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Submitted By: Jon Mueller

## Chapter 787's annual Holiday Meal Program Kicks Off



At "Ohh Dark" 0430 hours on Saturday November 17th, Chapter 787 volunteers drove to pickup frozen turkey's, potatoes, gravy, stuffing and pumpkin pie at a central warehouse in Tampa. They then delivered these items to the Department of Veterans Affairs (Health Care for Homeless Veterans) office at 10770 N 46th St. in Tampa where our chapter members also separated and made individual baskets for those veterans who are in need, to pickup.

Pictured above L-R: chapter 787 VP **Carl Harris**, **Lori Remick** RN Dept. of Veteran Affairs, **Kathy Palmer** Support Asst. for Veterans Health Admin, chapter President **Jim LaGarde**, chapter member **Mickey Taylor**, chapter Secretary, Treasurer and all around work horse **Bob Silmsier**, chapter member and playboy, **Tony Towers** and State Council Treasurer and State Council Newsletter (RECON) Editor **Tom Hall**. [Additional pictures on page 4.](#)

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### **Meetings**

Chapter Meetings are held the 4th Thursday of each month.

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Veterans Memorial Park & Museum  
3602 Hwy. 301 N.  
Tampa Fl. 33619. See Map on last page. **Mail-  
ing address: P.O. Box  
89247, Tampa Fl.  
33689-0404.**

**Clearwater Veterans Appreciation Day, November 4 2007**



On November 4th, the City of Clearwater held their annual Veterans Appreciation Day at Clearwater High School which supports a Marine JROTC program. Pictured above left is the USMC Silent Drill Team. Next is **Norm Thompson**, a former chapter member and a Marine ONTOS mechanic, in Vietnam, who will be coming back into our fold. Chapter board member and State Council Delegate **Kevin Ruhl** is shown next to him. A number of chapter 787 members attended this event.



Pictured above, at the Clearwater Veterans Appreciation Day, left, is one of the Special Operations members who made a free fall jump. There were four retired US Army Special Forces Lt. Colonels who agreed to make this day time (Hollywood) PR jump each carrying a flag of each service branch. No active duty Special Operations personnel were available due to heavy deployments to combat zones. Pictured (right) are a group of old but still bold ex-paratroopers form the 1st Airborne Brigade.

Submitted By: **Kevin Ruhl**

**Marine Buried 40 Years Later**



A Marine who disappeared during the Vietnam War was buried after his remains were recently identified with DNA testing.

Lance Cpl. Richard W. Fischer, 20 went to Vietnam in October 1967, was assigned to M Company, 3rd Battalion 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division, and was declared MIA in January 1968 while conducting military operations in Vietnam’s Quang Nam province.

He was buried in Madison Wisc.

## Chapter 787's annual Veterans Day Parade



Above L-R: Chapter member **Jim Bird**, President **Jim LaGarde**, Scy/Treu **Bob Silmser** and chapter member **Mickey Taylor** discuss the cosmic implications of folding chairs on our chapters float. Next, **Beverly Thomas** and Freedom H.S. teacher **Tiffany Carr**.



Pictured above holding our chapters banner L-R: **Gerard Abbet**, **Beverly Thomas**, chapter member **Richard Nye**, chapter VP **Carl Harris**, chapter member **Jim Bird**, **Tiffany Carr**, and **Steve Cunningham**. Next picture: This man on his horse is unknown. There is some speculation that he is a past President of chapter 787, who got "burned out" from the stress of leadership.



Pictured above L-R: An unidentified student of Freedom H.S., teacher and big Veteran supporter **Tiffany Carr**. Next, chapter Scy/Tresu, **Bob Silmser** gets a 3 minute block of instruction on drinking water, by the numbers, from chapter member and Hillsborough County Veterans Council President **David Braun**.



Pictured above L-R, Chapter President **Jim LaGarde**, chapter Secretary and Treasurer **Bob Silmsers**, PSA HCHV Program Manager **Mary Shaboo**, and HCHV Staff Extender/Peer Support employee **Ronnie Shaw**. Ronnie was a homeless veteran who now has turned his life around. He attends HCC & USF trying for his degree in Social Work. Next picture is chapter member and “man-about-town”, **Tony Towers** in back of Rambo’s truck guarding the onions. Chapter 787 members also donated 30 Wal-Mart gift cards, each having a \$20 value which translated to \$600 from us. These cards were geared towards the male veterans in need while the holiday meals were used by mostly female veterans with children. One female veteran had two young children and they were living in her car.



Pictured at left, chapter members fill the grocery bags with turkey’s and other food. At right chapter Scy/Tres. **Bob Silmsers** makes sure everything adds up.



Submitted By: Jon Mueller

**Quote**

**“It’s nothing——some agitators brought by the Japanese. We’ll kill them off, it won’t take long.”**

*A Frenchman in Saigon commenting on how the French would stop the newly formed Viet Minh guerrillas and take back their Vietnam colonial empire just after Japan surrendered in 1945.*

**“ If the tiger ever stands still, the elephant will crush him. But the tiger will not stand still. He will leap upon the back of the elephant, tearing huge chunks from his side; then he will leap back into the dark jungle. And slowly the elephant will bleed to death.”**

*In 1946, Ho Chi Minh characterized the opposing forces in Vietnam in this prophetic parable. The French and European colonial forces were the large powerful but slow moving elephant. The Viet Minh guerrillas were the tiger.*

Submitted By: Kevin Ruhl

## Vietnam Veterans: Turning the Tide in the War

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They come wearing motorcycle leather and business suits. They sport crew cuts and ponytails, some wearing long un-trimmed beards, others clean shaven. They park their Harley's, Gold Wings, and three wheelers in rows flying the Stars and Strips and the black POW/MIA flags. Many bear scars and tattoos commemorating their service in Vietnam.

They often come to stand guard over the memorial bearing the names of their comrades who fell during the long years of their generation's war to prevent the anti-war protesters of today's struggle from defacing it, again.

Upon meeting veterans of the current war against Radical Islam, many of whom are young enough to be their grandsons, they wrap them in bear hugs and say "Welcome Home, Brother."

They are now the older brothers of our Brotherhood of Arms. These are the men who so many of my generation looked up to as the heroes who were betrayed. They fought an unpopular and ugly war that did have a purpose in the world wide struggle against communism, against an enemy who remained faceless in the jungles of a far off land. But that purpose is so often hidden or disregarded in the movies, history books, and writings since. They bear the unseen scars of coming home from their war only to be welcomed in San Francisco and New York and many college campuses with protests and taunts of "Baby Killer!" and "Murderer." The anger of having one of the most famous starlets of their generation go to the home of the enemy they were fighting and provide aid and encouragement to that enemy runs deep. The hurt of having one who stood among their ranks for a short period of time, sit before the Congressional Committees and lie about atrocities they did not commit, be rewarded with election to the United States Congress and Senate and a run for the highest office of this land, runs deeper.

The fruits of their spilled blood, lost brethren, and military victories against the communists in the TET Offensive of 1968 (when they effectively destroyed the Viet Cong), the North Vietnamese Army (NVA) led Offensive in 1972 (when they destroyed the offensive capability of the NVA) were lost to the political defeats here at home which led to the fall of Saigon in 1975. The anti-war movement, combined with the fall out of the Watergate scandal led to the election of a strong anti-war Democratic majority in the House and Senate in 1974. Those majorities cut off all funding to the South Vietnamese government and prevented any reinforcement by American forces. The results were the footage of American Marines pushing back the last hopeful refugees atop the US Embassy building in Saigon as the last helicopter headed out to sea, the imprisonment of hundreds of thousands of Vietnamese in "re-education camps," the flotillas of millions of "boat people," and the murder of millions more in the killing fields of Cambodia.

But once again, the real heroes of that generation are stepping up and are looking out for their little Brothers and Sisters who are fighting in a far off land. They know this enemy here at home and they are watching the backs of their younger siblings. They are not allowing this anti-war movement to go unanswered. They are stepping up to speak the truth about the self described "heroes" of their generation, and prevented one from becoming President. They are standing on street corners near Walter Reed, in West Chester, PA and Berkley, CA to counter Code Pink and other anti-war protesters. They form the core of groups like the Patriot Guard Riders, who ride in processions to welcome home the fallen and protect their families from the most despicable of anti-war protesters who show up at the funerals. The Free Republic "Freepers" stand vigil outside Walter Reed to cheer our Wounded Warriors on Friday nights to let them know the Code Pink protesters across the street do not speak for the people of this nation. The Gathering of Eagles organizes pro-troop counter protests to the anti-war protesters and stand toe to toe with them. Then there are the motorcycle clubs like the Rolling Thunder and the Nam Knights who stand vigil over the memorials to prevent further defacement and insults to their fallen brothers and sisters. And there are the USO volunteers who greet service men and women returning from overseas at airports across the country to let them know they are appreciated.

Their war was lost to the betrayal of so-called peaceniks, who by design or default, played into the hands of the enemy and gave away victory. They will not allow the terrible results of such a betrayal to be visited on their younger Brothers and Sisters. So they come and they stand for them on the National Mall with Gold Star Parents and Spouses among their ranks, where our Soldiers in uniform cannot show up to face down the anarchists, socialists, and misguided angels of the "peace" movement. They welcome us home with cheers, hugs, goody-bags, and tears at Atlanta, Dallas, San Francisco, and Baltimore and so many other airports. They send letters and care packages to our Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen at sea and in hostile theaters. They fly the Stars and Stripes proudly and will not stand by idly to watch it burned. Finally, they pray for victory and safe return of the new generations of Warriors. The Veterans of Vietnam are ensuring the safety our nation and its soldiers in the current fight by not allowing this war to be lost at home. As the current generation fights to protect our nation from physical attack, the Vietnam Veterans are engaged in the struggle for our nation's heart and soul, and they are turning the tide.

Just as my older Brothers in Arms welcomed me and so many of my Brothers and Sisters of my generation home, I want to say to them as individuals and as a group: "Thank you for being home, Brother, and watching over me."

William T Russell

William Russell is a veteran of the Operation Iraqi Freedom, Desert Storm, and the Pentagon on 9/11. He recently left Active Duty with the Army to run against John Murtha in Pennsylvania. [www.williamrussellforcongress.com](http://www.williamrussellforcongress.com)

# Medal of Honor Winners of the War in Vietnam



## The Bravest of the Brave



### WILLIAMS, JAMES E.

Rank and organization: Boatswain's Mate First Class (PO1c.), U.S. Navy, River Section 531, My Tho, RVN, Place and date: Mekong River, Republic of Vietnam, 31 October 1966. Entered service at: Columbia, S.C. Born: 13 June 1930, Rock Hill, S.C. Citation: For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty. PO1c. Williams was serving as Boat Captain and Patrol Officer aboard River Patrol Boat (PBR) 105 accompanied by another patrol boat when the patrol was suddenly taken under fire by 2 enemy sampans. PO1c. Williams immediately ordered the fire returned, killing the crew of 1 enemy boat and causing the other sampan to take refuge in a nearby river inlet. Pursuing the fleeing sampan, the U.S. patrol encountered a heavy volume of small-arms fire from enemy forces, at close range, occupying well-concealed positions along the river bank. Maneuvering through this fire, the patrol confronted a numerically superior enemy force aboard 2 enemy junks and 8 sampans augmented by heavy automatic weapons fire from ashore. In the savage battle that ensued,

PO1c. Williams, with utter disregard for his safety exposed himself to the withering hail of enemy fire to direct counter-fire and inspire the actions of his patrol. Recognizing the overwhelming strength of the enemy force, PO1c. Williams deployed his patrol to await the arrival of armed helicopters. In the course of his movement his discovered an even larger concentration of enemy boats. Not waiting for the arrival of the armed helicopters, he displayed great initiative and boldly led the patrol through the intense enemy fire and damaged or destroyed 50 enemy sampans and 7 junks. This phase of the action completed, and with the arrival of the armed helicopters, PO1c. Williams directed the attack on the remaining enemy force. Now virtually dark, and although PO1c. Williams was aware that his boats would become even better targets, he ordered the patrol boats' search lights turned on to better illuminate the area and moved the patrol perilously close to shore to press the attack. Despite a waning supply of ammunition the patrol successfully engaged the enemy ashore and completed the rout of the enemy force. Under the leadership of PO 1 c. Williams, who demonstrated unusual professional skill and indomitable courage throughout the 3 hour battle, the patrol accounted for the destruction or loss of 65 enemy boats and inflicted numerous casualties on the enemy personnel. His extraordinary heroism and exemplary fighting spirit in the face of grave risks inspired the efforts of his men to defeat a larger enemy force, and are in keeping with the finest traditions of the U.S. Naval Service.



## Chapter makes Donation to the Fisher House

Pictured below L-R, Chapter 787 Scy/Tres **Bob Silmsner**, Fisher House Mgr. **Paula Welend**, chapter VP **Carl Harris** and chapter President **Jim (Rambo) LaGarde**. Picture was submitted by **Tom Hall**.



**Four Star Generals Lead the Way**



Pictured above L-R: Hillsborough County Deputy Sheriff Major Harold, **General Doug Brown**, **General Pete Schoomaker**, Ray Calafell, and chapter member Jon Mueller.

On Friday November 16, the Hillsborough County Sheriffs office, and Sheriff David Gee held their annual charity Sporting Clays shoot at the Deer Creek Sporting Clays Range. This event raised over \$55,000 to benefit the Haley House, Operation Helping Hand and the Special Operations Warrior Foundation. Whenever guns are involved, Vietnam Veterans seem to volunteer in mass. One of the teams shooting was a foursome made up of Vietnam Vet's including one retired four star General. The Vietnam team members were, retired Special Operations Commander (SOCOM) General Doug Brown, Ray Calafell who was with the 198th Light Inf, Lee Vannes who was with the 5th Special Forces and chapter member Jon Mueller who was with the 173d Airborne (all in Vietnam). Chapter member and Hillsborough County Veterans council President **Dave Braun** was also in attendance but did not shoot. Dave was there to represent the Fisher and Haley House.

In addition to General Brown, another four star General was on hand. He was retired General Pete Schoomaker, another former SOCOM commander but most recently the US Army's chief of Staff. He actually started the Special Operations Warrior Foundation project himself back in 1980 when he was a young Major and was one of the Delta Force Operators on the ground at the Desert One site in Iran, trying to save our Embassies hostages (Operation Eagle Claw). When nine of those men died in that tragic fire, he swore that their children would be taken care of. This project evolved over the years to offer financial help to all children of Special Operations Personnel killed in action since that fateful day in Iran.

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**Agent Orange Disability Fight Revisited In Court Could affect 800,000 'blue water' Vietnam vets, who served offshore**

[USA Today, Nov. 7, 2007, Pg. 8]

A federal appeals court will weigh in on a decision by the Department of Veterans Affairs that only Vietnam veterans who served on the ground or aboard ships patrolling inland waterways are automatically eligible for disability benefits because of presumed Agent Orange exposure. Thousands of Navy vets who served offshore in Vietnam could be affected.

**Calendar of Events**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>
<b><u>December 2007</u></b>		
6th Thursday	Hillsborough County Veterans Park & Museum Memorial Meeting	10:00 AM
12th Wednesday	Chapter Christmas Party, Golden Corral, Lakewood Dr. Brandon Fl. RSVP to Bob Silmsr	6:00 PM
24th Monday	Chapter Christmas Holiday Meals Delivery	TBD
<b>No Chapter Meeting In December</b>		
<b><u>January 2008</u></b>		
10th Thursday	Board of Directors Meeting, Jon's House	6:30 PM
24th Thursday	Chapter Meeting, Hillsborough County Veterans Park & Museum	7:00 PM

**V.V.A. Chapter 787 Annual Christmas Party**



**Come Join your fellow members, and their families to celebrate the Christmas season. There will not be a chapter meeting in November and December, so let's all get together one last time this year!**



**Wednesday December 12th at 6:00 PM, Golden Corral, Lakewood Rd. in Brandon.**

**For Sale**

**32 inch Sony TV, in Oak Cabinet-excellent picture**

**Asking \$100.00 or best offer**

**Call Tom Hall 655-7129**



**Financial Status of Chapter 787 as of November 15 2007**

Checking Account.....\$8,273.22 (Moving Wall Fund..\$4,692.80, Available Funds \$2,659.61,

Holiday Meals Fund...\$920.81)    Household Goods.....\$1,063.38    Convention Fund.....\$1,749.12

**All Accounts Total: \$11,086.32**

**Thanks to our Treasurer Bob Silmsr**

**\*It is estimated that we will need \$3,540 to cover this years Veteran Holiday Meal Program, some funds already spent for 2007.**

## Back in Indian Country!

Sgt. Zack Mueller, with the Army's 4th Infantry Div. and son of chapter member Jon Mueller, is now on his 3rd deployment to Iraq, and for a soldier, that now means a 15 month tour. When Zack completes this deployment, he will have shouldered 40 months in Iraqi ground combat operations, and that tops his old Dad's measly two years in Vietnam by a wide margin. Even when he's home, (at Ft. Carson) the constant training cycles takes him away from his wife and two young son's for one month out of every three, mostly to Death Valley California, where the environment is similar to Iraq.



Submitted By: Jon Mueller

## Ex-Army Doctor, Vietnam Vet Nominated As VA Secretary

*(Washington Post, Oct. 31, 2007, Pg. 17)*

President Bush nominated retired Army Lt. Gen. James B. Peake to head the Department of Veterans Affairs, which is struggling to make the drastic changes needed to care for the large number of wounded troops returning home from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

If confirmed by the Senate, the twice-wounded veteran of the Vietnam War will be the first physician and first general to serve as secretary of veterans affairs.

Submitted By Tom Hall

## Helpful Web Site

Below is a web site that explains the Social Security benefits that our wounded veterans are entitled to receive. It may assist many of those who are awaiting a disability rating to receive some income until their claim is adjudicated.

<http://www.ssa.gov/woundedwarriors/index.htm>

## Veterans Memorial Park Status Report. By Dave Braun

I will attempt to update everyone on the status of the 'Master Plan' for Veterans Park.

The committee last met on Wednesday, Oct. 10 at All Peoples Life Center at 6 PM.

A briefing by Park's Director Mark Thornton discussed how the budget process was still being decided regarding what projects will become a priority for funding. Mr. Thornton said that the Veterans Park Project is high on the list to receive \$2.25 million to start and complete phase 1 to 4 in the FY 2008/09 time frame.

Phase # 1: Installation of Entry Features & Signage.

Phase # 2: Integration of New Property with Overall Site Prep of Roads, Parking & Caretakers Area.

Phase # 3: Installation of Icon Feature on a circle island near the entrance.

Phase # 4: Construction of the "Freedom Trail" & Observation Decks on the river.

A Vision & Business Plan was distributed.

500 initial brochures will be printed to facilitate fundraising.

A web site with Pay-Pal is planned as soon as seed money is available.

Marketing & Fundraising may begin with the blessing of the BOCC 7-0 vote in favor of the "Master Plan".

"Friends of the County Parks" will facilitate the donations with a special account set up at Sunshine State

Federal Saving and Loan in Brandon. The "Friends Board" is a 501-(c) 3 tax deductible organization.

A Fundraiser is planned to kick-off our efforts to raise money for the 11 theaters of War that is proposed.

Sun City Center will be the location, February 20, 2008 at 6:00 PM is the date & time, \$25.00 per ticket is the cost (donation). BYOB. Tables of 8 will be available to be reserved with advanced ticket purchases.

A buffet dinner is planned with dancing after a power-point presentation by Park's Director Mark Thornton, describing the initial part of the project and the vision for future Phases.

More info soon. We need music & all suggestions accepted so we can print tickets.

Ticket donations made out to: **'Friends of the Park'** Mail to: Veterans Freedom Memorial P.O. Box 151 Brandon, FL 33509

Check memo: 'Veterans Park Memorial Fund

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Submitted By: Jon Mueller

## Veterans Day Ceremony

Hillsborough Veterans Council President and Chapter 787 member, **Dave Braun** hosts another well run Veterans Day program at Hillsborough County Veterans Park & Museum, on November 11th.



# Membership Application

Membership is open to U.S. armed forces veterans who served on active duty (for other than training purposes) in the Republic of Vietnam between February 28th 1961 and May 7, 1975, or in any duty location between August 5, 1964 and May 7, 1975.

## Vietnam Veterans of America

Send to: VVA Chapter 787, P.O. Box 89247, Tampa Fl. 33689-0404



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Male: \_\_\_\_\_ Female: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Membership Type:

Individual: 1 year \_\_\_\_\_ \$20 3 years \_\_\_\_\_ \$50. Associate: 1 year \_\_\_\_\_ \$20 3 years \_\_\_\_\_ \$50

Life Member Options: \_\_\_\_\_ Life Member Ages 49 and Under: \$250, \_\_\_\_\_ Life Member Ages 50-55: \$225, \_\_\_\_\_ Life

Member Ages 56-60: \$200, \_\_\_\_\_ Life Member Ages 61-65: \$175, \_\_\_\_\_ Life Member Ages 66 +: \$150

\_\_\_\_\_ I am already a V.V.A. member and want to become a life member. My V.V.A. Member number is \_\_\_\_\_.

Optional Time Payment plan: \$50 down, and \$25 per month until paid in full.

Payment Method: Check \_\_\_\_\_

Money Order \_\_\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_\_\_ MasterCard \_\_\_\_\_ If using a credit card: Card

Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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**Help Your Chapter Grow**  
**Bring a New Member to the Next Chapter Meeting.**  
**Come and Join Us. Give us your Ideas.**

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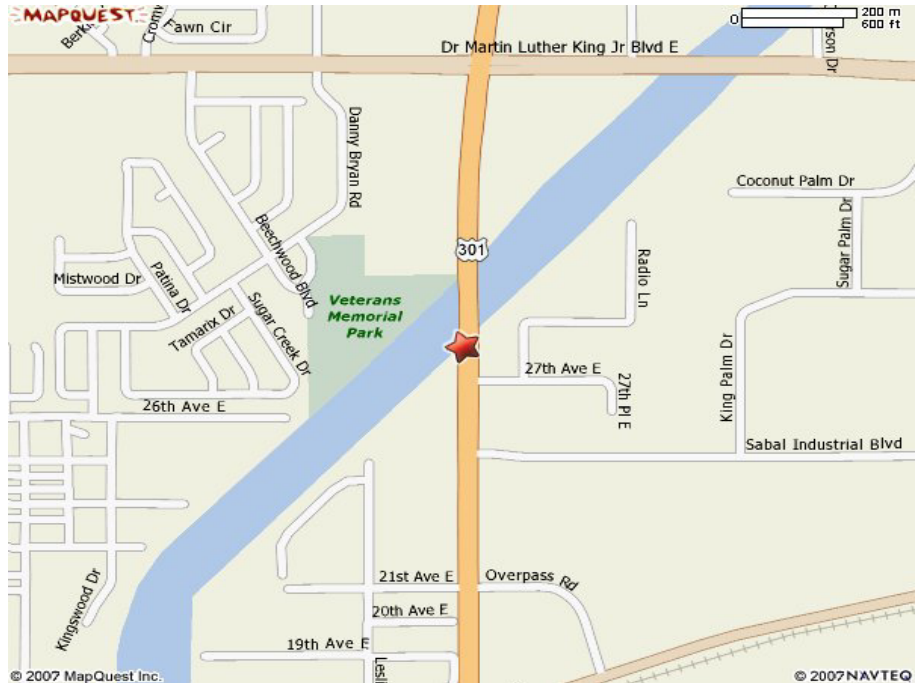
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Vietnam Veterans of American, Chapter 787, Tampa Bay Florida.....	<a href="http://www.vva787.com">http://www.vva787.com</a>
Vietnam War Statistics.....	<a href="http://my.eiis.net/cmart/vietwarstats.html">http://my.eiis.net/cmart/vietwarstats.html</a>
Vietnam, Yesterday & Today.....	<a href="http://servercc.oakton.edu/~wittman/chronol.htm">http://servercc.oakton.edu/~wittman/chronol.htm</a>
Vietnam Veterans Legacy Foundation.....	<a href="http://www.vvlf.org">www.vvlf.org</a>
National League of Families of American POW's/MIA's.....	<a href="http://www.pow-miafamilies.org">www.pow-miafamilies.org</a>
V.V.A. National Office on the World Wide Web.....	<a href="http://www.vva.org">www.vva.org</a>
U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs.....	<a href="http://www.va.gov">www.va.gov</a>
OPM Veterans Hiring Preference.....	<a href="http://www.opm.gov/veterans">www.opm.gov/veterans</a>
Uniformed Services Family Health Plan (USFHP).....	<a href="http://www.usfhp.com">www.usfhp.com</a>
U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.....	<a href="http://www.vetapp.uscourts.gov">www.vetapp.uscourts.gov</a>
Children of Vietnam Vets.....	<a href="http://www.geocities.com/pentagon/9125">www.geocities.com/pentagon/9125</a>
The Center for Women Veterans.....	<a href="http://www.va.gov/womenvet">www.va.gov/womenvet</a>
Vietnam Women Memorial Foundation, Inc (formerly "Project").....	<a href="http://www.vietnamwomensmemorial.org">www.vietnamwomensmemorial.org</a>
The Moving Wall—Vietnam Combat Veterans LTD.....	<a href="http://www.themovingwall.org">www.themovingwall.org</a>
The Virtual Wall.....	<a href="http://www.virtualwall.org">www.virtualwall.org</a>
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