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Chúc các hội đồng viên và gia đình một năm Giáp Tuất An-Khang, Thịnh Vượng và thành công trong mọi lãnh vực.

A joyous and healthy prosperous Tết to all members and families, and success in all endeavors.

Tet card reprinted above has wrong year(Nhâm Ty), as opposed to this years Giáp Tuất, yet an appropriate reminder all the same, issued by QLVNCH 3rd Airborne Bde in 1972. The sender, a 3rd Bde Sgt., was soon engaged in 1972's Nguyễn Huệ Offensive, and never seen again by American recipient of this card.

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Favorable developments underway, with membership roles rising, in part due to member Ken Jacobsen's excellent article on COUNTERPARTS/THĐNA, printed in March '93 issue of Retired Officer Association Magazine(circulation: 396,000). Reunion planning continues apace. Inquiries to reunion ramrod J.C. Fischer higher than for any other reunion and attendance record looks probable. Commander Grant McClure expending great time/effort with efforts to expand contacts in VN, Hmong and Dega communities. Grant will attend 101st reunion with member Trần Ngọc Huệ, accompanied by Gen. Ngô Quang Trưởng. Grant also to attend reunion of Đà Lạt Military Academy alums (Võ Bị Quốc Gia), and has been in close contact with Gen. Vang Pao and Dr. Jane Hamilton-Merritt regarding human rights violations in Laos. In sum, your slim-trim HQ has been swamped.

Admin matters move less quickly than desired, with all officers having jobs(or in search of same). Your patience appreciated. Amidst this productive chaos, Commander Grant McClure somehow found time to get engaged. Our sincere congratulations, and best wishes for một đời sống vui vẻ.

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RETIRED OFFICER ASSOCIATION article... Thanks and hats off to member Ken Jacobsen, whose well written article on COUNTERPARTS/THĐNÁ reached a membership of almost 400,000. Reprint in Reader's Digest is next objective. Ben Myers, now handling all membership inquiries, has received hundreds of letters in first few weeks after publication. All welcome, yet at cost of greater admin burden, straining our S-1. Please help Adjutant Steve Herberth by staying current with your dues, while advising of any address changes, enabling Steve and the association to more rapidly process incoming applications. Your cooperation and compliance is of utmost importance, and greatly appreciated. Members wishing photocopy of article: send \$1.00 to Editor(Bill Laurie, 1462 W. University; Mesa, Arizona; 85201). Again, please stay current w/dues and addresses, helping your association accomplish our stated mission in an expeditious manner.

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CORRECTIONS/CHANGES Last SITREP erred in citing new member John T. Peeff's former assignment w/Adv Tm 89. John was w/Tm 87, 3Đ 18(18th Div.). Six months with 3/48 Inf, three mo. w/I & R Co., and 3 mo. with 3/5 Cav. Apologies extended for oversight. Address change: Ken Jacobsen now at 516L Waters Edge; Newport News, Virginia; 23606. Phone/SDT: 804 596-1813. And... Dr. Larry Kammholz's address left off previous member roster. Doc Kammholz has written an interesting account of his tour in Mộc Hóa, and also compiled a Hmong language health care guide. Current address: 955 Starboard Court; Oshkosh, Wisconsin; 54901.

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Previous SITREP mentioned unexplained arrest and detainment of Trần Quang Liem and Nguyễn Tân Tri, both naturalized US citizens attending officially sanctioned economic development conference in Saigon. Stephen Young(former USAID in VN), Dean of Hamline Law School, also detained, then released. Letters sent to Pres. Clinton, SecState Warren Christopher, Sen. John McCain, Reps Tony Lantos(Congressional Human Rights Caucus), and Rebt. Dornan. Months later, only McCain responds, promising to ask State Dept. about this matter. Liem and Tri still incarcerated, further indication that economic liberalization, so frequently mentioned in news media, has not been accompanied by any change in political atmosphere. Citizens of Việt Nam may soon be able to eat McDonald's hamburgers and use IBM equipment, but woe be unto those who advocate political pluralism, such act being a state crime punishable by 25 year sentence. 25 years ago this would have created a stink; today, it is ignored. Members encouraged to irritate slothful bureaucrats who deftly overlook human rights violations; write letters and make your opinions known.

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'Man's a peculiar animal who can read the writing on the wall only when his back is up against it.'

-Adlai Stevenson

LOCATOR ...

Locator requests will mushroom w/increase in membership. J.C. and Ben hard at it. Request from Ben: please have members complete Form 180 (Request Pertaining to Military Records), and ask for complete records in Section II. Send to Ben, who can then begin to track down others listed on same orders. Ben thinks this could help us find a lot of US counterparts. For those plugged into 'info highway' Ben is on INTERNET w/call sign DCJV64A@PRODIGY.Com. Also, members encouraged to send copies of old orders, already on hand. Help Ben and J.C. find the rest of us. New Locator search requests:



T/Th(Maj.) Nguyễn Văn Danh looking for:

- Capt. Wodman, S-2 Vĩnh Bình, 1964-1965
- Cpts Rekowki and Lacombe (Vĩnh Bình, '65-'66 and '66-'67 respectively)
- Lt. Dill, 9th Recon Co., 9th Div, '68-'69, Sa Đéc Prov.
- Capt. Tangay, '69-'70 (Presumably Vĩnh Bình or nearby Sa Đéc)
- Majs Shoe ('70), Kohonel ('70-'71) and Miller ('71-'72).

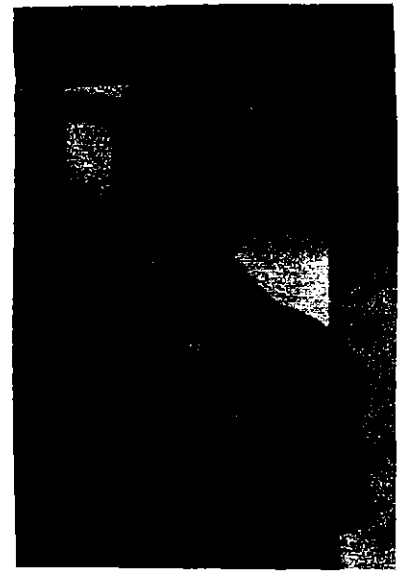
Can any former Vĩnh Bình/Sa Đéc people be of help?

New member Peter Scott looking for:

Võ Chi Hieu, interpreter, Tri Tôn Dist (Châu Đốc Prov), Adv Tm 64, '68-'72

Đại Úy Abdul Aziz, S-2, Tri Tôn (Note photo of Đại Úy Aziz at right. Peter is third member in search of Aziz, a Moslem Cham. As Pete says, 'He was a very smart and perceptive man. I'd give my right arm to see him again, to talk to him...'.)

H.B. Cushing, former PSA, Châu Đốc, '71-'72



Ben hit paydirt, finding three of Pete's former Tm 64 members from Tri Tôn. They are not yet members so names omitted here. Regretably, Ben located an address of a fourth team member, only to have Pete later discover that this individual had passed away last year.

Ben and J.C. will have their files and computer search hardware at Killeen reunion, and with luck we'll reunite more people during what already promises to be an enjoyable and informative event.

LOCATOR(cont.)

Kok Ksor looking for Dennis Potts

A sincere thank you to Michael Mark and the folks at 'Military', who were kind enough to run some of our search requests in their April edition. Anyone who scratches our back gets theirs scratched as well, so consider subscribing to 'Military', an informative monthly whose subject matter is aptly described by its title. One year, \$14.00, from: Military; 2122 28th St.; Sacramento, California; 95818-1999. Be advised of a sister publication, International Travel News, an excellent monthly with abundance of worldwide travel info and tips. \$16.00/year, from International Travel News; 520 Calvados Ave.; Sacramento, California 95815. Recent issue contained articles on travels to Baltic Sea, Korea, New Zealand, along standard feature columns on Africa, archeological tours, train travel, etc., in 116 pp. Informative, useful travel info w/good b/w photos.

Last minute Locator info, just in.. Prospective member Hubert McGuffin, former DSA, Tri Tôn Dist., Chau Đốc called, after being tracked down by member Peter Scott. Hubert closed down Adv Tm in '73, and would like to find his counterparts:

Th/Tá(Maj) Kien Keo and Th/tá Lam Do,

and also seeks Vo Chi Hieu. Hubert also indicated that a number of Tri Tôn Adv Tm members will be having their own reunion later this summer, adding opinion that his Tri Tôn experience was the most rewarding in his life. That speaks for a lot of us.

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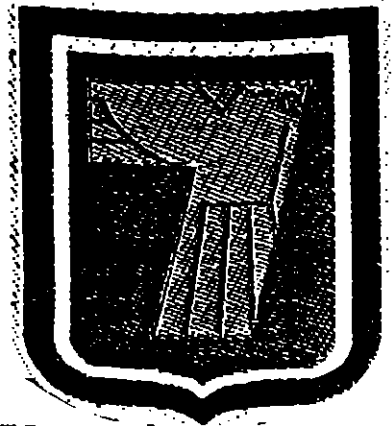
'Expecting the world to treat you fairly because you are a nice person is like expecting the bull not to attack you because you are a vegetarian.'

-Anonymous

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Left CHIÊU HỒI program shoulder patch. Right- SB 7/QLVNCH(RVN 7th Div.) shoulder patch, both photoplagiarized from Clement Kelly's Việt Nam Insignia Collector Newsletter, an excellent bi-monthly publication w/abundance of historical info. \$15.00/year from VICN; 501 W. 5th Ave.; Covington, Louisiana; 70433. Recent edition notes publication/reprint of QLVNCH/JGS

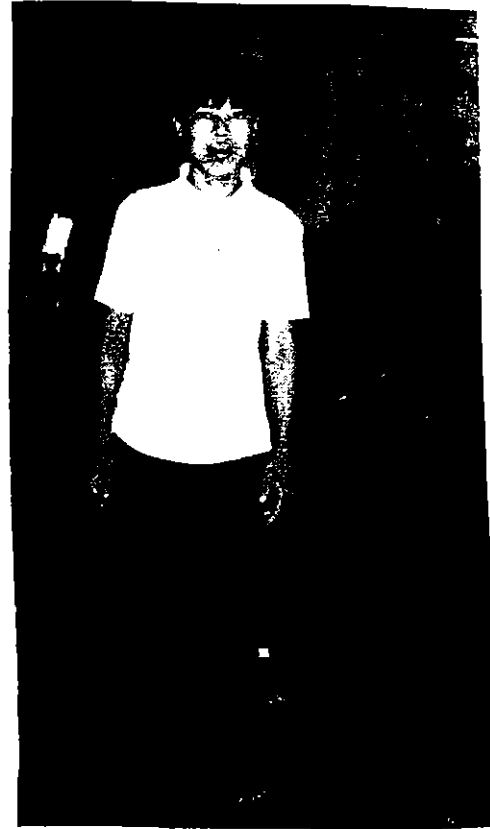


uniform manual, in which all uniforms of all RVN military elements are depicted, some in color plates on heavy stock paper. Book includes photos of all medals, decorations and rank insignia for all service branches. Cost unk at present. Inquiries to Mr. Gilbert Purket; 5001 Goodwin Dr.; Plano, Texas; 75023. Landline/SDT: 214 424-2963.

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Little known fact: On 20 June, 1974, a southbound NVA sea freighter, laden w/food & materiel, missed its Cửa Việt off-loading point due to dense coastal fog. Veering south and inland, it was spotted by RVN Marines, and promptly sunk by accurate M-48 tank fire, perhaps the only instance in which armor has sunk a ship. From Gen. Lam Quang Thi's AUTOPSY, The Death of South Việt Nam.

HUMANITARIAN PROJECT We continue to sponsor VN orphan Nguyễn Mạnh Hưng, pictured at right, through contributions to the Pearl S. Buck Foundation. We received a progress report on young Mr. Hưng, indicating he works hard in the orphanage machine shop, yet is making poor grades in school. Several members have written letters to Hưng, c/o PSBF, in Vietnamese, though no response has been forthcoming. To update new members: original intent was to sponsor an Amerasian child, but PSBF, providing no explanation, following receipt of COUNTERPARTS annual donation, stated they no longer had any programs for Amerasian children in VN (while continuing same in Thailand, Korea, Philippines). We felt a child was a child, so go with it anyway. General developing consensus: to carry on with Hưng through high school graduation, then shift humanitarian efforts to Trần Văn Ca's prosthetic device/wheelchair program for QLVNCH/RVN disabled veterans, and to the Highlands Assistance Project, bringing medical supplies and training to central highlanders. These are the very people with whom we served, and who are least likely to receive any help from any other sources. PSBF, for all the good work they do, has ample publicity and celebrity support/contributions. Tran Van Ca and the Highlands Assistance Project operate in virtual anonymity, and scrape for funds. An issue to be discussed at reunion.



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HIGHLANDS ASSISTANCE PROJECT Our HAP Liaison Officer, Mike Little, and member Roy Russell, are now in VN, working to expand HAP's operations, train Dega medical staff, bring medical supplies, and establish admin machinery to deal with future efforts. Hà Nội ideologues still paranoid about FULRO/CIA stuff, and still bent on their 'mission civilatrice', i.e., dissolving Dega culture and customs. This attitude notwithstanding, HAP director Kay Reibold reports warm cooperation from Buddhist clergy and VN medical doctors/staff, enabling some progress to occur. We hope to have a full update, w/photos, of Mike and Roy's recent visit for Killeen reunion. Thx to Mike, Roy, Kay and all others supporting and driving this commendable program. Related matters: Member Nay Rong's family has finally been permitted to leave VN, joining their husband and father in North Carolina. Several other Dega were also allowed to leave, though only under the condition that they not relocate to North Carolina, which Hà Nội views as home of 'FULRO Counterrevolutionaries'. Hence, one Dega moved to Lansing, Mich.,



Nhà Rông BAHNAR

DEGA(cont.).. while another agreed to live in Salt Lake City. Obvious question arises: how to enforce this dictum, and force Dega to remain in Lansing, Salt Lake, etc. Obvious answer: it cannot be enforced, and such edicts are merely the posturing arrogance of the typical con gà trống/rooster strutting around his provincial barnyard. Life follows art, w/Orwell's ANIMAL FARM remaining as appropriate behavioral profile of the typical cán bộ/cadre.

Members are advised that member Kok Ksor's application to last year's UN sponsored ethnic minorities conference was inexplicably 'lost', and son of a gun-the functionary handling such applications was a Hà Nội drone. The right chains were rattled however, and the application was 'found'. Saints be praised. A future UNESCO conference also scheduled, with esteemed VN and Dega scholar Dr. Gerald Hickey, smelling a rat, and strongly suggesting Kok Ksor and others be present to counter smoke screen of propaganda. Thanks to Max Lund for this update.

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Item: IRS Commissioner Margaret Richardson promises 'new and exciting' Federal Income Tax forms. Users are encouraged to contain ecstasy and exuberance in preparing 'new and exciting' forms, lest gleeful mirth produce errors.

'If we run into such debts, as that we must be taxed in our meat and in our drink, in our necessaries and our comforts, in our labors and our amusements, for our callings and our creeds, as the people of England are, our people, like them, must come to labor sixteen hours in the twenty-four, give earnings of fifteen of these to the government for their debts and daily expenses; and the sixteenth being insufficient to afford us bread, we must live, as they do now, on oatmeal and potatoes; have no time to think, no means of calling the mismanagers to account; but be glad to obtain subsistence by hiring ourselves to rivet their chains on the necks of our fellow-sufferers....the bulk of society is reduced to be mere automatons of misery, and to have no sensibilities left but for sinning and suffering.'

-Thomas Jefferson

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NEW MEMBERS Xin vui long welcome....

Gary Frye, USA  
Tm 91 RF/PF  
P.O. Box 26518  
Santa Ana, CA 92799

William W. Horn USA  
MAT II-89/MAT 11-71  
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Springfield, VA 22151

Joseph A. Powers, USA  
QK IV/IV Corps  
17606 Ponderosa Lane  
Prunedale, CA 93907

James W. Glassburn, USAF  
AFAT 5  
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Sherwood, AR 72120

Matthew M. Lindsay, USA  
Armor/Cố Vấn Thiết Giáp  
5236 Greene Ave.  
Ft. Worth, TX 76133

Jimmy Evans, USA  
Adv Tms 95, 155  
1041 Lee Rd., #282  
Salem, AL 36874

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'Age is a question of mind over matter. If you don't mind, age don't matter.'

-Leroy 'Satchel' Paige

NEW MEMBERS/HỘI ĐỒNG VIÊN MỚI(cont.)...

James E. Clavin, USN  
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6701 West 132 Terrace  
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Freeport, Tx 77541

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Rgr Tng Center  
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Oakland, CA 94611

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17 Trifiro St.  
Billerica, MA 01821

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Medcap Tm 3  
601 Paddy Run Rd.  
Clarksville, TN 37042

Tucker Smallwood, USA  
Tm 44, MAT 36  
3654 Barham Blvd., Q-209  
Los Angeles, CA 90068

Terry T. Turner  
MAT 84, DSA  
355 Heron Ln.  
Charlottesville, VA 22903

David W. Keefe, USA  
TD 43 BDQ/43rd Rgr Bn  
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W. Yarmouth, MA 02673

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Killeen, Tx 76543

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Phoenix/Phụng Hoàng  
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Chagrin Falls, OH 44022

Charles R. Wright, USA  
Tm 49  
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Piermont, NY 10968

Steve V. Wertz, USA  
BDQ/Rgr  
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Kissimmee, FL 34744

Victor W. Watson, USA  
Armor, M-41 Troop  
84 Jasper Dr.  
Colorado Springs, CO 80911

David Williams, USA  
Adv Tm 51/TĐ 42 BDQ(42nd Rgr)  
3375 Hillside Ct.  
San Jose, CA 95132-2412

The hand of friendship is extended to all new members, with hopes many will attend 27 Jul-1 Aug reunion in Killeen, Texas, speaking of which...

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Next SITREP will have ample coverage of planned reunion activities, though following info enables all to sign up(earlier the better/cang som, cang tot) for events/activities outlined here....

Place: Plaza Hotel, Killeen, Texas. Reservations: 1 800 633-8756.  
Reunion Code: Co Van. \$52.00/night.

Transportation: Delta Airlines discount group fare, using code P1018, from Dallas to Killeen. Austin next closest airfield(68 Mi. distant; car rentals available). Killeen airport shuttle to hotel: 634-1555, upon arrival.

Scheduled speakers/guests/discussion topics: Trần Van Don, President, Federation of Việt Nameese Veterans' Associations; Dr. Jane Hamilton-Merritt, author of TRAGIC MOUNTAINS and well informed commentator on human rights violations in Laos; Dr. Lê Nghĩa, International Committee for a Free Việt Nam; Commander Grant McClure, discussing our involvement with Trần Văn Ca 's Việt Nam Assistance for the Handicapped, the Montagnard Foundation, Lao Human Rights Council, and ICFVN. Additional presentation planned by either Mike Little and/or Roy Russell on Highlands Assistance Project, and recent VN trip.

RAFFLE ITEMS(tickets next SITREP):

Books(donated by)

SLOW BURN(Ben Myers)  
STRANGE GROUND(Ben Myers)  
LOST FICTION(Ben Myers)

VIET NAM. Our Story(Ben Myers)  
SHRAPNEL IN THE HEART(Jim Resau)  
Five volume reprint of Special  
Forces in-country magazine(Anon.)

And..

VIỆT CỘNG commendation certificate(actual)(Jim Resau)  
EK BOWIE KNIFE(Tom Regnier)

Other raffle items may surface before reunion. Thx to all for their thoughtful donations.

ELECTION Only one office open for election this year: Commander. Feel free to nominate yourself, or anyone else worthy of this position, remembering that it is not an easy job, and will make some demands on anyone's time. Outgoing Commander Grant McClure, to whom we all owe a tremendous debt of thanks, has offered to remain on board as Washington Liason Officer, maintaining the numerous contacts and friendships he's developed during his term, and keeping us posted on policy developments pertaining to COUNTERPARTS/TƯƠNG HỮU ĐÔNG NAM A and our members. We could not have made the impact we've made without Grant's very active presence in D.C. So, dwell on this one, and dwell hard, as we'll need a new Commander come July, 1994.

LOGISTICS Member Jim Ellis has volunteered to operate the telephone bulletin board, by which reunion attendees can arrange for ride sharing and/or bunking up to split room costs. Members call Jim on their nickel, expressing willingness/need to achieve either of the above, and Jim will thence relay names/phone numbers of other members having same need. Subsequent arrangements up to individual members. Call Jim, between 0800-1200, Thursday, Friday or Saturday(Texas time), at 817 774-9021, and be sure to extend thx for this member service.

LOGISTICS, again....

Please assist J.C. by registering as early as possible, and sending in response to following questions on scheduled events:

Number in your party(self only, or w/spouse; or w/children) planning to attend:

THURSDAY

1/THFS Fashion Show(no charge) (Example: 1/THFS, 2 people)  
2/THWT Wine tasting(no charge) (Example: 2/THWT, 1, self only)

FRIDAY

2/FHT Fort Hood Tour(no charge, buses provided)  
2/THL Ft. Hood Lunch, \$6.00/person

SATURDAY(morning events for spouses only, during meeting)

3/STSD Spouse tour to Salado district, w/ \$8.00(plus or minus) lunch  
3/CA Children's activity, swimming or playpark, \$10.00/child, in afternoon  
3/FD Formal, post meeting dinner, w/do an Viet Nam(VN food), \$15.00/person

SUNDAY

4/DB DEROS breakfast, est. @ \$7.00/person.



Also, J.C. has lined up a t-shirt maker who can make commemorative t-shirts, w/5 colors and COUNTERPARTS/TUONG HUU ĐÔNG NAM Á patch, for between \$10.00 and \$16.00/shirt, depending on how many are committed to ahead of time. Simply put, the T-shirt-and golf shirts can also be had-needs idea of how many he needs to make up. Question can be resolved by indicating 'GS/Y' if you'd like a golf shirt, and/or 'TS/Y' if t-shirt is desired. If neither is of interest, you need not indicate anything; negative response means none wanted.

Lapel pins may also be available; will advise.

Other matters Member Mike Roberts has CD-ROM to use in reunion locator searches, with Ben and J.C. bringing their lists. Mike has also lined up services of IBM's Texas 'PSA' to get circuits up and running. We'll probably find people during reunion. ... \$10.00 or \$15.00 registration fee to be levied, covering costs of team house wet bar, snacks, etc. ... Country music dance to cap things off Saturday evening, following formal dinner.

To summarize: Call Jim Ellis for ride sharing/room sharing only. Jim will provide any possible contacts on his 'bulletin board'. Send encoded activity interests to J.C., ASAP, using alphanumeric activity designations, and including number of people(yourself, spouse, children). Please respond post haste/machen Sie schnell to help J.C. line things up. Member cooperation greatly appreciated. Preliminary inquiries to J.C., along with rapidly growing membership ranks, suggest this will be the biggest reunion ever, and in addition to informative and interesting activities, there will be no shortage of memories to be recalled and stories to share with kindred spirits. Best TDY you'll ever have; do your best to be there for a memorable occasion.

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CLOSE-ENOUGH-FOR-GOVERNMENT-WORK Dept. In 1965, when Medicare was enacted, govt. officials projected cost estimates, for Hospital Insurance Trust Fund, through 1990, concluding 1990 costs would approach \$10.0 billion(adjusted for inflation). Actual costs were off a bit: \$68.0 billion. More recently, two think tanks, and the Congressional Budget Office, provided their respective estimates of health-care spending, assuming US adopts Canadian-style national medical health care plan. No problem. Lewin-VHL, a private consulting firm, concluded health care costs would rise by \$21.2 billion. Second guess projection, by Economic and Social Research Institute: a decrease of \$241.0 billion, while Congressional Budget Office says costs will increase by \$38.0 billion. Spread between high and low: \$279.0 billion, well within tolerance levels of US lawmakers who requested these studies. Hundred billion either way, no sweat. Look at the bright side: if legislators were plumbers, we'd all end up w/a slit trench in the back yard.

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MILESTONES-IN-CIVILIZATION Dept. Total government employment in US, at 18.7 million public employees, for first time ever exceeds total number of manufacturing employees, now at 18.1 million. All we need do is find an export market for Ag Dept.'s Cabbage Pricing guide and we'll get that balance of trade stuff straightened out, by golly.

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HISTORICAL-INTEGRITY-DEPT. New member Peter Scott working on book which details his favorable experiences in working with Kit Carson Scouts as Phùng Hoàng/Phoenix advisor. Objective is to tell story

Historical Integrity(cont.) ... '..of former VC and US advisors crossing cultural barriers to struggle against a common threat. Theirs is a story of loyalty, compassion, sacrifice, courage, and finally loss.'. Sound good? No, says agent, who implores Peter to come up with something 'sensational...like cover-ups, conspiracies, revelations about Americans.' Neither agent nor publishers aware they are employing de facto censorship. Meanwhile, member John Del Vecchio was asked to plug book, implored by senior editor of major publishing outfit to review what the editor perceived to be a '...darkly funny.. yet very poignant' work (be CAREFUL when ANYONE says ANYTHING is 'poignant')...representing the most powerful transmutation of personal experience into dramatic fiction I've ever edited.' Mr. Editor revolves to 'campaign for this book as I have for any other.' OK, what's it about? Simple, author goes to VN, sent on spooky mission to find POW, then stumbles upon a 'CIA-NVA heroin-trafficking operation and is forced to take innocent lives'. Appalled by this, the memory of a 'grandfather and little boy he was forced to 'eliminate', author thence embarks on lifetime of expiation. Book was published, without endorsement from John Del Vecchio.

Latter effort may well have been meaningful effort, yet contrast of agent and editor opinions of two proposed works is evident, and lacking any rational merit. So much for objectivity in publishing.

And, from the insightful mind of the noted and esteemed military and SE Asian scholar, Ann Landers.....

Dear Ann Landers: You and your readers have gone nuts over how Floyd Hardiman saved Roger Daub, but you should remember that happened 34 years ago and to people of a different generation.

If Floyd is 74 now, he was 40 in 1960 and 20 in 1940. This means he probably went to war for three or four years, like so many of his contemporaries. It also means he was 10 years old in 1930, so he probably was hungry and scared, like most kids were during the Depression.

A history like that builds character. Nothing has happened to today's 40- and 45-year-olds but the 1960s and Vietnam, neither of which taught young people anything but how to have fun, get high and shirk responsibility.

Where we are today as a society is the result of that period in our history. I'm 51, and my generation was born too late to be the best we could be as people. — Wish I Were My Dad

Dear Wish You Were Your

Write to Ann Landers at P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562.



**Ann Landers**

Advice

Dad: Your letter really hit a hot button with me. Who in the world do you think you are speaking for?

Surely you do not speak for the Vietnam vets who risked their lives for their country, were exposed to Agent Orange and experienced years of a living hell. Nor do you speak for those young men, some barely out of their teens, who were taught how to kill children and bomb civilians.

What could be worse than being sent 7,000 miles from home to endanger life and limb for a cause that most people did

not believe in? And when those Vietnam vets came home, they were scorned as if it were their fault they were sent to fight a war that was none of our business in the first place.

And who, pray tell, are those "40-year-olds" you say learned nothing but how to "have fun, get high and shirk responsibility"? The baby boomers I see are leaders in the arts and sciences, business, medicine, law and government. (Our president is 47.)

If you are not the best you can be, don't blame it on the times. I know many young men and women your age who are fabulous.

Ms. Landers has not seen fit to print any of the dozens of angry responses to her assertion. Members are encouraged respond nonetheless. Freedom of Speech/Press/Expression mean nothing if misconceptions are allowed to go unchallenged.

HISTORICAL INTEGRITY(cont.) A recent AP release cites deaths of VN peasants in and around Gio Linh, who are killed while salvaging scrap metal from 'American ammunition remaining from the VN War.'. AP reporters apparently oblivious to fact that Gio Linh(near Quảng Trị, DMZ land) was incessantly pounded by NVA arty, 122mm, 130mm, 152mm, etc., from across DMZ(sic), and that duds from these tubes are just as lethal as US duds, quite probably contributing to more present civilian deaths(not counting civilians killed by NVA shelling). Oops, forgot, our former adversaries used crossbows and Mausers to win the war.

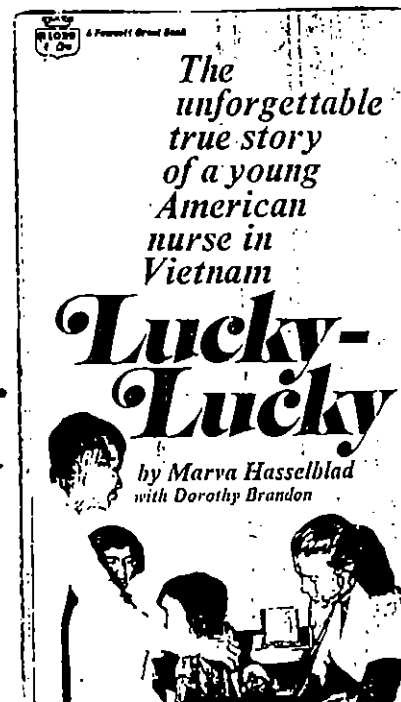
All items cited above underscore validity of Petroleum V. Nasby's famous line: 'It ain't so much that people are stupid, it's just that a lot of them know a lot of things that ain't true.'

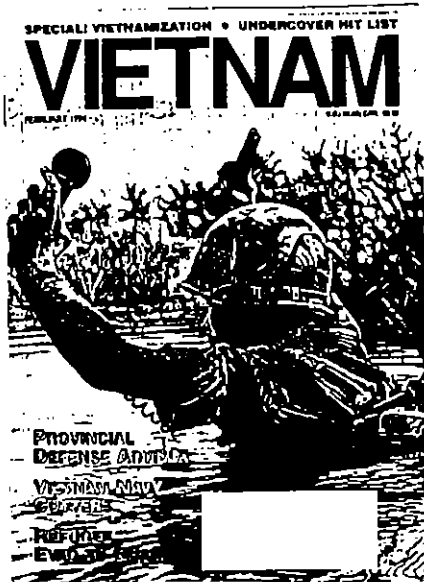
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COUNTERPART LITERATURE LUCKY, LUCKY, by Marva Hasselblad (published 1966) is a fascinating out of print work of a young nurse's 1962-1966 work in Nha Trang's Mennonite Hospital, and periodic visits to leprosariums in the Highlands. Hasselblad arrived in VN, having little idea what to expect, and was soon captivated the country, people, and her dedicated trainees and counterparts. As a registered nurse she could readily see how villagers were exposed to a multitude of tropical diseases, and how tenaciously they clung to their lives and families. Book is noteworthy not only for her observations in this area, but also for her immediately seeing profound impact of rapid US buildup, with concurrent shredding of VN social fabric. Interesting time capsule, and commendable story of a young woman who found herself very much at home in VN; she found nước mắm to be 'delicious'. Good read, if you can find it in used book store.





VIET NAM's Feb 94 issue contains several articles of interest, including a story on RVN's River Assault Groups (RAGs), written by member Ken Jacobsen, former C6 Ván to RAGs 31 and 32. Other features: 'Wining Hearts and Minds', by former PSA BG(Ret) Philip Bolté; 'Flight of the Phoenix(Program)', by Cd(ret.) William Wilson; Viet Namization (Việt Nam Hóa) of RVN Coast Guard by William Wells, USCG; and first hand account of RVN air strike into NVA, as experience by LTC Nguyễn Huy Cường, a Skyraider pilot. Members encouraged to follow Ken Jacobsen's example, and have their stories printed in 'Việt Nam'; SASE gets you their writer's guide. Subscription: 6 issues/year, \$18.95 from: Viet Nam; P.O. Box 377; Mt. Morris, Illinois; 61054-7959.

Counterpart Quote BG(ret.) Philip Bolté, as interviewed by Việt Nam Magazine: 'If we ever had to fight a war like that again, and I was in a position

of authority, that's the first thing I'd do (have US Bn commanders serve initial tour as an advisor). Before anyone got to command a US unit I'd have him wallow around as an advisor to learn what the war was all about.'

Works in Progress As mentioned earlier, member Peter Scott is researching a book on Hồi Chanh viêns who worked w/US C6 Ván in Tri Tôn Dist., Chau Đốc Prov., from 1968 to 1972, many if not most of whom have since been lost in history's void. Primary thrust of book is familiar to many: no apologies tendered for doing the right thing, with the right people, for the right reasons. Peter has tracked down Mr. Ha Son, a Khmer Krom (Cambodian living in VN), and other members of the Tri Tôn Adv Tm, yet still seeks whereabouts of Chau Got and other Scouts. The book is not a story of US involvement as much as it is to be the story of Chau Đốc's ethnic Cambodians and Việt Nameese who stood their ground, and then some. A portion of Peter's proposal reads: 'Chau Got and his team were loyal to the level of self sacrifice to one another, and to each of their American advisors. Chau Got and Con named their sons after Lt. Moran and me, not because we espoused democracy and capitalism, but because we adopted their ethics, respected them and their culture, and were loyal to them.'

It'd be nice if the literary agents could get excited about this one.

Reminder: New members may have missed earlier mention of TRAGIC MOUNTAINS, Dr. Jane Hamilton-Merritt's definitive history of Hmong involvement throughout the entire war. No other book like it. Will probably have to special order from your local book store, as popular interest of general reading public (such as it is) not sufficient to warrant in-your-face shelf merchandizing accorded latest Daniel Steele potboiler. Very informative book, without equal. Get it; read it.

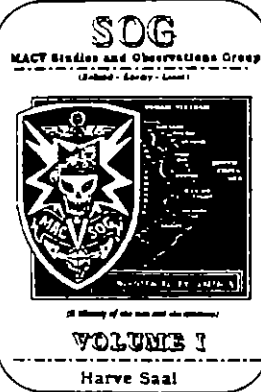
HISTORY OF MACV-SOG, by Harve Sall. Author is SF VN Vet, was present at Lang Vei SF camp during atk/overrun when NVA used armor for first time, and has, according to good sources, put heart and soul into this four volume set, rated as excellent in several reviews. Complete

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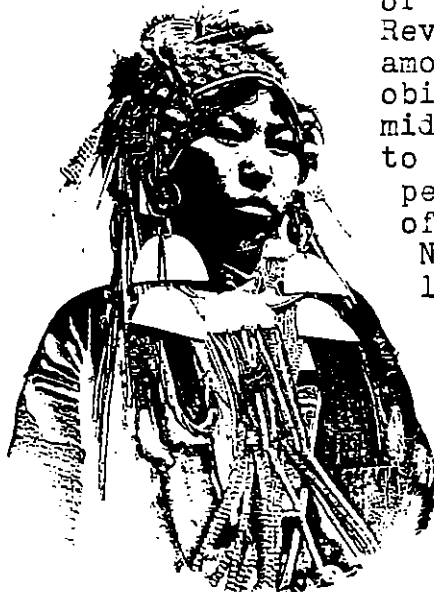
'One often meets his destiny in the road he takes to avoid it.'

-French adage

MACV-SOG(cont.) historical context, woven into specifics of MADV/SOG operations, and replete w/maps, photos and full documentation of subjects covered. Mr. Saal is to be commended for undertaking this project on his own, without commercial backing and, taking things one step further, dedicating proceeds to charity. Price might be a bit steep, yet one is unlikely to find this information in other single source. Member review invited and welcome.

 <p><b>SOG</b> MACV Studies and Observations Group <i>United - Every - Country</i></p> <p><i>the history of</i> <b>MACV-SOG</b> <i>MACV, Studies and Observations Group</i></p> <p>Presented by: Janis A. Jones, Senior Associate Jones Techno-Comm. (414) 466-0384</p> <p><b>VOLUME I</b> Harve Saal</p>	Why Vietnam? How did it begin? What really happened in the Gulf of Tonkin?			
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Akha tribe girl, evidenced by elaborate head wear. Akha found in northern Laos, adjoining areas of Burma, Thailand, China

LAOS UPDATE Longtime communist Phoumi Vongvichit died of heart disease in January. A member of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party since 1955, Phoumi was hardcore, and among top echelon of Pathet Lao leaders. New York Times obituary reads as if Phoumi were a postmaster in a small midwestern town, citing his involvement to bring 'peace' to Laos. No mention of fact that Laos had highest percentage of political refugees, after 'the war ended', of the three countries on the Indochinese peninsula. No mention that Lao King and Royal family died in labor camps, or that Lao-grown marijuana, over 100 tons of it, was seized by DEA in a freighter off US coastal waters. The usual. ....Two UN agencies report nearly 10% of 4.4 million Laotians face food shortages arising from poor rice harvests... Newmont Mining signs joint venture agreement w/Lao govt., allowing Newmont to search for gold deposits in Vientiane and Sayabouri provinces. .... Commander Grant McClure has been in frequent contact w/Dr. Jane Hamilton-Merritt, Gen(ret.) Vang Pao, and Vang Pobzeb of Lao Human Rights Council regarding ongoing forced repatriation of Hmong refugees in Thai refugee camps. Correspondent Marc Kaufman writes detailed article in 27 Feb 94 Philadelphia Inquirer magazine, citing several instances of forced repatriation, and complete refusal of powers that be to place any credibility on Hmong horror stories. Further, US govt not only supports forced repatriation, but is also paying for it. Kaufman cites instance of Hmong Vue Mai, who was abducted, and not seen since, upon his return to Laos. No governmental or UN agencies appear disposed to do anything beyond ending entire matter, whether Hmong are treated fairly or not. One 'spokesman', speaking to Kaufman off the record, stated 'They get three squares a day in the camps, they get medical care and their kids go to school. They won't get that in Laos, so they want to stay for a few more months of the good life.' (emphasis added).

Another unnamed official referred to leader of Lao Human Rights Council as a 'scumbag'(great moments in diplomacy, #74). One member of Congress, Rep. Thomas Foglietta(Pa.), responded to these reports, taking a delegation to Thai refugee camps, apparently in search of hard facts.. His group met with 19 individuals; one was a Hmong. Gets better(or worse). Another Congressional delegation visited Thailand in Jan. 94. They spoke with no Hmong, visited no refugee camps, and no resettlement areas in Laos, limiting their meetings to UN and US State. Dept. folks. Seeing little recourse, approximately 15,000 Hmong have settled around Wat Tham Krabok, a Buddhist monastery run by Monk Thra Chamreon Parnchand, who has accepted the Hmong as his 'children', many of whom will be killed if forced to return to Laos. Thai generals and politicians earlier threatened to forcefully move all Hmong out of Wat Tham Krabok, then backed off, no doubt realizing, as a US Embassy official stated, 'the visuals(TV coverage) would be terrible.'. Same official should acknowledge there will be no 'visuals' in Laos(or Kontum, or Hue, or Nguyễn Chí Thiện's prison cell, or...). All too typical example of form over substance. Doesn't matter what you do or do not do, but at all costs avoid 'bad visuals'. In related matters, former Deputy Minister of Science and Technology, Mr. Thongsouk Saysangkh, remains in Xam Khi Prison's hospitaliv suites, for the heinous crime of condemning a 'system of communist feudalism and Politburo dynasticism So much for life in a 'People's Republic'.

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CAMBODIAN UPDATE

Uneasy peace prevails, marred by periodic outbreaks of hostilities between Khmer Rouge and Cambodian govt. forces. KR stronghold of Palin overrun, ending lucrative KR gem and lumber business, for now. Thai business and military interests alleged to have supported KR in exchange for very



lucrative gem and timber contracts, and late 1993 raids on Thai warehouses along the border turned up hundreds of tones of ordnance and materiel, including several arty pieces. KR receipts from 'contract deposited in Bangkok banks, and reportedly sufficient to sustain KR operations for years. UN officials indicate clear-cut areas of Cambodia are stripped bare, resemble moonscape. Still and all, KR's lost out by boycotting last year's election, and troop strength appears to be shrinking. Other...US threatens to withhold aid if KR gain position in govt.; KR respond by US aid is 'poisonous', with intent to 'split Khmers or allow them to have peace.'. ... 30 nations pledge \$773.0 million to help Cambodia rebuild. ....Cambodia OKs presence of Mormon missionaries. ... 3 US attorneys train 25 Cambodian lawyers in basics of criminal defense procedures. Program funded by USAID. .. KR abduct US woman and three Cambodians, all with Swiss-based Food for the Hungry. Ransom terms not clearly stated in news reports. Abductees apparently still held at this writing.

CAMBODIA(cont.) All things considered however, Cambodian situation could be infinitely worse, and diminution of KR military and political capabilities is welcome.

COUNTERPARTS/TUONG HUU ĐÔNG NAM Á still lacks desired representation of Cambodian, Laotian counterparts(both Hmong and lowland Lao). We still need to gain greater exposure in the Việt Nameese community as well, yet can more readily remedy this situation given greater number of VN people here in States, and greater number of high circulation VN periodicals and publications. In addition, fewer Laotians and Cambodians served in counterpart roles. Nonetheless, our purpose dictates we reach into Lao/Cambodian communities. Check your local area, ask around, and spread the word.

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POW/MIA Controversy rises as trade embargo is lifted, with some asserting this will facilitate resolution of unanswered questions, and others arguing to the contrary, feeling political/economic leverage has been dissipated. In keep- with our stated policy, COUNTERPARTS/TUONG HUU ĐÔNG NAM Á subscribes to no school of thought, and yet insists and demands all facts be placed on the table. Individual members are opconned to dictates of their conscience. Debate over '1,205' document, found in Soviet archives, continues, with each allegation countered by equally

convincing countercharges, neither categorically refuting the other. Some allege 'resolution' of individual POW/MIA cases reflects desire to end the matter, rather than conclusively determine fate of missing personnel. Reporter Sydney Schanberg cites instance in which invest- igators placed full credibility on a VC diary which notes death of missing US in a firefight, yet ignores operation report of a sister element, several kilometers away, which made no mention of any activity or hearing noise any firefight generates. VC diary was con- cluded as sufficient evidence to close the case. Clinton's lifting of economic embargo greeted with scorn by some, cheers by others. Neither League of Families nor VVA agreed with decision, though US news media incorrectly reported latter favored the move. Four days after embargo lifted, Hà Nội handed over 12 sets of remains, an event of either fortuitous circumstance, or Pavlovian orchestration. 35 sets were returned in 1992, 67 in 1993, bring total to 584, only 281 of which has been positively IDed as US. LTC John C. Cray, CO of US POW/MIA office in Hà Nội says Hanoi's cooperation has been excellent, improving after embargo lifted, while MG Thomas Needham expressed opinion that Hà Nội could do more to facilitate matters. 2,234 now listed as MIA: 1,643 in VN; 505 in Laos; 78 in Cambodia; 8 in China. Teams have not yet reported success in search for remains of Rocky Versace, an SF advisor reportedly killed in a VC U-Minh Forest prison camp.

The following excerpt is of interest, if only because of its author, whose name is revealed on following page:

'NVN saw itself as victorious in the war, and sees itself as vict- orious again. When I was in Hanoi a few months back,.. the headlines were: 'US Will Cave in On Trade Embargo.' A confident Hanoi officia told me, when I asked about that, 'we have more determination than America did during the fighting, and we have more about this. Yes, America will cave-and soon,' he smiled. When I asked why he was so confident, he smiled again. 'Money!', he replied. 'Your businessmen want the money. And money moves America.' I left the room. I'll admit it, I was mad. Today, the deal is done. Hanoi gets what it

wants. And the headlines in Hanoi were: 'US caves on Trade Embargo.' And so it goes.

But before it goes any further, it is worth noting that there has not been a full, good-faith accounting for Americans still missing in action from the war. It is also worth at least footnoting that Việt Nam is not democratic state, it is still ruled by an old-line hard-line Marxist-Leninist dictatorial regime.'

Imagine what well-known individual might have expressed these thoughts. A POW/MIA activist? Bemedaled military figure? Right-wing ideologue? Wrong on all counts. None other than CBS anchor Dan Rather.

Most reporting on US NIA/POW avoids mention of de-facto POWs, those former government and military individuals who are still denigrated and maligned, at best, in their own homelands. Situation is improving, yet needs to improve even more. It's time.



MEMBERS IN MEMORIAM

SSGT Jerry Michael Weaver(SF)  
LTC Joseph Phillip Seymoe  
Dept. PSA, Hương Hóa Dist,  
Quảng Trị Prov.  
SSGT David A. Davidson  
SF\*

SFC Peter Joe Wilson(SF)\*  
Lê Trinh Trong(Kit Carson Scout)  
Trung Uy Nguyễn Thành Liêm  
Kiến Hòa(Bến Tre) RF/DFQ  
SGT Fred A. Gassman  
SF\*

\*MIA

Continuing list of Counterparts dying in labor camps...

Th/tá Nam  
ĐD/trưởng/Bn CO

Th/tá Bùi Nguyên Nghĩa  
BB/Inf

Ch/tướng Bùi Văn Nhu  
Tư lệnh phó(Dept. CO) CSQG/  
National Police

Th/tá Đỗ Kiến Nâu  
Tr/tá Nguyễn Văn Ngợi  
CB/Engr.

Th/tướng Lâm Thành Nguyên(Ret.)  
PGHH(Hoa Hao Buddhist)

Th/ta Nguyễn Tấn Ngọc  
Không rõ đơn vị/unit unk.

Th/tá Nguyễn Bá Nguyệt  
TĐT Pháo Binh/Arty

Tr/tá Đặng Xuân Nông  
Quân cụ/Ordnance

Th/tá Nguyệt  
GD xưởng cắt may QĐ  
Director, uniform factory

Tr/tá Ngũ  
Không rõ đơn vị/unit unk.

Tr/tá Nghinh  
Không rõ đơn vị/unit unk.

Đ/tá Hồ Hồng Nam  
VBQG CTCT/Đà Lạt Pol. War

Th/tá Quế  
TĐT An Ninh, PT.Vĩnh Long  
Bn CO, Vĩnh Long Airfield Sec.

Th/tướng Đoàn Văn Quảng  
TL LLDB/CG SF

Tr/tá Hậu Cẩm Pầu  
Thanh tra/Long Khánh/IG

Th/tá Nguyễn Văn Phê  
Không rõ đơn vị/unit unk.



MEMBERS IN MEMORIAM(cont.)

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| Đ/tá Võ Thành Phú<br>Công Binh/Engr.                      | Tr/ta Trần Quốc Quy<br>Công Binh/Engr.                                      |
| Tr/tá Tạ duy Quý<br>KQ/AF                                 | Đ/tá Phan Duy Quang<br>Tổng Thanh Tra/IG                                    |
| Th/tá Trần Hữu Phúc<br>QT Đức Phổ/Dist. Chief             | Tr/ta Phạm ngọc Quy<br>TĐT SĐ 18 PB/18th Div Bn CO, Arty                    |
| Th/tá Lê văn Quế<br>BB/Inf                                | Tr/tá Nguyễn văn Quý<br>PB/Arty   |
| Th/tá Nguyễn văn Phúc<br>TĐT Hậu Nghĩa/Bn CO Hậu Nghĩa Rf | Tr/tá Nguyễn Tấn Phước<br>CTCT Thừa Thiên/Pol War, Thừa Thiê                |
| Th/tá Phiếm<br>QT Quảng Trị/Dist Chief                    | QT Phát<br>Dist. Chief, Sóc Trăng(Ba Xuyên)                                 |
| Tr/tá Cao triều Phát<br>SĐ Dù/Airborne                    | Tr/tá Trần Sao<br>Đơn Vị Không rõ/unit unk                                  |
| Tr/tá Ngô văn Sang<br>Thanh tra/IG                        | Đ/tá Dương Phú Sáng<br>TL phó SĐ 5/Dept. CO, 5th Div                        |
| Th/tá Nguyễn văn Rũ<br>Đơn vị 101/Unit 101 JGS            | Đ/tá Phạm văn Sơn<br>Phòng 5/Civil Affairs                                  |
| Tr/tá Hạ Hữu Sinh<br>Không Quan/AF                        | Tr/tá Sáng<br>Phó TT Vĩnh Bình/Dept. Prov. Chi.                             |
| Tr/tá Sâm<br>Đơn vị không rõ/unit unk.                    | Th/tá Hồ Đức Sung<br>Cựu QT/Former Hậu Nghĩa Dist. Chi.<br>Dist. unk.       |
| Tr/tá Bùi văn Sâm<br>LĐ 33 BĐQ/Rgr                        | Đ/tá Đỗ Xuân Sinh<br>Quản Nhu/Logistics                                     |
| Tr/tá Trần văn Thông<br>TĐT SĐ 22/Regt CO, 22nd Div       | Tr/tá Nguyễn Xuân Tiêu<br>CHT PK Bắc Bình Định/CO, north<br>Bình Định Prov. |
| Tr/tá Nguyễn văn Trọng<br>SĐ 3 KQ/3rd AF Div              | Tr/tá Trịnh Tường<br>Đơn vị không rõ/Unit unk.                              |

Th/tá: Maj.; Tr/tá: LTC; Đ/tá: Col.; Ch/tướng: Aspirant Gen.; Th/Tướng: Brig. Gen. Note to new members: This continues our listing of those who died or were killed in labor camps, provided by member Bùi Quảng Lam. It is assumed that all with rank of Major and above had US counterpart, while those of Capt. and below did not. Hence, there are many Đại úys (Capt.s) and Tr/Th Uys(1st, 2nd Lt.s) excluded from our roster, except in those cases in which a known counterpart role is definitely established, as is the case w/Lt. Nguyễn Văn Liêm.

We have our own 'moving wall', on which all names are enscripted. An appropriate saying or memorial statement is still desired for our memorial. Member suggestion welcome, encouraged, and solicited.

Mike McMunn has volunteered to serve as archivist for our Members in Memoriam roster. We want, and our fallen comrades deserve, more than a mere list of names, and ask all members to submit comments and memories for inclusion in the roster. If you have submitted any names, or know of people on this roster, please send a brief, or

MEMBERS IN MEMORIAM(cont.)

lengthy if you prefer, description of the individual in question, including personal observations of character, personality traits, shared experiences, etc. A list of names is nice, but does not do justice to the people of whom we speak, and whom we remember. Your editor has been serving as archivist for this project, and is forwarding all material to Mike. It is appropriate that all of us take some time out, sit down, and describe fallen comrades, and the reasons we hold these memories so closely. Mike's address: 2310 Newberry St.; Williamsport, Pennsylvania; 17701. It is incumbent upon all of us to submit any/all comments and memories. No one else will; we must.

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**CÁC BẠN VIỆT CÔNG VÀ CÁN BINH TRONG BỘ ĐỘI BẮC VIỆT  
NẾU LŨ BỊ THƯƠNG TÍCH, SỞ PHÂN BAN SẼ RA SAO?**



Một cái chết đau đớn vì bị bỏ bê không ai sẵn sóc trong bệnh viện trong rừng thiếu thốn dụng cụ và thuốc men. HAY... được các bác sĩ Chính Phủ và Đồng Minh sẵn sóc và cứu sống trong những bệnh viện của Chính Phủ Việt Nam Cộng Hòa.

**BẠN CÓ THỂ CHỌN LẤY CÁI CHẾT ĐAU ĐỚN HOẶC SỰ SỐNG CÒN**

Chiêu Hồi pamphlet. 'Better to chiêu hồi and get medical care than die in the jungle.'

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New member 'Doc' Turnbull saw the name Lương Đình Chi in SITREP #19's Members In Memoriam Roster. He writes:

'I wondered if Lương Đình Chi is the same Chi who was Dist. chief in Đất Đỏ, Phước Tuy Prov. I remember him well, from my tour as senior medical advisor in Đất Đỏ. A year and several months in VN had provided me with some fluency in VN, though Đại úy Chi spoke English fluently and needed no interpreter. As we came to know each other, Đại úy and I became thicker than thieves, and he began to call me his son, eventually asking I relay his orders to supt. units, including fire missions to the arty section. He taught me how to use 'command emphasis' - 4 letter words. Later, one of our elements called for arty, and Đại úy Chi had me relay info to the arty people. Five, then ten minutes passed and nothing happened, and Đại úy asked me to check with the gunners. I rapidly ran back to the gun emplacement, asking what the delay was all about. The Lt. looked at me and said he did not take orders from US advisors. I replied that the order came directly from Đại úy Chi. The Lt. did not believe me. I immediately reported this to Đại úy Chi and he exploded, saying the \$@%#"-ing &@?/# LT. had better %\$@?\*-well fire the mission, now. He yelled so loud the Lt. and his gunners could hear him. I ran back to the emplacement and found the Lt. glaring at me. They fired the mission right then and there.

I thought that was the end of the story, until a week later when the DSA, Maj. Philip told me I was to report to the Province Chief.

Doc Turnbull Recollection(cont.) Needless to say, it was highly unusual for a medical advisor to be called in by the Prov. Chief. Nobody knew what it was all about. A few days later, the DSA, PSA, Đại Úy Chi and I reported to Prov. HQ. I was left to wait and sweat it out while the others met with the Prov. Chief. After 15 minutes had passed, Đại Úy Chi came out and bid me enter. I saluted the Prov. Chief, who then asked me to describe what took place, which I did in both VN and English. He complimented me on my language skills, and I replied that my Đại úy 'Dad' had taught me everything. The Prov. Chief then said I should be more tactful and diplomatic, and that the Arty Bn. Cdr wanted me sent home for insulting his men. Then he said he was going to send me home to Đất Đỏ. On the way back, we stopped at a noodle stand for some lunch, and discussed how I might be more tactful in the future. The Prov. Chief, if he'd so desired, could have me shipped out then and there.

Yes, I knew Lương Đình Chi and valued his friendship. Đại úy 'Dad' and the team and I had many later adventures, and I stayed on through two more DSAs. When I finally left, Chi held a two day party, which gave us all tremendous hangovers. He also schooled me in the military profession, helping me in my 26 year career. Thanks Đại úy 'Dad', a toast to you, lest we forget those who made us what we are today.'

Thx to Doc for submitting his story. We can't be sure that the Lương Đình Chi cited in SITREP #10 Members in Memoriam is the very same Lương Đình Chi described here, but will do our best to find out.

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NICE THINGS TO KNOW DEPT. COUNTERPARTS/TUÔNG HỮU ĐÔNG NAM Á continues to receive anonymous donations from members who request their names be left out. One member offered to pay Nguyễn Quy An's airfare from SE Asia. Another donated \$100.00 to the general fund. Another paid for several buses at the upcoming reunion. Another donated \$125.00 set of SF magazine reprints to be raffled. As requested, you will remain unheralded, but not unthanked. Cảm ơn vạn bội.

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MAJ. NGUYỄN QUY AN Update: Maj. An was finally allowed to come to US, as mentioned in last SITREP. His status is still 'humanitarian parole', w/one year visa. Simply put, if INS wants to kick him out next year, they will, unless pressure is brought to bear. Maj. An's status as a double amputee, and recipient of Distinguished Flying Cross, which may be upgraded to a Silver Star, would hardly enhance his social standing in VN, under present govt. Letters are needed. Col. Noboru (USAF, Ret.), still leading the fight, and building file. Send him a letter which he can present to INS. Address: P.O. Box 174; Moffett Field, California; 94035. Maj. An was profiled in recent 'Crusaders' TV program, w/program reporters asking presidential aide about An's fate. Word from White House: INS will let him stay, without adding that ink is dry on paperwork. Do not assume common sense will prevail.

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ACQUARIAN AGE POSTPONED Freedom House reports that more people lived under dictatorial rule in 1993 than previous year, first time an annual decline has occurred since 1989. 19% of world population now lives in a free society, lowest level since 1976. Việt Nam and Laos are among countries without freedom. Cambodia is 'partly free'. Meanwhile, retired Gen. E.C. Meyer reports that US military is 'plagued by pockets of unreadiness', arising from force level reductions.

LANGUAGE PROGRAM Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute (SEASSI) to hold instruction program in following languages: VN, Lao, Khmer, Thai, Hmong, Burmese, Indonesian. Each an accredited nine week intensive course. Contact SEASSI; Center for Southeast Asian Studies; 4115 Helen C. White Hall; 600 N. Park St.; UW-Madison; Madison, Wisconsin; 53706. Landline: 608 263-1755.

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OTHER REUNIONS Tm 162 -Red Markers/Society of VN Airborne; 23-26 June; Ft. Benning. Contact: Otis Amick; 6060 Canterbury Dr.; Columbus, Georgia; 31902(404 323-4028). . . . . 11th ACR; 6-10 July; Colorado Springs, Colorado. Contact: Dave Tessier; 4395 Nonchalant Circle North Colorado Springs, Colorado; 80917(719 591-1824). . . Special Operations Association; 28 Sept-2 Oct; Las Vegas. Contact: Ralf Miller 7035 Hidden Hills North; San Antonio, TX; 78244, by 14 Sept. Guadalcanal Veterans Association; 15-17 Sept; Richmond, Virginia. Contact: Marshal Chaney; 7615 Cynthia Dr.; Indianapolis, Indiana; 46227(Like COUNTEFPARTS/THDNA, GCV is a multi-service, multi-national association). Special Forces Association; 21-26 June; Cleveland. Contact/info: Jim Cole 216 238-6027. 101st Airborne; 6-9 July; Nashville. Ivan Worrell; 101st Airborne Assn.; P.O. Box 586; Sweetwater, TN; 37874(615 337-4103). Tân Sơn Nhứt Assn.; 15-17 July; Evansville, Indiana. Don Parker; 524 S. Gibson St.; Princeton, Indiana; 47670(Please use SASE); 812 385-4422. Dedication of Lansing, Michigan Veteran Memorial(co-sponsored by Chicago SE Side VN Vets); 5 June, and Veterans Appreciation Days, same location. Info: Tom Lubarda; 708 895-1321.

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MARTHA RAYE, or 'Col. Maggie', finally received her long and well deserved Presidential Medal of Freedom, yet her health problems mount, forcing amputation of lower leg. Cards/letters to: Martha Raye; 1153 Roscomare Rd.; Los Angeles, California; 90024. Do it. Thx to Brian Zawacki for sending this in.

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LETTERBOX 'It is a good idea to print articles and stories so that young Viet Nameese will appreciate their elders' sacrifices during the War. I trust all goes well with Tương Hữu Đồng Nam Á, and am enclosing a modest donation along with hope that your association will continue to provide an essential service for veterans'of the War.'

Sincerely, Cao Thanh Huy, Editor, 'Horizons'.

-Thx and cảm ơn vạn bội Huy. Your support is most appreciated. (Note: 'Horizons' is a quarterly(\$14.00/year) on VN thought/experience in US. In both English and VN. Some brilliant and diverse writing by some sharp people. 3245 S. White Rd., #202; San Jose, California; 95148-4056.

'I've been trying to locate members of the 42nd RVN Rgr Bn for some time. I was in VN '64-'65 with the 42nd and Adv Tm 51. We were stationed in Bạc Liêu, but spent a lot of time in Cà Mau, Sóc Trăng, and Chương Thiện. I'm sending in my membership dues, and look forward to being a member. I'd appreciate anything you can do to help me locate some of the guys I served with. My ads in Viet Nameese newspapers have not yet produced results. Looking forward to my first reunion with everyone.'

-David M. Williams

-Thx for coming on board Dave. We'll try to help find your 42nd Rgr Bn buddies.

All for now. Best wishes to all for a warm Spring.

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