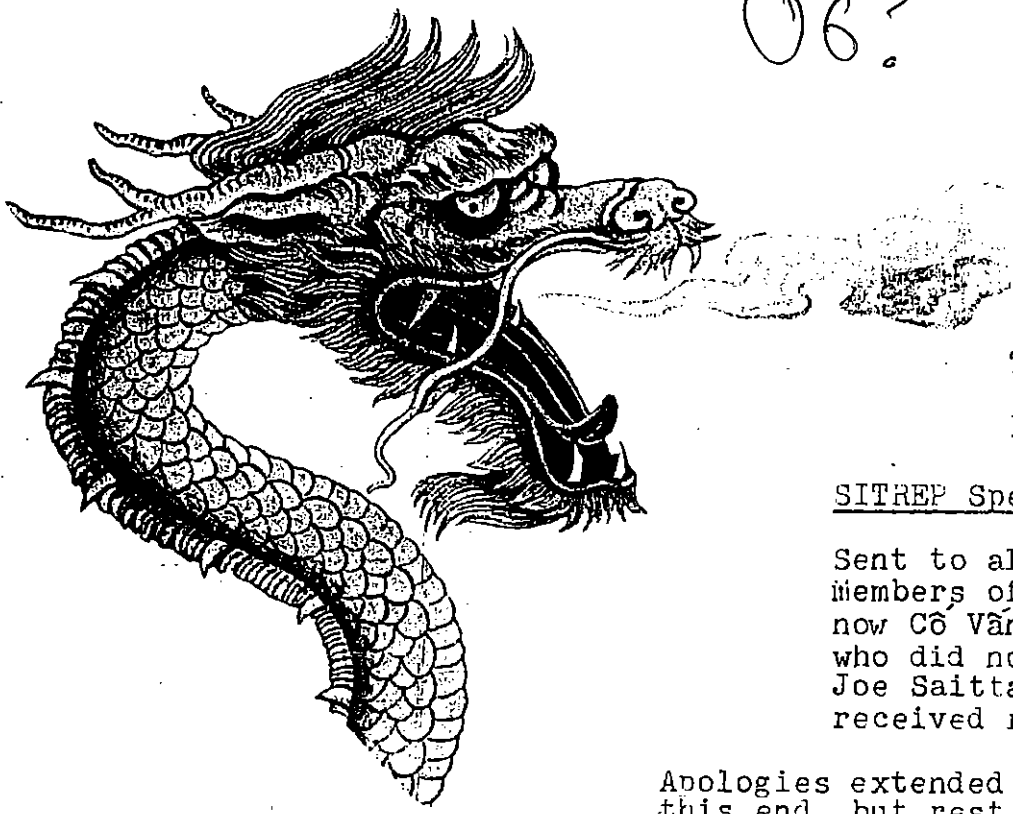


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SITREP Special Edition

Sent to all prospective members of Co Van My/Counterparts, now Cõ Văn Mỹ Việt Đông Nam A, who did not send in SASEs to Joe Saitta and who have not received recent Sitreps.

Apologies extended for silence on this end, but rest assured a number of organizational matters have been attended to, membership is gradually expanding, and first reunion is to be held. All this and more are summarized here, and to remind

interested parties to submit application forms.

1. Reunion: to be held 30 March-1 April 1990 in San Jose, California. Attached info sheets explain. Registration form is included. We intend to finally resolve some of the admin matters which have slowed us down in the past (keep in mind that few of membership to date have ever met face to face. All work/organization is being done by long distance phone, mail). We hope to see you in SJ.
2. Patches/certificates are now completed, and will be distributed to dues paying members. Both are excellent pieces of work, and quite eye catching.
3. 501c3 (tax exempt) status: paperwork will soon be in the mill. Any all donations will be tax exempt deductions.
4. Dues/Initiation Fee: To be collected as of March 1990. \$12.00/year dues. One time \$10.00 initiation Fee. \$150.00 lifetime. Ask for application form if yours has been misplaced.
5. Knife Raffle: Member Paul Brubaker has generously offered to donate a new Gerber Presentation knife, 4" blade, for fund raising raffle. Tickets will be \$5.00. More info to follow in next Sitrep, which will be received by those having application forms in, dues paid.
6. Joe Saitta, Sitrep editor, represented us at National Viet Nam Veterans Coalition meeting, November 1989. Major topic: POW/MIAs.

7. Reeducation inmates: Some are presently being released, and a small group has been granted exit visas to US. Some reportedly arrived last month. Information being sought. Counterparts 'locator' to be set up in San Jose so that former advisors and counterparts can, with luck, make contact after all these years.
8. Viet Nam Insignia Collector Newsletter: Very good bi-monthly 6-8 pp. publication w/abundance of info on VN/SE Asian insignia/patches, both US and host country. \$10.00 per year. Checks payable to Clement V. Kelly, Jr. He's publisher/editor. Do not make check out to newsletter. If you have any questions of Clement, please include SASE. He's not doing this to make big \$, but neither does he wish to go broke with a massive postage bill.
9. Letter sent to Federation of VN-ese Veterans Associations, advising them of our existence and purpose, and inviting any degree of cooperation their members deem appropriate. They will be of great assistance in developing locator system.
10. Final comment: Sorry, again, for commo void in past months. All of us working on this live at different corners of the country, have full time jobs, and periodically become bogged down. We too are impatient and unsatisfied with spasmodic progress, and intend to iron out these matters in San Jose. Your participation and membership are welcome and encouraged. Questions? Direct to either:

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SASEs appreciated but not necessary.

Paul is also serving as interim treasurer, and receiving checks for membership, payable to 'Counterparts'. Membership applications available from either of two addresses cited above.

So, that's it. Moving along, and would definitely welcome and encourage your continued interest and membership. It's evident we had a few of you fall out, asking for SASEs to receive the past two Sitreps; SASEs are a pain, and easy to out off. It was an expedient conforming to conditions at the time, and conditions which no longer apply. Apologies extended for short notice on the San Jose reunion; problems such as this are exactly what we plan to solve in SJ. Hope to see you there.

Cố Vấn Mỹ-Việt-Đông Nam A interim steering committee

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