## ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The TLCB maintains the Assistance Program to honor those we left behind in the land we had grown to love. The Assistance Fund helps people help themselves in a number of ways. For instance, we provide building materials for schools, while villagers provide all the labor to replace dirt floors with concrete, replace rusted roofs, build sanitary bathrooms, and many other improvements. We have also paid tuition for worthy students, given water purification systems, etc.



Villagers in Laos, using TLCBfurnished materials. Below: the KIDS!



### WERE YOU THERE?

While most of our members do have a background of military service, you need not have served in the military at all to become a member. Our TLC Brotherhood welcomes any and all who will subscribe to the four objectives of the TLCB, Inc., as described under "Why We Exist."

You can become part of this brotherhood and enjoy the camaraderie of others who share a common bond of service to our nation and to humanity. Regardless of your rank or branch of service, where you may have served or when, we welcome all warmly, and all are equals in this band of brothers.

The Thailand, Laos, Cambodia Brotherhood, Inc. is a 501(c)3 tax exempt charity, welcoming donations for our aid programs *"For the Kids"* in Southeast Asia, 100% of which is direct aid. Overhead is covered by dues and volunteer efforts only.

To learn more about the TLC Brotherhood and our programs, to join us, or to donate, we invite you to visit our website at the URL below or write to us at our postal address.

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# The Thailand, Laos, Cambodia Brotherhood, Inc.

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# "Secret War" Veterans



Many servicemen and women served in the Vietnam War outside the borders of Vietnam, often in ignorance of their contribution to the effort and earning little or no respect from in-country veterans and organizations.

The TLCB was founded as a place for those veterans to share their experiences and camaraderie, at last.



# WHY DO WE EXIST?

Applicants must indicate support for our four objectives, which are:

To provide a place of fraternal friendship, camaraderie, and support for any and all who will join our ranks and support our objectives.

To preserve our history, sharing our knowledge to educate each other and the public about the specifics and overall scope of the war in Southeast Asia, especially as waged outside the borders of RVN, much of which was long held secret.

To honor our comrades who did not return and to keep the memory of their sacrifices alive.

To provide humanitarian aid to the needy people of Southeast Asia in memory of those who did not return from the war with us.

## COMMUNICATIONS

The nascent TLC Brotherhood (TLCB) began in 1997 when a handful of veterans, who shared similar military backgrounds, met via the Internet. As our organization grew, with members widely scattered about the USA and the world, our daily TLCB communications have continued to be primarily Internet based.

We maintain a website to advertise our existence, solicit new members and allow for dues payment and donations. It gives easy access to reunion information, submitted photos and stories, board of directors officer information, and our Exchange. The Exchange offers very popular logo items such as "Secret War" base hats, shirts, mugs, patches, pins, challenge coins, etc.

We publish a full-color quarterly newsletter, "The Mekong Express Mail" containing "war" stories, member profiles, memories of Southeast Asia and the war, and official announcements.

We officially sanction a Facebook page and an Internet forum to share in the warm camaraderie of this brotherhood. TLCB wants YOU!

### **ANNUAL REUNIONS**

The TLCB holds annual reunions in various locations, giving our members and their families the opportunity to reunite with old friends and meet new ones. During this time, we hold our annual business meeting, election of officers, annual banquet and a fun filled auction. Three days are packed with activities to entertain and make every reunion a special, memorable experience.

Highlights of past reunions include tours of the Vietnam War Memorial, Kennedy Space Center, Arlington National Cemetery, The Air Force Museum, Independence Hall, and far too many others to list here. We hold services every year in memory of our brothers in arms who made the ultimate sacrifice. Below, TLCB brothers present a memorial wreath in an official ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns during our 2005 reunion held in Manassas, Virginia.

