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ELECTION RESULTS

Elections were held in September and because of the conflict between Halloween and our regular meeting time not too many had the opportunity to attend the last meeting and meet the new officers. Particularly, to inform your officers as to the issues that you want more emphasis put upon.

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There are quit a few things for the chapter to get to work on. There are questions to be asked and tasks to perform. Areas of interest for discussion include MIA/POW, Employment (thanks Art), Chapter Outreach, besides the usual fund raising, parade, and membership topics.

Come on in and let it out. Let's work together as a service organization.

GOALS:

A meeting was held to talk about goals for the 106 Chapter. Present were the Board of Directors and the Chairmen of the Committees as well as an invited guest, Paul Sullivan. The discussion was fruitful in that the group was able to focus on three objectives, a short range goal, a long range goal, and purpose to provide services to Viet Nam era veterans.

All in attendance agreed that the purpose of our organization must be to provide services such as education to the public and other vets, a helping hand to the ones in need and for securing employments. The only way this will happen will be to accomplish the short term goal--Increase membership.

Increasing the membership must be done to be able to provide the services and accomplishing the long range goal, having our own home. Having a place that could centralize he operations of the Chapter would be the ideal, but nothing will happen if we don't grow.

At the end of the meeting the group agreed to meet again in the month of November to further develop the thoughts brought out in the discussion.

SPIRIT UPDATE

The "Spirit of 106" helicopter project is ended, and the fund raising efforts have been discontinued. The chopper remains in a hangar and will not be used for search and rescue. No agency has shown a willingness to fund the operation of the "Spirit" and it remains in the custody of its owner, the Lan-Dale Corporation. All that remains for VVA 106 to do is for the Board to help to obtain the release of the funds collected to date and forwarded to the Lan-Dale Corporation according to the agreement.

THE ARIZONA VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL: The Arizona Vietnam Veterans Memorial is to be dedicated in the Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza on the State Capitol grounds in Phoenix, Arizona on Saturday, November 9, 1985. The program will begin with a parade from 9:00 a.m. to approximately 10:30 followed by the dedication ceremony at 10:40 a.m.

Guest speakers will be Representative John McCain and General Westmoreland, and Governor Bruce Babbitt will dedicate the Memorial. The entire Arizona Congressional delegation and all of the State Legislators have been invited to attend the dedication. The public is invited and we encourage everyone to attend.

A car pool has been established for those from Tucson wishing to attend this ceremony. The car pool will organize at DAV #18 at 5:00 a.m. Saturday, for Phoenix. Those wishing to attend and lack a ride, please call Frank Gonzales for more details.

VETERANS DAY PARADE The annual Veterans Day Parade will be held on Monday, November 11, 1985. This years theme will be "America's Number One, Thanks To Our Veterans." Those wishing to participate in the parade, should meet at the South side of Armory Park at 8:00am sharp, from there everyone will move to the staging area. For more details on the parade Contact Gene Zable or Frank Gonzales.

MIKE BURNS After a long bout with a brain aneurism and being near death, Mike is finally on his way to recovery. Mike and Tammy attended the last General Meeting and wish to thank evryone for there prayers and concern. Mike's looking forward to a full recovery and again becoming active in the Chapter.
GOOD LUCK MIKE!!!

NATIONAL DELEGATES A vote at the last General Meeting was taken, to approve sending delegates to the National Convention later this month, if funds become available. Currently no funds exist in our treasury to afford such an expense however, a couple of local individuals have expressed the desire to raise the needed funds for the project. Currently no firm news exists except that some monies have already been committed. Offers or nominations for representatives will be accepted at the next General Meeting. We are allowed two delegates.

NATIONAL LEAGUE OF FAMILIES The National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia is requesting financial help." Due to very heavy demands generated by successful public awareness efforts and increasing activity throughout the country, printed material and shipping costs are straining our cash flow and reserves." Those wishing to make contributions can send them to, National League of Families of Prisoners & Missing in Southeast Asia, 1608 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006.

SALE, SALE, SALE: The Chapter has many VVA items for sale which include patches, pins, T-shirts, and stickers. In order to bring addition cash and allow for more items with our local Chapter on them to be made, we are selling out the current stock at COST. Those wishing to have these items, now is the chance to get a real bargain and help the Chapter. Items are available for sale at all regular meetings or by contacting Frank Gonzales.

IRREGULAR MEETING DATES FOR THE HOLIDAYS Due to excessive booking for the holiday season we have been forced to change our regular meeting dates. Please make note of these changes outlined later in the newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP IS THE GOAL: Bring a friend and share the experience.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE: Dave Croteau has been appointed to the position of Public Relations Director for Chapter 106." I will do my very best to represent the Vietnam Veteran and our Chapter. I will need the help of everyone in attaining the goals set out by the Governing Board and General membership, and look forward to working for you."GOOD LUCK DAVE!!

THANKS. THANKS THANKS A word of thanks goes out to all those who have contributed and helped with this months newsletter. Unfortunately Saturday was not as well organized as it could have been, but I hope that this will not deter future assistance. Thanks Again!! J.S.

The Arizona Memorial dedication in Phoenix is on November 9. Veteran's Day is November 11. The point is, fellow vets, is that very shortly we will be hot, we will be news. Some months ago the networks and newspapers and major magazines could not make a big enough deal out of the tenth anniversary of the end of the U.S. involvement in Vietnam. People were sent to Vietnam to "get the story". We heard a lot about their side of it. Now it is time for us to give our side of it. How can we do that? We can start by participating. Participate in Chapter 106 programs or committees if you are a member. Please join us if you are not. Many of our countrymen have already demonstrated that they want to forget about us. They will forget only if we let them.

Thanx,

John K. Paulus

Greetings,

I wish to take the opportunity to address our concerned members and friends as to some of the points brought up at the first officers' meeting. Please note that herein contains some of my personal views and not necessarily those of the organization. I present the following for your consideration so that you may contact myself, another officer, or come to a meeting and voice your input. Let your ideas come forth.

Our President has opened up the Officers Meetings for those individuals to address the officers of the chapter. Come on in and use this as a forum. Only officers may vote at board meetings, however your views can be heard and your points may still be put forth to the membership at the regular meetings. Check it out.

The chairperson for each committee was re-introduced and committee goals were discussed at the meeting. In the case of the subcommittee for the Spirit of 106 Project the goal is one of winding down, wrapping-up loose ends, and shutting down. On the other hand we are facing up to the task of examining and re-affirming who we are and what our chapter goals are. One particular topic, which is currently under consideration is an employment committee. Should the present proposal crystalize according to present plans of its chairperson it will provide some work (=) for Vietnam and Vietnam Era veterans.

As an entity the chapter has been through some dark times recently. There seems to be a new attitude developing though of commitment. Not a commitment of blind following, but rather one of concern strong enough to raise questioning voices to get down and provide the directional support to further the chapter into something apart of themselves. Come in, tell me and the others what issues interest you and most important what things TOGETHER we can do.

Thank You

Mark Toth

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WANTED:

YOUR UNFETTERED LETTERS

This newsletter welcomes letters from the 'outside' to express opposing, supporting, and alternate viewpoints.



Until you can prove it's service related, there's nothing we can do!

ATTENTION WOMEN VETERANS!!

Marianne Jacobs is doing a new research on women who served in Southeast Asia. If you or anyone you know served in that theater, please contact her at:

Department of Anthropology DH 05
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Seattle, Washington 98195



IT'S PARTY TIME

Ramada 10 at Reid Park has been reserved for a get-together after the November 11th Veterans Day Parade. Please bring your own food and beverage. There will be no alcohol permit. You need to bring your own! Come join us and share the camaraderie.

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Bits & Pieces

BEST WISHES TO:

Mike Burns who is out of the hospital after a second surgery to correct complications of the first surgery.

Dane Roth who is out of the hospital after having surgery to help alleviate his back pain.

Yolanda Hovey who is going home to visit her father who has been sick most of this year.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

The Craig Hilts' on the birth of their son Gabriel - born 27 September.

WELL DONE TO:

Yolanda Hovey for surviving a robbery at work.



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October 1, 1985

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HISTORY

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21 Nov 1970 A combined Air Force and Army team of 50 Americans-led by Colonel "Bull" Simon - in 10 large helicopters lands at the Sontay prison camp, 23 miles west of Hanoi, in an attempt to free 70-100 Americans suspected of being held there. US warplanes provided escort and attack North Vietnamese troop installations and anti-aircraft sites within two miles of the camp. The force finds no US prisoners, but reports killing 25 guards in 40 minutes at the camp. All Americans return safely.

11 Nov 72T The US Army turns over its Longbinh headquarters base to South Vietnam. The transfer of Longbinh, once the largest US Military installation outside the continental United States, symbolizes the end of direct US participation in the war after seven years. About 29,000 soldiers remain in South Vietnam, mostly advisers. The US and Hanoi continue to move supplies into South Vietnam in preparation for a cease-fire.

MEETING DATES

BOARD MEETING--November 7th at the D.A.V. Chapter, Time: 8:00 exactly

MONTHLY MEETING--November 14th at the D.A.V. Chapter, Time 8:00 exactly

BOARD MEETING--December 5th at the D.A.V. Chapter, Time: 8:00 exactly

MONTHLY MEETING--December 12th at D.A.V. Chapter, Time: 8:00 exactly



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