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Submitted By: **Bob Silmsler**

## May Fund Raiser at Publix (Bloomingdale & Providence)

Thanks to chapter 787 President, **Jim LaGarde**, VP **Carl Harris**, Secretary & Treasurer, **Bob Silmsler**, chapter state council delegate, **Kevin Ruhl**, and chapter members, **Ron Murray**, **Don Wallick**, **Ron Schott**, **Richard Nye** and **Tony Towers**, for giving up their time to staff this important function for the chapter. Pictured below L-R, chapter 787 President, **Jim (Rambo) LaGarde**, chapter member **Ron Murray** and chapter VP, **Carl Harris**.



Submitted By: **Jon Mueller**

## Tampa Veterans Park, Memorial Day Event, May 27 2007

Pictured, L-R, Dan Hall Director of the American Legion Cemetery at Post #5, chapter member and Hillsborough County Veterans Affairs President, **Dave Braun**, Major Steve Saunders, troop 110. Next picture, holding the American and POW/MIA Flags during the event chapter member Richard Nye and VP Carl Harris. U.S. Army Major General Diamond was the key speaker.



### **Chapter Officers**

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### **Newsletter** Editor: Jon Mueller, E-mail: ParaSF68@aol.com

### **Meetings**

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

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Brandon Veterans Hall, 115 W. Clay Brandon Fl. 33510. See Map on last page. **Mail- ing address: P.O. Box 89247, Tampa Fl. 33689-0404.**

### **Chapter 787 presents Vietnam medal to JROTC cadet**

President **Jim LaGarde**, presents the chapter 787 Vietnam Medal to JROTC cadet Jarred Broward at the Plant City Legion Hall on May 10th. Cadet Broward attends Plant City High School. Pictured below, L-R, Cadet Broward, chapter President, **Jim LaGarde**, and cadet Broward's Parents.



### **Durant High School honors three students who will go on to attend our Nations three Military Academies!**



Cadet to the left is Rob Tomczak with his parents, Nathalie and Zak he will attend the USMA at West Point. Cadet Jonathan Weaver is to the right with his parents, John and Gina, he will attend the USAFA. The third Durant student not shown is Jared Lochmueller who will attend the USNA.

The ceremony was held on May 14th and these photo's along with the information was submitted by chapter 787 Secretary and Treasurer **Bob Silmsr**.

## **PUTTING THE MEMORIAL IN MEMORIAL DAY** by Bobby Bennett Jr.

Every time I hear taps played, I can't help but get teary eyed. I'm not a veteran, just a thankful American citizen grateful that a brave member of the military had my "6."

I think of the sacrifices made over the centuries from our brave soldiers and servicemen. I cannot help but think of their incredible families.

It is clear to me. I am a blessed man to live in the home of the free and the land of the brave.

I think of those young soldiers we have in harm's way all over the world today protecting our freedoms. They are fighting over in the Middle East so we don't have to worry about terrorists flying planes into buildings every other week.

Whether you support the war or not, you support our brave troops who are so unselfishly doing what our country has asked of them. I think of those young men and women walking patrols in Baghdad knowing each assignment could be their last.

I think of the young child sitting down to play with his favorite action figure or the young daughter dressing her doll, both wishing Daddy could be there to tuck them into bed at night.

I think of the wives and husbands, maintaining the demands of a household, and the seemingly unbearable loneliness that just can't be shaken.

I think of the parents that miss their sons and daughters. They pray, "Dear Lord, bring my baby home safely to me."

My history book shows how important our veterans shaped the resolve of this country.

I imagine the raid on Tokyo by James Doolittle's bombers following the attack on Pearl Harbor. Their attack would not win the war on that day, but they sent a statement - the United States of America would not take a sucker-punching and cower down.

Looking at our brave troops in Afghanistan fighting the war or terrorism, I am reminded that Doolittle's spirit is still in effect. Yes, I get chill bumps when I hear Toby Keith sing, "We'll put a boot in your arse, that's the American way."

Osama, I see you're still running and hiding.

I see the Vietnam Veteran consoling another after a firefight took out half of their platoon, some of them close friends. I hear them, both 19 years old, reminding one another, "It don't mean nothing brother. Nothing at all."

I see them coming home to a country that asked for their service yet that same freedom they defended, enabled an ungrateful citizen to spit on the soldier and call him a baby killer.

I see that same soldier at the airport some forty years later waving an American flag and welcoming home a soldier from Iraq. It was the hell that Vietnam Veteran endured that enabled that same Iraqi veteran to defend our country on a volunteer basis.

I see my Uncle Harry, a Navy Frogman from the Korean War, proudly displaying his hat proclaiming service in a war our country seems to forget. He can't seem to forget his machine gun that meant survival for himself and the troops he delivered to the beach.

My heart aches for those still missing in action. I never met Major Bobby M. Jones, USAF, but I do wear his missing man bracelet. A reminder that when I was only 5 years old, he suffered for my future freedoms. His plane went down over South Vietnam on November 28, 1972.

Memorial Day is seeing those little flags at my parent's graveyard, a reminder of the ultimate sacrifice that so many gave so that I could enjoy the freedom I have today.

Remember, freedom isn't free. It comes with a price. Thank a veteran today. Most of all, pray for our troops.

## This Month during the War in Vietnam

**June 1963:** After riots in Hue, South Vietnam, Buddhist monks commit suicide by setting themselves alight. Diem's wife outrages the world by referring to the act as a "barbecue".

**June 1964:** The Australian Army Training Team Vietnam (AATTV) is increased to 80 advisers. The RAAF will deploy an air transport flight of Caribou aircraft.



Also, General William C. Westmoreland, replaces General Harkins as Commander, US MACV.

**June 1968:** The Khe Sanh combat base is abandoned. Although forward fire support bases are maintained in Khe Sanh area, the KSCB is dismantled and abandoned. LZ Stud at Ca Lu is selected as base for air mobile operations in western DMZ area.

**June 1969:** American Air Force, Marine, and Navy planes make the first raids against North Vietnam since the bombing halt of 1 November 1968, in retaliation for the shooting down of a reconnaissance aircraft.



Also, while meeting at Midway Island with President Thieu, President Nixon announces the planned withdrawal of 25,000 American combat troops, the first withdrawal of the war.

**June 1970:** US Army Infantry troops begin withdrawal from Cambodia although Air Operations continue.

**June 1972:** South Vietnamese (ARVN) troops break the siege of An Loc, began on 5-April. The **Battle of An Loc** was a major battle of the Vietnam War that lasted for 66 days and culminated in a decisive victory for South Vietnam. In many ways, the struggle for An Loc in 1972 was the single most important battle of the war, as South Vietnamese forces halted the North Vietnamese advance towards Saigon. This victory, without the aide of American ground forces prevented the North from winning the war in 1972.



An Loc is the capital of Binh Long Province located northwest of Military Region III. During North Vietnam's Nguyen Hue Offensive of 1972, An Loc was at the centre of North Vietnamese strategy due to its location between Cambodia and Saigon.

To protect this important area South Vietnam had a single division in Binh Long Province, the ARVN 5th Division. During the battle the outnumbered South Vietnamese battled a combined force of three North Vietnamese and Viet Cong Divisions.

Also, General Frederick C. Weyand, replaces General Abrams as commander, US MACV.

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Submitted By: Jon Mueller

### Quote

“PTSD breaks out in peacetime because peace as defined does not allow upsetting remembrances of war’s continuing presence. War is never over, even when the fat lady sings on victory day. It is an indelible condition in the soul, given with the cosmos. The behavior of veterans—their domestic fury, suicides, silences, and despairs—years after a war is “over” refutes the dictionary and confirms war’s archetypal presence. Peace for veterans is not an “absence of war” but its living ghost in the bedroom, at the lunch counter, on the highway. The trauma is not “post” but acutely present, and the “syndrome” is not in the veteran but in the dictionary, in the amnesiac’s idea of peace that colludes with the unlivable life.”

James Hillman, PhD

Submitted By: Bob Silmsner &amp; Carl Harris

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Dear VVA Chapter,

My name is Stephanie Hanson and my father (Gary Norman Young) was a Navy Corpsman who was killed in Vietnam before I was born. I was put up for adoption at birth, and 12 years ago (for medical reasons) began a search for my biological parents.

My birth mother told me about my father being killed - he was killed in helicopter crash on 2/7/69 on his first day flying medevac missions. I began a journey to find out about what had happened to him, what a corpsman was all about and what Vietnam was all about. Veterans came forward at an incredible rate to help me figure this all out.

Last year, I finally got my book published which chronicles my journey. It's called "A Corpsman's Legacy" and is being well-received.

I'm now working on getting the word out about my book, and feel it is an obvious match with the VVA chapters. There was a book review done last year in the VVA Veteran, but my book is now more widely available and thought I would approach the individual chapters.

I was wondering if you would consider putting a message up about my book if you have a website, or if you had a newsletter that went out to your members, or any other avenue of communication you might feel appropriate for an announcement of my book. I've had many veteran's tell me that this book has done more for their healing than anything else they have read and I am just so blessed to be part of such a wonderful community.

I've attached a synopsis of my book and there is also more information on my website at [www.acorpsmanslegacy.com](http://www.acorpsmanslegacy.com). Should you want any more information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you very much.

Welcome Home, Stephanie

Stephanie Hanson

Author of "A Corpsman's Legacy"

[www.acorpsmanslegacy.com](http://www.acorpsmanslegacy.com)

## V.V.A. Chapter 787 Annual Car Show set for June 30th

All members, friends and family are invited to our chapters Auto Show which will be held on June 30th between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. in Brandon Florida in the Kingsway Plaza shopping area, that is the corner of Kingsway and Winhorst, in Brandon. For directions or details please contact Tom Hall at (813) 655-7129 or Bob Silmsner at (813) 220-7246.



## Donation

Thank you, Dignity Memorial Funeral Homes and **Bill Hartgrove** for their \$200 gift to chapter 787 to support our operations.

**Medal of Honor Winners of the Vietnam War.**  
**The Bravest of the Brave**



**BRUCE, DANIEL D.**



Rank and organization: Private First Class, U.S. Marine Corps, Headquarters and Service Company, 3d Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division. Place and date: Fire Support Base Tomahawk, Quang Nam Province, Republic of Vietnam, 1 March 1969. Entered service at: Chicago, Ill. Born: 18 May 1950, Michigan City, Ind. Citation: For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as a mortar man with Headquarters and Service Company 3d Battalion, against the enemy. Early in the morning Pfc. Bruce was on watch in his night defensive position at fire support base tomahawk when he heard movements ahead of him. An enemy explosive charge was thrown toward his position and he reacted instantly, catching the device and shouting to alert his companions. Realizing the danger to the adjacent position with its 2 occupants, Pfc. Bruce held the device to his body and attempted to carry it from the vicinity of the entrenched marines. As he moved away, the charge detonated and he absorbed the full force of the explosion. Pfc. Bruce's indomitable courage, inspiring valor and selfless devotion to duty saved the lives of 3 of his fellow marines and upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the U.S. Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.

Submitted By: **Kevin Ruhl**

**VVA: RE: VVA National Convention 2007 Candidate List**

**2007 VVA Candidates Roster - Uncertified as of April 6, 2007**

Officers:

- President : John Rowan
- Vice President: Jack Devine
- Secretary: Barry Hagge
- Treasurer: Alan Cook
- At Large Directors:
- 1. Charlie Richardson, TN
- 2. Patrick Welch, NY
- 3. Jerry Yamamoto, CA
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- Region VIII
- John Neuman, OR
- Daniel Mayer, MT
- Robert Seal, ID

For additional information contact Kevin Ruhl: Phone (863) 956-8207, or e-mail at MSgtMCRet@aol.com.

## Gathering of Eagles, Military Recruiter Appreciation Day, Lakeland Fl. May 19 2007



Pictured L-R, Marine recruiters enjoy the food and refreshments provided by The Gathering of Eagles organization, next chapter member **Ron Murray** with his Marine buddies.

Pictured at right is a local US Navy recruiter.



May 21st, 2007

My name is SSG Munoz. I am a recruiter for the US Army.

I just wanted to say thank you for the pizza and to meet your scout, Marianne B. She talked to myself and one of my Soldiers, SSG Falaminiano and it was very pleasant. Although none of the other branches were open this weekend, I will let them know it was Recruiter day and pass your information along to them.

We believe in your organization and an idea that we came up with while talking is to introduce the Gathering of Eagles and Soldier's Angels to our future Soldiers (the young men and women who we recruit. It is their status before they leave for basic training) immediately so they are aware of what your organization is all about.

They know they have a difficult task at hand and I am very proud to be the first impression to all of them before they leave. While they are in my charge, I will allow them an opportunity to register with the Soldier's Angels so they can have the support while they are away in basic training and if they go overseas they are fully aware of the great service you, Marianne and your organization provide.

Please feel free to contact me with any ideas you may have in promoting your organization immediately. Although there are many benefits and entitlements our organization provides while overseas, there is nothing better than to receive a letter from another American who appreciates the hardship and sacrifice we endure to keep our country safe.

You have my support in your organization.

Sincerely,  
Augustin D. Munoz  
SSG, USA

## Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Time
<b><u>June 2007</u></b>		
1st Friday	Fund Raiser, Publix, Bloomingdale & Lithia Pincrest Rd.	11:00 AM to 7:00 PM
2nd Saturday	Fund Raiser, Publix, Bloomingdale & Lithia Pincrest Rd.	8:00 AM to 4:00 PM
14th Thursday	Board of Directors Meeting, Jon's House	6:30 PM
28th Thursday	Chapter Meeting, Veterans Hall, Brandon Fl.	7:00 PM
30th Saturday	Annual Chapter Car Show	9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
<b><u>July 2007</u></b>		
4th Wednesday	Independence Day, 4th of July Parade	TBD
12th Thursday	Board of Directors Meeting, Jon's House	6:30 PM
26th Thursday	Chapter Meeting, Veterans Hall, Brandon Fl.	7:00 PM

### V.V.A. Chapter 787 Hurricane Quick Response Team



Your chapter officers and Board of Directors want to make all members aware that should a hurricane strike the Tampa Bay area this season, we are here to help local members who may be in need.

While no one can predict what damage may occur to any of our property or person, should any of you in the Tampa Bay area need help with food, water, clothing or just removing downed trees or debris (that may be of some hazard to you or your family), please contact one or more of the following individuals. Please remember that we cannot guarantee our services since everyone listed could also be in a damaged state of affairs, but we are all committed to do our best to help our fellow veterans and chapter members if we have the ability to do so.

Help Contact Phone List: Jim (Rambo) LaGarde: 758-4547, Carl Harris: 752-6634, Bob Silmsler: 685-3483, c-220-7246, Tom Hall: 655-7129, Kevin Ruhl: (863) 956-8207, c-695-6203, Jon Mueller: 684-3951 c-418-4818. All phone numbers are in area code 813 unless noted otherwise, and c = cell phone.

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### Financial Status of Chapter 787 as of May 24 2007

Checking Account.....\$8,784.52 (Moving Wall Fund..\$3,743.00, Available Funds \$2,467.37,

Holiday Meals Fund...\$1,633.76\*)    Household Goods.....\$715.10    Convention Fund.....\$2,187.30

**All Accounts Total: \$11,686.92**

**Thanks to our Treasurer Bob Silmsler**

**\*It is estimated that we will need \$3,540 to cover this years Veteran Holiday Meal Program.**

## National Vietnam Veterans Art Museum

While in the Chicago Ill. Area in May, your OUTPOST editor discovered the National Vietnam Veterans Art Museum (NVVAM) by accident. Actually, my wife Susan found it on the city tourist map. The museum is a not for profit veterans art institution, the only one of its kind. They operate from donations only. The NVVAM provides an important outlet enabling veterans to express themselves through artistic efforts.

In addition, they also have lectures for students and other groups. The museum has three floors in a brick building located at 1801 S. Indiana, Chicago Ill, 60616. You can contact them at 312-326-0270 or their web site at [www.nvvam.org](http://www.nvvam.org).



Joseph Fornelli, *Going Home Early*



## Three New Names Added to The Wall

### THREE NAMES TO BE ADDED TO VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL

**Washington, D.C.**—The names of three American servicemen will be inscribed on the black granite walls of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial next week, announced Jan C. Scruggs, founder and president of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund.

Work will begin on Tuesday, May 1 and continue through Sunday, May 6. On May 3, a press event will be held as one of the names is added, that of Army Sgt. Richard Monroe Pruett. Sgt. Pruett's wife, Ann Pruett of Sherman, Texas, will be on hand to witness the addition of her husband's name to Panel 21 W, Line 38 of the Memorial.

James Cummings, AIA, the architect of record for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, and expert stoneworker James Lee of Colorado-based Engrave Write, will make brief remarks about the newest additions and the inscription process. These additions will bring the number of names on The Wall to 58,256 men and women who were killed or remain missing in action.

#### **Names Being Added to The Wall**

*Navy Fireman Apprentice Joseph Gerald Krywicki  
Holton, Mich.*

*March 8, 1947 – Sept. 13, 1966*

Date of Casualty: Sept. 13, 1966

Wall Location: 15E, Line 26

According to the Department of Defense (DOD), which makes all decisions about name additions to The Wall, Fireman Apprentice Joseph Gerald Krywicki, was killed on Sept. 13, 1966 while serving in South Vietnam, when another member of his unit accidentally discharged his rifle. His name was inadvertently left off the initial list of those being included on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. This omission is now being corrected.

*Army Sgt. Richard Monroe Pruett  
San Diego, Calif.*

*July 22, 1945 – Feb. 28, 2005*

Date of Casualty: May 27, 1969

Wall Location: 21W, Line 38

Sgt. Richard M. Pruett received fragmentation wounds while on a combat mission in South Vietnam on May 27, 1969. He died on February 28, 2005, and DOD deemed that this was as a result of medical complications related to his wounding in South Vietnam.

*Army SP4 Wesley Alvin Stiverson  
Monticello, Ill.*

*July 16, 1950 – March 30, 2005*

Date of Casualty: April 6, 1971

Wall Location: 7W, Line 73

SP4 Wesley Alvin Stiverson sustained fragmentation wounds when his base camp came under attack by a hostile force in South Viet-

## Hospital Chairman

Attention Chapter 787 members, my name is Kevin Ruhl, as the Hospital Chairman, it is my job to inform the Board of Directors of any and all current members that are or have been hospitalized or have recently deceased. I need you or a family member to contact me or any Board Member so we can do what we can to help. I can be contacted by E-Mail at [MSgtMCRet@aol.com](mailto:MSgtMCRet@aol.com) or 813-695-6203 (leave a message),

## Chapter Membership Rewards

Any member of Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 787, in good standing, who sponsors a new V.V.A. or A.V.V.A member to Chapter 787 will be rewarded with his or her yearly dues paid for up to a maximum of three years.

Therefore, if you know of any Vietnam Vet, Era Vet, or any other person (non-vet) who may be interested in joining our select group under the General Membership or A.V.V. A. program, now is the time to contact them and save some money on your next annual due's payment.

# 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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Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work or Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter #787 Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

## 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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## THE OUTPOST

### 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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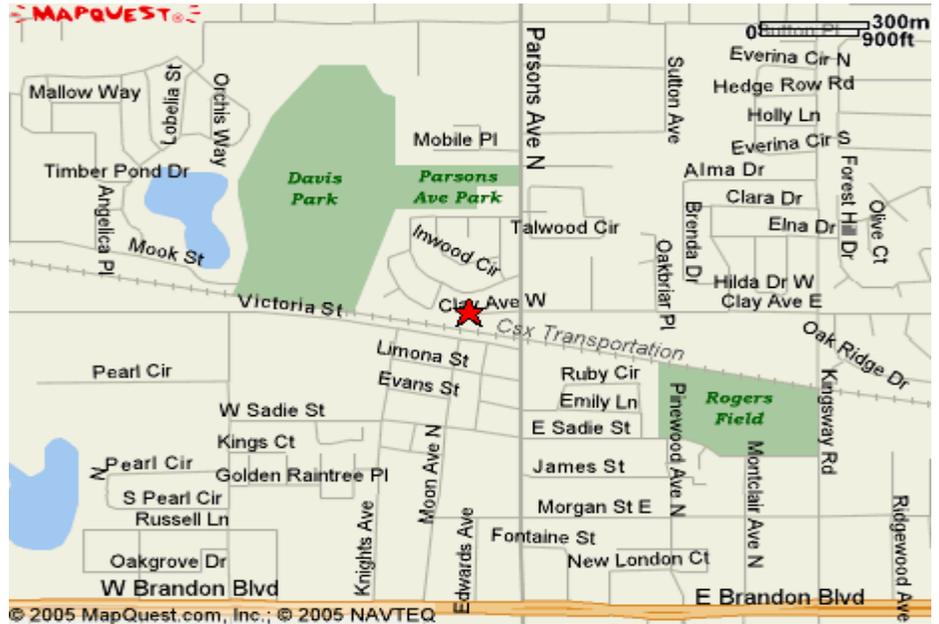
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## Important Web Sites

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