

CO VAN MY/COUNTERPARTS  
Spring 89 Sitrep(Issue #A+)

Back on line here. Good response to last sitrep, and thanks to all for thoughts expressed and efforts extended. Space limitations do not permit inclusion of all member submitted material/info, but good chunk of same is found herein.

Henceforth, will number sitreps(this is fourth, including ballot sitrep) to establish some semblance of order. This issue unique in several respects. It will be sent to all who expressed interest, whether or not they've completed a ballot and/or subsequently remained in contact. Note small box in upper right hand corner of this page. If there is a blue felt pen check, you'll need to advise of continued interest. Postcard will do, just to let us know you're still on line.\*  
Roster: Roster is included, listing only those who filled out an application form, and sent it in with OK to list name. Two members have requested confidentiality at this point, and this wish is respected. Their credentials are solid. For this reason, roster is partial, yet will still enable members to begin linking up. Logos: Logo submittals also included. Some are conceptual, some are camera-ready. B/W photocopy does not do justice to those w/color. They are designated A, B, C.... Send your choice in, with option for 'none of the above' if so inclined. We'll go with majority vote. Certificates: No designs submitted yct. Kindle fires of fertile, imaginative minds. This should be a distinctive and colorful piece, to be hung with pride.

\* SEE NEXT PAGE. SASE  
SENT TO JOE SAITTA WILL DO.

#### CURRENT SITUATION SUMMARY

A. Officers: still no president, treasurer, or nominations for these positions. Made it this far without same, so will continue on until such time as officers/leaders materialize or impressed.

B. 'Treasurer' report: Donations to date, from 6 members: \$155.00, of which one noble soul can take credit for \$70.00. Additional \$75.00 has been donated but these checks are returned as my bank has problems accepting same, payable to Co Van My/Counterparts.  
Expenditures:

100 copies of by-laws/ballot application	\$92.66
Postage for all mailing(rounded)	\$163.00
	<u>\$255.66.</u>

'Deficit' is \$95.66. Call it another donation; we're even.

C. 'Editor': New editor coming on line, so this sitrep can get out on time, at regular frequency. Joe Saitta(P.O. Box 102; Sterling, Virginia; 22170) will be handling sitrep henceforth. Joe has 'been here, done this', and is no stranger to newsletters. Better

yet, Joe has an electronic letter banger, far superior to this 30 year old manual, and a breeze for addressing mail. This is one of the critical mass elements we need to get rolling. Member info vital to sitrep, so please fire it off to Joe.

To continue receiving Sitrep, send 4(four) self-addressed, stamped envelopes(SASE)(25¢ postage on standard 4" x 9" envelope) to Joe by 30 April, 1989.

This approach permits continued Sitrep publication/ mailing until bank account/treasurer are on line. Joe's very commendable offer includes willingness to absorb other marginal costs in addition to time/effort expended. Send SASEs ASAP.

Other officers: Dave Berman has offered to help out with Historian position. Immediate requirements remain to be determined, but Dave can contribute quite a bit by breaking trail. Thanks Dave..

Mail drop: Looks like a permanent PO<sup>box</sup> is in the works. This will greatly facilitate matters, dovetailing nicely with increased sitrep publication frequency, and permitting resumption of publicity efforts. Confirmation forthcoming.

### Things available...

Member Scott C.S.Stone has offered to send, free, on first come, first serve basis, copies of his book WRAPPED IN THE WIND'S SHAWL, a tragic depiction of refugee situation along Thai border as well as islands with camps of boat people. Well narrated and illustrated with B/W photos. It's been out of print for several years, after retailing at \$8.95. Copy has been on my shelf for some time now. Scott has about 10 copies, and says ~~he~~ will fire them off 'no charge' but courtesy dictates at least a couple of bucks for postage, etc. Only fair. Scott was a brown water naval advisor, and author of COASTS OF WAR, mentioned last sitrep. Scott's at 51 Ahuwale Place; Makawao, Hawaii; 96768.

Member Frank Brown has compiled a bibliography of POW/MIA literature, available for \$3.00, pp., from: F.C. Brown; Branch Clinic, Box 7; US Naval Air Station; FPO San Francisco; 96654. Frank also a naval advisor(two tours). He did not request mention of bibliography in sitrep, yet felt it deserved mention. If you write Frank, encourage him to flesh out his manuscript of first advisory tour and get the damn thing published.

Jim Vincent, Junkfleet advisor số một, mailed in information on two interesting publications. First one is Indochina Chronology, edited by Douglas Pike(author of VIET CONG; PAVN; WAR, PEACE & VIET CONG). Quarterly summary of events, developments in SE Asia; books/publications on subject. Informative and useful. It's available 'gratis to professionals in the field and to libraries and research centers'. Nothing is really free, so not fair to request if only with passing interest, but if you have compulsion to stay abreast of VN/Laotian/Cambodian matters, drop them a card. Sample articles culled from 36 page Spring 89 issue:(oops, no room, see top next page). Address is:

Indochina Chronology  
Douglas Pike, editor  
Institute of East Asian Studies  
University of California  
Berkeley, California 94720



Papers Received. Unpublished papers received this quarter by the Indochina Archive. (Persons seeking copies should contact the author.):

\* "Re-education — North and South," by Ginetta Sagan (Exec. Director, Aurora Foundation), eb. 6, 1988. Preliminary draft of a paper detailing grim conditions in the re-education camps in Vietnam, to be published this spring in a report on human rights violations in Vietnam since 1975, by the Aurora Foundation, 177 Toyon Road, Atherton, CA 94025.

"Letter From Danang," by Donald Kirk (USA Today) in FEER Nov. 17. Foreign war correspondent Kirk revisits Central Vietnam which he knew well in the Vietnam War days. In Danang he finds the Third U.S. Marine Headquarters is now the Nguyễn Ai Quốc Academy and that the former U.S. Consulate has become a "war atrocities" museum where daily the film "Platoon" is screened for visitors. In Hue he reminisces with ex-Viet Cong and PAVN officers who are now assigned to draw up programs to attract foreign visitors.

Second publication: Human Rights Violations (political, economic, religious, etc.) Viet Nam 1987 (not known if still available or if superseded by newer edition). Cost unk. Put out by Viet Nam Committee on Human Rights; 25 rue Jaffeux; 92330 Gennevilliers; Franch (Tel-Paris: 47.93.10.81). They're active in campaigns on behalf of boat people, political prisoners, rights of organized labor. No info on publication frequency or whether they restrict themselves to one-time-only editions on specific matters/developments. Material Jim sent provides detailed info on control measures used to smother dissent in VN. Nice place. Accompanying letter said 'The 500 dong note brought back memories, but the Ruby Queen spot put a smile on my face. I could almost see the pink color of the pack. The purple pack of Bastos were cheaper and my counterpart smoked and so I smoked them too. .... I lived the Spartan lifestyle of the Junkmen (coastal junk fleet for which Jim was an advisor), ate the same meals, and actually loved it—must be a little crazy to those who don't understand.'

Thanks to Jim for this info and letter.

Another member sent a summary of efforts to locate former counterpart, still believed to be in VN. Names deleted per writer's request, but procedure was initiated by writing congressman, requesting help from US govt. Neither Dept. of Army nor State Dept. were able to do anything, though StateDep suggested sending letter to VN Permanent Mission to UN (at 20 Waterside Plaza, Apt. 293; NY, NY; 10010). Decision was made to cease all formal attempts at this point, with all indications being that such inquiries might cause harm/harassment to former counterpart. It's going to be virtually impossible to safely contact anyone in-country, and there is little hope other than info networks among veterans community, and this one in particular.

Another member received first hand knowledge, from someone that has since left VN, that a former mutual friend emerged from reeducation camps as a broken man of marginal sanity. Fate/whereabouts not presently known.

Recent news item: As of 14 March, 1989, all six members of ASEAN will refuse to accept anymore refugees for third country resettlement. No indication whether this means forcible ejection or holding for formal forced repatriation (as recently done in Hong Kong). See accompanying profiles of former counterparts in refugee camps (courtesy of Paul Brubaker, xeroxoplagerized from 'The Drop'). Things are unlikely to improve.

Continuing in related matter: Amnesty International's Dec 88 'Freedom Writers' suggests letter be sent to Laotian govt. on behalf of Khamphan Pradith, former Laotian civil servant and poet, imprisoned since 1975 for his political beliefs. He is reportedly in ill health and has not seen wife/family since 1975. Send letters to-----next page----

Premier Kayson Phomvillan  
Vientiane, Laos (\$0.45 postage)

cc to Laotian Embassy; 2222 'S' St., NW; Washington, D.C.; 20008.

These letters can work. Death sentences for two Buddhist monks, Thich Tue Sy and Thich Tri Sieu were recently commuted (to 20 years in prison), after world public opinion brought to bear on Hanoi, via formal government protests (US, Australia, France, et al).

Here's one more: Nguyen Thi Nghia, lay member of An Quang Buddhists, is in slammer for 'counter revolutionary activities'. Hanoi dissolved An Quang in Nov 81, but is having more trouble eradicating ideas/philosophy/religious beliefs. Send letter to: Vo Chi Cong; Chairman of State Council; Hoi Dong Nha Nuoc; Socialist Republic of VN; cc to SRV delegation at UN (address above) would not hurt matters any.

DEGA ASSOCIATION: last sitrep sent to Degas; no response to date. They are aware that Dega Assn. has open invite for association membership. Sitreps will continue to be sent.

Other Dega matters: Member Dave Berman spoke with Kay Reibold, who visited Highlands last year, stopping in at Jarai and Bahnar villages. Ms. Reibold called clerk typist asking if we'd include mention of Medical Air Project in Central Highlands, designed to bring a modicum of health care/supplies to Montagnard villages and people. Told Ms. Reibold that I could not and would not speak on behalf of members, but would put the word out, while adding that some/many would be skeptical as to whether any benefit would actually get to people for whom it was intended (with good reasons for such doubts). Ms. Reibold came across well, and project appears to be free of any subdued political agenda. Aid program is being handled by Dr. Raleigh Bailey and Pierre K'Briuh; Lutheran Family Services, Inc.; 131 Manley Avenue; Greensboro, North Carolina; 27407. Write if interested. Ms. Reibold is completing a film of her visit/experiences; she's at 4108 Yates Pond Road; Raleigh, North Carolina; 27606 (919-737-334 (day)). Lutheran Family Services Inc. at 919 855-0390.

CONVENTION POSSIBILITIES: hue and cry for get-together is rising, and with good reason. Problem is minimizing time/distance factor for most members. Two gatherings, one on east coast, one on west, would accomplish this to some extent. Two possibilities for west region: Denver or San Jose (has large VN population, many prospective members, and VN restaurants). And east coast.....? In absence of formal leadership, spontaneous initiative will do just fine. Look at your roster, contact other members, improvise, etc. To test the waters for west coast people: How about San Jose end of September/early October?

This is good opportunity to begin using 'letters to editor'.

Member suggestion: Write Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee and request a commemorative stamp be issued two years hence commemorating airborne troops on 50th anniversary of this qualification. Powers that be have not shown enthusiasm for the idea, despite merits of honoring those who have served with this qualification. Call local postmaster for address of postmaster general, drop card to Congressman, and write  
Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee  
United States Postal Service  
475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20260. Thanks to Paul Brubaker for info.



**Thach-Nhuong,** (Called Nhuong) Refugee #TC163830-SN#6615. Born: 10/12/39 at Xinh-Binh. Arrived in Refugee Camp: 13/3/86. Communist Prison Time: 6 years. Former rank: 1st Lt. Former duty assignments include: Commanded 1st Co. 211th BN Mike Force B-56 Tu Duc-1966 Ho-Ngoc-Tao B-36 C-3 Bien Hoa 1967 B-40 Air Boats Cao Lanh 1968 Numerous A-Camps 1966-70, 1970 to 1975 Cambodia. Americans recalls working with (Phonetic): Capt. "Seven", Sgt. "Enniss", Lt. "Becker", Sgt. "Backer". Family: Wife & 2 babies in camp.



**Chau-Chhoun** -(Called ?) Refugee #TC163707-SN6261. Born 5-9-44 at Chau-Doc. Arrived in refugee camp: 22-1-86. Communist prison time: 1 month. Former rank: Pvt. Former duty assignments include: Mike Force B-40, C-4 Can Tho, 1967-70, then wounded. Americans recalls working with (phonetic): Maj. "Marchett", Sgt. Maj. "Mac", "Coplun", "Khem", Medic "Lott" who lost 1 foot from a mine."



**Ly-A-Duong**-(Called "C") (A Nung Gurad) Refugee #TC (Just arrived no number yet) Born: 1/10/44 in Saigon's 11th Dist. (Cholon) Arrived in refugee camp: Oct 1986. Communist prison time: None. Former rank: Pvt. Former duty assignments include: Danang Mike Force (Phu Bai) 1966-68. MACV 42, 1968-71. Served with SF and Australians. Americans recalls working with: Mr. "Bond", a police advisor an Austrlian with 1 thumb tip cut off. Family: Apparently none in camp. (The Australian members of SOAR will possibly get their group to sponsor this man)



**Danh-Many**-(Called ?) Refugee #TC162667-SN##6496. Born: 15-3-18 at Soc Trang. Arrived in Refugee Camp: 25-4-86. Communist prison time: 5 years. Former rank: Captain. Former duty assignments include: LLDB Camp Commander at Bu Dop & Loc Ninh among others. 1970-75 Asst. Commander 47th BN Mike Force in Cambodia. Americans recalls working with (phonetic): Maj. "Bonner" Many other but not sure of names. Family: Apparantly none with him. An old man now but appears to be in good physical shape, and definately wants to get out of the camp and to the U.S.



**Chau-Soc-Khen**-(Called Khen) Refugee #TC163443-SN5567. Born: 5/10/52 at Chau Doc. Arrived in refugee camp: 10/4/85. Communist prison time: 14 days. Former rank: Pvt. Vice Squad Leader. Former duty assignments include: 1968-70, LLDB Ba-Xoai Tast Force U.S.A. 1970 became VN Ranger. Americans recalls working with (phonetic): Capt. "McDonald and others. Family: Wife & 2 children.



**Nguyan-Van-Nhuc**-(Called ) Refugee #TC161862-SN#756. Born: 20/3/38 in Saigon. Arrived in refugee camp: 26/3/83. Communist prison time: 3 days at 10th Dist. S. Former rank: Captain. Former duty assignments include: Not LLDB but almost 17 years ARVN S-3 Officer of their Ranger Group High Ranger Command APO 4205. NOW: Is a Camp Section Chief and Head of the Camps Former Veteran Association. Understands English quite well. Americans recalls working with: Doesn't recall SF.

Former RVNAF personnel in refugee camps.

## AMERASIAN ISSUES:

*"Hanoi agrees in principle to your proposal for the establishment of a reception center in Ho Chi Minh City."*

The telex from the Vietnamese capital was read to me over the phone on September 13 by a representative of Vietnam's ambassador to the United Nations in New York City. And it represented a diplomatic breakthrough which has taken years to develop.

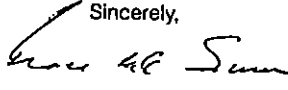
The Foundation's proposal to the Vietnamese government calls for us to operate an Amerasian Reception Center in Ho Chi Minh City, formerly Saigon, site of the ongoing interview process to get Vietnamese Amerasians and their immediate family members out of Vietnam. These people have been making pilgrimages to Ho Chi Minh City ever since the departure process was resumed in October 1987 after an 18-month bureaucratic stalemate between the U.S. and Vietnamese governments.

For many Amerasians, the journey to Ho Chi Minh City is one-way. They leave their homes, use whatever monetary resources they have for transportation and surrender

their ration cards when they announce their intentions to leave Vietnam. While they wait to be interviewed, to learn of the results and, hopefully, to see their names on a flight manifest, they often live in the streets, without basic services. Our proposed center would house up to 400 people at a time as they work through the departure process and would provide food, medical care, functional English language training and counseling. The Vietnamese authorities have invited a Foundation delegation to Hanoi to discuss the implementation of our proposal.

The U.S. State Department may wish to settle this issue government to government, so our proposal may not reach fruition. But we will meet the Vietnamese, get a first-hand assessment of the Amerasians' situation and do everything in our power to help the children of America who are still suffering as a result of the Vietnam war.

Sincerely,



Grace C.K. Sum  
Executive Director

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Amerasian children have been and will be trickling in. Check with local charities (Tolstoy Foundation, Catholic Social Services) if possibility exists that you can put in some volunteer time. Some of these kids are in need of, and often very responsive to, friendly and firm guidance. They've never gotten a break and they deserve one now. Some are going to prove hard to work with, yet others are very receptive to advice from someone who is willing to give them the time of day, which they did not get in VN.

VN WAR MUSEUM: Member Galen Hoover (40th and 45th Riverine Interdiction Div.) is Asst. Director of Public Relations for National VN War Museum, P.C. Box 1965; Gettysburg, Pennsylvania; 17325. Scheduled to open in July, 1990. Write Galen for more info.

Also: Viet Nam War Veterans Historical Society, 23A Jerusalem Ave.; Hicksville, NY; 11801. Annual membership is \$15.00. Involved with symposiums, conferences and is assembling a speaker's bureau. Looks to be a good outfit, along with VN Museum (with which it is not affiliated).

Other Advisor Books: MR. POP (about Edgar Buell, USAID (w/Hmong)/Laos, by Don Schanche (out of print); SOC TRANG ODYSSEY, Dr. Carl Bartecchi (medical officer in Soc Trang (AKA Ba Xuyen) Prov.; TRACT OF TIME (Fiction), Smith Hempstone (advisor-CIA type-sold out by Saigon politics); NO GREATER LOVE, James Donahue (day with the Mobile Guerrilla Force in VN (hell of a day, they're almost overrun); BROWN WATER, BLACK BERETS, LCDR Tom Cutler (brown water navy in VN, w/good sections on naval advisors); ADVICE AND SUPPORT, the Early Years, US Army in VN, 1941-1960, Ronald Spector (decent history of advisory effort in context of this period). NEW US GPO book: ADVICE AND SUPPORT: THE FINAL YEARS, 1965-1973, available from US GPO/ Washington; D.C.; 20402-9325. Hardbound (S/N 008-029000157-8), \$25.00; paperbound (S/N 008-029-00158-6), \$21.00. Might want to write first, as flyer says to use order form and who knows what they'll do without it?

Quote from history: "Never have so many lies been written about so small a country". Dr. Phan Quang Dan, former Saigon Minister of Social Affairs. Dr. Dan's son, using his father's position, could probably have avoided military service. He was KIA.

Thanks to Paul Brubaker for  
sending in this dragon

Available Products

Bien Hoa Productions  
Box 56, Fayetteville, Arkansas 72707  
Has nice reproduction poster of SVN  
Ranger, M-60 in hand, taken from the  
original which made its appearance  
after 1969 mini-Tet battles. 11" x  
17". Heavy stock paper w/VN language  
motivational message. \$6.00 plus

\$1.00 postage. BHP also has interesting catalog  
of odds/ends of VN miscellanea. Ask for it if you order  
poster(catalog number for which I do not have). If requesting  
catalog only, send 50¢. Have copy of poster-it's B/W, and  
feel it's worth the price. See admittedly poor xerox of poster  
below.

B/W 20" x 24" print of Le Loi St. in My Tho(though could pass for  
other VN towns). By Brown Water Navy VN Vet Dick Strandberg. A  
few copies left at \$15.00 pp. Xeroxing does not do this justice  
either, but for lack of a better method:

Dick's at 2435 E. Butte; Mesa,  
Arizona; 85203.



Flash message as of this writing: Member Jim Barker is returning to VN  
Saturday, 1 April, in conjunction with aforementioned Dega Medical Project.  
Will be there about two weeks. Jim speaks VN fluently so should be interesting;  
Canh Sat An Ninh(security police) may have fits. Upon returning, Jim will  
be rounding up some members in San Jose area VN community, and will probably  
provide summary article for Sitrep on experiences/impressions from trip, and  
is better prepared than some, having heard much from refugees in the past  
years, including several months in Philippine camps as interviewer. Stay  
tuned.

Disorganization rears its ugly head: Another publication with good coverage  
of situation in SE Asia, particularly regarding Hanoi occupation of Cambodia/  
Laos and status of civil/human rights in all three Indochina countries. Also  
focuses on Afghanistan. Edited by Harry Hayes(USMC, VN), and Phan Thanh Huy.  
Latest issue indicates 28,000 boat people reached havens in 1987(most since  
1982); first nine months of 1988 number rose to over 37,000. Also article  
on VN farmer/peasant discontent over Hanoi land policies. Quarterly  
pp. journal, \$20.00/year. If you have spare change, it's worth it.

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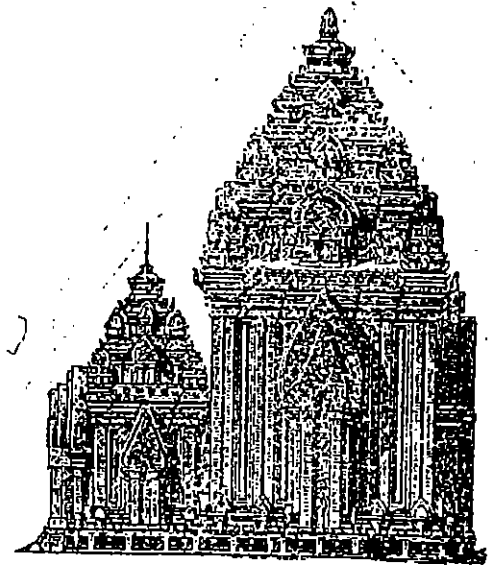
OK to send standard US check

Dega gardening project: Last sitrep mentioned request by member of Dega community in North Carolina for back issues of 'Organic Gardening' or other literature related to small plot farming. Action taken by one of our members to bring this about and provide Degas with means to bootstrap themselves. Every little bit helps.

OK, that about wraps it up for this issue. Remember to drop a postcard to either Joe Saitta or present clerk-typist if there's a blue felt pen check on top of first page. Need to know if you're still on line. If by-laws were too cumbersome you need only send in application form. If lost, so advise (this location) and another will be sent.

Cham Temple (Po Nagar)  
just outside of Nha Trang

Newsletter goes quarterly as of next issue, and will require *your* SASEs SENT TO JOE. Those having artistic talents are encouraged to submit certificate designs. Perhaps combined with one of logos submitted herein?



Use roster to link up with others in your general AO. We've about got this thing wired to move and spontaneous initiative helpful in accelerating the process. I'll be coordinating with Joe during transition process and will still handle mail/suggestions sent here, helping Joe as much as possible. Will draw up info flyer for future membership inquiries, and east of handling same. No magic game plan yet, or miraculous means of executing same, but will keep doing whatever needs to be done and we'll get there. Somebody shanghai a president and treasurer.

Special thanks to J.C. Fisher for his outstanding recruitment efforts. Once this operation is electronically mechanized we can in-process the people he's got lined up. Cám ơn rất nhiều J.C.

DEROS speech: Apologies extended for shortcomings/irregularity of Sitrep. Work eats up 50-60 hours/week, before getting into motor pool and post engineer chores, and then playing DI for a 13 year old son. Ain't easy to stay up with things. Very sincere thanks extended to all for your efforts, letters, info, etc. As a number of you have said, it's sometimes hard to find a place in vet groups whose members do not share the common experiences. God forbid you should ever say you actually liked nuoc mam; hte pho, hu tieu, xoi lap xuong, nem; drank ruou de, ruou nep than, ruou Ong Gia or nuoc rao ma (you may not remember the names); or smoked Ruby Queens, Bastos, Aras, or Capstans. 5'5 mebbe? There should be some very interesting discussions and recollections at first gathering. Anyway, letters/thoughts sent in beats the hell out of watching 'China Beach'.

Spectrum of experience of members is very wide and diverse. Chau Doc in '66 cannot be compared with Tay Ninh in '68 or Pleiku in '72. Some members worked with thoroughly competent counterparts, and some did not, and we'll no doubt here some interesting stories from host country counterparts in the future. Yours truly encountered a couple of would-be advisors of such



questionable character and competence that I would not let my pigs(if I had any) eat their garbage. All too overlooked however(except by many members of this assn.), is that many were, and are, impressed with the people with whom they served, while acknowledging very real problems existing elsewhere. In any case, it's all part of a segment of history that is typically overlooked by those 'learning' about VN via movies, TV and a number of rather stupid books.



Interesting evaluation by US advisor who accompanied ARVN 1st Div. elements on mission to knock out NVA rocket positions: "I was totally impressed and dazzled by the way they operated and by their daring in doing things.....This was the thirteenth operation like this that this guy (the ARVN Bn. XO) had led. You're talking about people that are total experts at what they're doing, who have done so many hair-raising things already and are still doing it. I was blown away by this whole operation." Operation in question involved instant reaction to hard intel, night march(no airlift, no arty prep), and pre-dawn assault on NVA position. Advisors and counterparts can best explain why some units evolved so well, while others did not. (Quote is of statement by Richard Stevens(four years in VN), from unpublished master's thesis by Howard Feng, University of Hawaii, 1987).

OK, enough pontification. With rosters in hand, probable permanent P.O. Box, and streamlined Sitrep operation, we can begin to pick up speed. Perceived obstacles are far less than encountered in VN/SE Asia, so less-than-exciting organizational preliminaries will be accomplished. Contact others in your area, talk things over, nominate yourself for president/treasurer/etc., and keep plugging along. We're not calling in final defensive fire so mistakes won't have serious consequences.

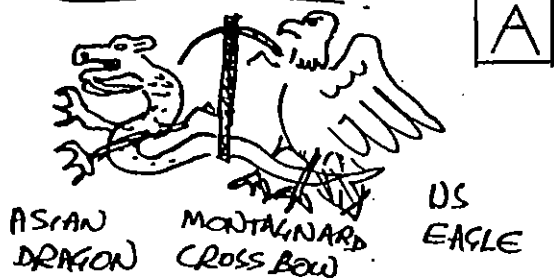
Last Minute News Items received after all above typed out.....

Healing and Reconciliation Retreat for VN Vets, conducted by Thich Nhat Hanh, 9-14 April, \$250.00 w/meals/lodging. Thich(Venerable) Nhat Hanh is a Buddhist monk, poet and teacher. Info from: Reconciliation and Healing Retreat; La Casa de Maria; 800 El Bosque Road; Santa Barbara, California; 93108. With short fuse on this one, you might want to call: 805-969-5031.

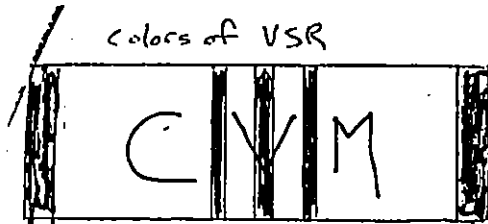
Rumor mill(good source) has it that book will be published late this year about experiences of Ben Cai Lam, an interpreter who served with 101st from '65 to '71, thence to ARVN, and thence to a re-education camp from which he eventually escaped. Now lives in US. Author is US VN Vet who served with him. Title: WHERE THE ORANGE BLOOMS. Has makings of very interesting story(though admittedly not standard advisor-counterpart context). Probable publisher: McGraw-Hill.

LOGOS Send in your preferences. Thanks to all who put in time/effort on this.

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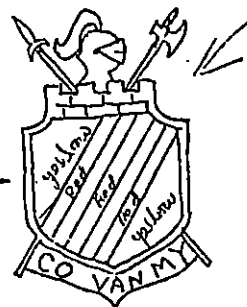
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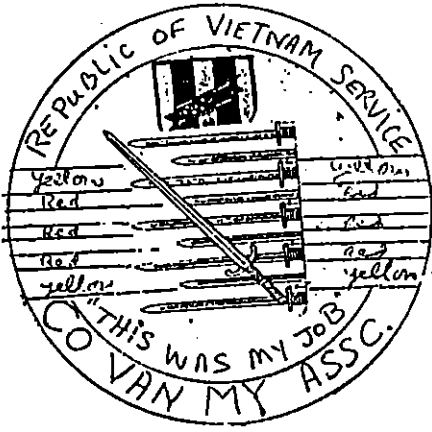
perhaps a "base" of color bars: red, yellow, blue, white which include the colours of all national flags in the SEA conflict.

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GOLD LETTERS  
VN MAP IN GREEN  
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LIGHT BLUE LETTERS



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RVN flag

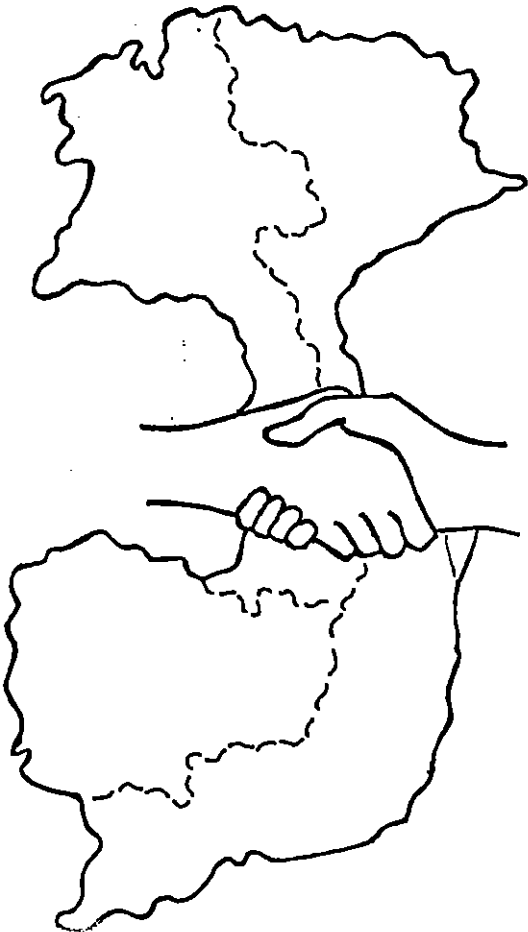
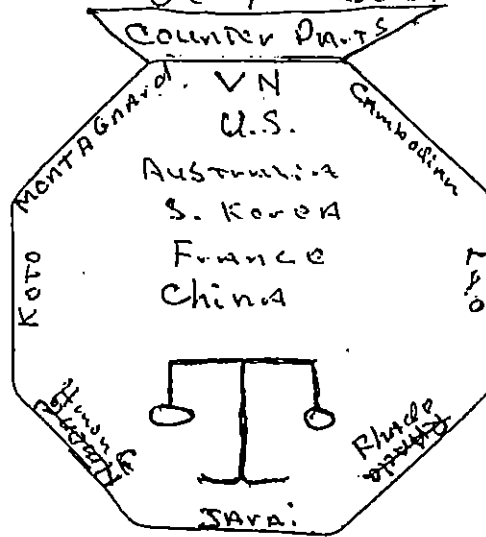
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Note: Some of these submitted way back when, before entire range of nationalities/ethnic in membership was decided. We have two Aussies on board, Degas as an association, etc.; modifications to selected logo can incorporate this however.

I'll handle tabulations for this vote while Joe gets set up with Sitrep format and whatever one does with software/hardware. Send in 1st choice, 2nd if you have one, or no preference/none of above, or suggested modifications, or additional submittal if you'd like.

NOTE: If you've received this copy of Sitrep it means we're still interested in your being a member. Please complete the attached membership form and send to Bill Laurie/1462 W. University/Mesa, Arizona/35201. You need not complete by-laws ballot but may request another copy of you'd like to vote on the bulky thing. To continue receiving Sitrep, please follow instructions on page 2, sending four SASEs to Joe Saitta (25¢ postage). Of 86 people requesting info, 34 have completed membership applications (remember, no membership fees yet). Please act now to assure receipt of next Sitrep and to secure a charter membership. If you have any questions or thoughts, fire them off (to Bill Laurie) and will answer promptly. Stay well. Look forward to hearing from you.