKE EVERY MEETING BUT FOR THE SAKE AND THE SAKE OF OTHER VIETNAM VETERANS PARTICIPATE ONCE IN AWHILE! AT THIS MONTH'S GENERAL MEETING WE'LL BE ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR ALL OFFICES. IF YOU HAVE A PARTICULAR INDIVIDUAL IN MIND FOR A POST, NOMINATE THAT PERSON. IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR AN OFFICE COME AND LET IT BE KNOWN. THE ELECTION WILL BE HELD AT THE SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING COME AND VOTE. EXPRESS YOURSELF AND BE HEARD, BY YOUR VOTE AND PARTICIPATION. GOD DAMN IT BROTHER, LET'S GET IT TOGETHER. IT WASN'T ALL FOR NOTHING!

# PRESIDENTS CORNER

First of all, CONGRATULATIONS to Tucson Chapter 106 on it's 3rd Anniversary. Chapter 106 was formed in July 1983. Happy Birthday 106 !

August and September are crucial months for Chapter 106 due to the Nominating Process and Election Process. At the July Chapter meeting Gail Skinner was nominated and elected by the membership as NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN. In order for the committee to be effective, Gail will need some help from Chapter members that ARE NOT going to run for an OFFICE or DIRECTORSHIP. In that way, there is NO conflict of interest AND this is required by our Constitution.

The September Board Meeting will be held at 7:00 P.M. and ELECTIONS will take place during the Chapter Meeting which starts at 8:00 P.M. SHARP. That's September 25, 1986. Please mark it down on your calendar, so you won't forget. Thanks.

To bring you up to date regarding the Offices and Directorships, right now it stands like this; PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER and 5 DIRECTORS. Recently, the Board of Directors recommended to the membership that the Board of Directors be expanded to include a total of 5 Directors.

The way the Election process will work is like this; Nominations for all positions will be called three times at the August and September Meetings. Once all Nominations are closed, the election will take place. For the offices of President, Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer the ballots will be tallied. For the positions of Directors, the top 5 vote getters of all Nominee's will be considered elected Directors.

If you have any questions regarding the election please call Gail Skinner at 745-9802. He'll be happy to further explain both the nominating and election processes.

It's an ideal time to get in on the ground floor of YOUR CHAPTER, whether you want to run for an Office or Directorship, work with the Nominating Committee or other committee, or even form a new committee. THE TIME IS NOW.

By the way, if you expect to vote, please bring a PHOTOCOPY of your DD 214 with you at the September Chapter meeting. If you haven't turned in your DD 214, this month would be the ideal time. Also in September, please bring your V.V.A. membership card. This will all aid the Chapter in providing you with your ELECTION BALLOT.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at this month's and next month's meetings.

In camaraderie,

ALBERT W. GINARO  
President '85-'86

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# MEETING DATES

GENERAL METTING - August 28th at D.A.V., Chapter 18, Time 8:00 P.M.

BAORD MEETING - September 11th at D.A.V. Chapter 18, Time 8:00 P.M.

GENERAL MEETING - September 25th at D.A.V. Chapter 18, Time 8:00P.M.

ANNUAL MEETING - September 25th at D.A.V. Chapter 18, Time 7:00 P.M.

Rember is order to take advantage of all Chapter benefits, we MUST have your DD 214 on Chapter file. NOW IS THE TIME!

## HISTORY

In honor of our 3rd anniversary as a chapter, the history section this month is devoted to us. The first recorded effort to establish a chapter was in 1981. A bank account was established in the name of Vietnam Veterans of America. On March 24, 1983 the first meeting minutes were taken and the first officers were elected. They were: John Waring, President; Steve Wright, Vice President; Ralph Lewis, Secretary and Gene Zable, Treasurer. The chapter was granted it's status as an official chapter and given the number 106 in July 1983. On 28 July, 1983 the first meeting as an official chapter was held. The first guest speaker was State Representative Jim Hartdgen. Since that time our numbers have grown from that first handful of pioneer members to our present membership of 81. We started with a treasury of 30 dollars and that has grown to over \$3900. We are still a young organization that has had and continues to have it's growing pains. However, we are here tostay and need to have people become more involved so that we can continue to grow and become a positive force in our community in aid to our fellow Vietnam Veterans.

## THE SECRET AGENT

Being from a farming community in Arizona, I had the opportunity to work for a chemical company, selling herbicides, insecticides, and defoliantes ect. and chemicals related to ranching and farming. The later months of September, October, and November were the months that a defoliant was used on cotton to drop the leaves, so that it would be easier to machine pick. One day in 1968 on the road to Cu Chi, Vietnam, I noticed an area that had been heavily defoliated. Having worked with defoliants I recognized what had taken place in this particular area. Herbicide Agent Orange was sprayed **undiluted** in Vietnam at the rate of about 3 gallons containing 12 pounds of 2-4-D and 13.8 pounds of 2-4-5-T per acre.

Civilian applications of this herbicide componets are **diluted** in oil or water. Military personel like you and I, whether directly or indirectly were exposed to Agent Orange, possibly full strenght, while serving in Vietnam.

We as a chapter are committed to the service of fellow Vets, can only ask that if you or your family feel that you are having problems related to Agent Orange, please contact your local VA Hospital or your local Chapter for information.

### Note - Toxic Study Stalled

Problems in documenting whether soldiers were exposed to Agent Orange while in Vietnam are stalling scientific study of the effects of the herbicide on Vietnam Veterans, a top federal health official says.

Dr. James O. Mason director of the Center for Disease Control said yesterday; "Incomplete military records have halted the study ordered by Congress more than six years ago, and could force it to be scrapped."

For more information concerning Agent Orange, Please contact:

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