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V.V.A. Chapter 787 once again has volunteers to help this years Hurricane Katrina & Rita, victims.

Submitted By: Jon Mueller

Just like last year, our chapter had a number of it's members step up and donate their personal time and energy to help the less fortunate during this time of need.

Chapter 787 actually made two trips to the Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana area to bring much needed supplies. The first convoy was begun on September 13th and those members returned on September 16th. The volunteers who made the trip were, Chapter President Jim LaGarde, V.P. Dale Wagner, Board member, Carl Harris, Eddy Ortelt, Bob Silmsr, Don Wallick, and Luther Lassiter. Pictures of this trip were taken but not available to the OUTPOST at the time of publication.

The second trip was begun on September 27th. The chapter members were, President Jim LaGarde, who's Big Red Machine, was invaluable on both trips, Eddy Ortelt, and Don Wallick. As you can see, some of these men did double duty.



Above left, Tom Hall, Carl Harris, Jim LaGarde and Herman Rainey load up "Rambo's" trailer for the 2nd trip up to the north Gulf area.



Above right, Carl Harris takes charge of the supplies. Some state council members like Craig Tonjes and Joyce Kerpowski also made the trips.

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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.

The Purple Heart Medal

First award of Purple Heart was to 3 soldiers in 1783

By: Robert F. Dorr and Fred L. Borch.

Because Gen. George Washington created it in 1782, the Purple Heart is America's oldest military decoration.

Washington gave it a different name, however. He called it the Badge of Military Merit.

On Aug 7, 1782, Washington decreed that "when ever any singularly meritorious action is performed, the author of it shall be permitted to wear....over his left breast...a heart in purple cloth."

Three Continental Army noncommissioned officers received the award in 1783, William Brown, Elijah Churchill and Daniel Bissell had demonstrated great courage—Brown and Churchill in combat and Bissell as a spy who pretended to desert from American forces, enlisted in the British Army and obtained valuable information.

After the American Revolution, the Badge of Military Merit was forgotten. No comparable award was made to soldiers during America's wars of the 19th century.

When Army Chief of Staff Gen. Douglas MacArthur revived the award Feb. 22 1932, and renamed it the Purple Heart, he intended the decoration to recognize meritorious service, which in his interpretation, included being wounded as a result of enemy action.

In General Order No. 3, MacArthur announced that "the Purple Heart, established by....Washington.....is hereby revived out of respect to his memory and military achievements."

The Army decided the new Purple Heart would be for "any singularly meritorious act of extraordinary fidelity or essential service."

But the new award criteria also had a twist. By definition, any wound "which necessitates treatment by a medical officer" and was received in combat, was included in the definition of meritorious service. This was the beginning of the link between the Purple Heart and injured soldiers.

During the 1930's, the Army awarded a small number of Purple Hearts to WW I veterans for meritorious service and thousands and thousands to soldiers who had been wounded in combat in France in 1917 and 1918.

In later years, the Purple Heart was awarded to those killed in action and in 1942, the Navy obtained authority to award the Purple Heart to sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen. In WW II, more then 200 Purple Hearts were awarded for meritorious service.

In 1942, however, it was decided the Purple Heart should be awarded only for those wounded or killed in action. As a result, the War Dept. changed its regulations so the Purple Heart was exclusively for troops wounded or killed in action with the enemy.

That changed in the 1960's when President John F. Kennedy expanded the definition of "enemy" so that Americans fighting in a undeclared war in Southeast Asia could receive the Purple Heart when wounded in firefights with guerrillas.

In the 1980's, President Ronald Reagan changed the Purple Heart's criteria to include service members who suffered injuries as a result of an international terrorist attack. The medal retains its unique character as the only decoration that does not depend on a superior's favor or approval—every service member who suffers a qualifying injury or wound gets a Purple Heart.



Do you have a family member currently serving in the US Military. We want to hear about them. Please send their name, rank, branch of service, duty station, etc., to Jon Mueller. E-mail: JonMue@aol.com. Please include pictures.

Calendar of Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Event and Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
October 2005			
13th	Thursday	Board of Directors Meeting, Jon's House	6:30 PM
15th	Saturday	Chapter 787 Family Picnic, Veterans Park, Tampa	10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
27th	Thursday	Chapter Meeting, Brandon Veterans Hall	7:00 PM
November 2005			
10th	Thursday	Board of Directors Meeting, Jon's House	6:30 PM
11th	Friday	Veterans Day, Veterans Council Event, Veterans Memorial Park & Museum	11:00 AM to 3:30 PM
24th	Thursday	Thanksgiving.....No Chapter Meeting	
December 2005			
8th	Thursday	Board of Directors Meeting, Jon's House	6:30 PM

Speakers Needed

Submitted By: Tom Hall

On June 8-9, 2005, ten high school teachers from the Hillsborough County School District went through a workshop training session conducted by Ron Dyches, Ross Webster, Bruce Burnham and Tom Hall on teaching the high school elective course "History of the Vietnam War."

Many of the teachers will be teaching the History of the Vietnam War course next year at their high school for the first time and adding to the growth of the number of high schools that will need speakers each week for their course.

With the increase in the number of high schools offering the course and the growth of class at existing schools **our Chapter's Speaker's Bureau is going to need additional speakers to meet the demand.**



Any member who is interested in becoming part of the Chapter's Speaker's Bureau should contact **Tom Hall as soon as possible at 655-7129**. This is a community service project that the Chapter has undertaken for over seven years and grows each year. If you are willing to share your personal experiences in Vietnam and how Vietnam affected your life, this is the opportunity to keep the legacy of Vietnam veterans alive through informing the students about the Vietnam War and its veterans.

Donations



V.V.A. Chapter 787 thanks Vince Giarratano for his \$12 additional contribution to our newsletter and Jose Villanueva who is not a chapter member yet donated \$50 to our chapter.

Chapter member and Hillsborough County Veterans Council President, Dave Braun advised that the company, West Marine of Brandon awarded \$1500 to "The Friends Of The Parks", on August 15.

POW/MIA CONSULTATIONS CONCLUDE IN LAOS

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) announced today that the four nations involved in accounting for Americans missing from the Vietnam War agreed to work together over the next year to craft an action plan for future POW/MIA activities in Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam. They also pledged to continue the increased cooperation that resulted from the 2004 Consultations in searching for losses in border areas.

Chief of Staff of the DPMO Mel Richmond, hosted the 2005 Consultations, held in Luang Prabang, Laos. Senior leaders from the United States, Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam gathered to explore a common vision, to share experiences and to set a course for future work in recovering the remains of missing Americans.

Laos' Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Phongsavath Bouphe opened the meeting noting the strong cooperation in the search for Americans by the people of Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam. The successes in accounting for the Americans, he noted, are due to the support of local authorities for the more than 20 years that U. S. teams have operated jointly in Laos.

U.S. Coast Guard and the Vietnam War

Submitted By: Jon Mueller



Early in the Vietnam War, the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese forces obtained their supplies in many ways. The forces allied with the Republic of South Vietnam could not stop the enemy's flow of men, arms and supplies.

During February 1965, a U. S. Army pilot flying over Vung Ro Bay near Qui Nhon noticed an "island" moving slowly from one side of the bay to the other. Upon closer observation he saw the island was a carefully camouflaged ship. Air strikes

were called in and the vessel sunk. Intelligence sources determined the ship was North Vietnamese and engaged in supplying enemy forces.

A tight security and surveillance system was necessary. This would be no easy chore with 1,200 miles of coastline to patrol and over 60,000 junks and sampans to control. To provide this coverage the Coastal Surveillance Force was established in March 1965. Called MARKET TIME after the native boats using the waterways for fishing and marketing, this task force provided a single command to integrate sea, air, and land based units and coordinate U.S. Navy, Coast Guard and South Vietnamese naval units.

MARKET TIME units stopped many enemy vessels carrying supplies and men. The success of the operation forced the enemy to rely on the Ho Chi Minh trail to transport supplies. As many of the trawler kills were in southern Vietnam near the Ca Mau peninsula, the enemy had to carry supplies over an extraordinarily long distance.

Quote

Submitted By: Jon Mueller

“Political power grows out of the barrel of a gun”

Mao Tse-Tung



This Month During the War in Vietnam

Submitted By: Jon Mueller

October

1968 U.S. servicemen sent to Vietnam for second tours

U.S. Defense Department officials announce that the Army and Marines will be sending about 24,000 men back to Vietnam for involuntary second tours because of the length of the war, high turnover of personnel resulting from the one year of duty, and the tight supply of experienced soldiers. This decision had an extremely negative impact on troop morale and the combat readiness of U.S. forces elsewhere in the world as troops were transferred to meet the increased personnel requirements in Vietnam.

1965 Marines repel attack near Da Nang.



Just miles from Da Nang, U.S. Marines repel an intense attack by successive waves of Viet Cong troops and kill 56 guerrillas.

A search of the dead uncovered a sketch of Marine positions written on the body of a 13-year-old Vietnamese boy who had been selling drinks to the Marines the previous day. This incident was indicative of the nature of a war in which even the most seemingly innocent child could be the enemy. There were many other instances where South Vietnamese civilians that worked on or near U.S. bases provided information to and participated in attacks alongside the enemy.

Membership

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Lesser Known Facts the War in Vietnam



The US Navy entered the Vietnam conflict in 1960, when the UDTs (precursor to the Navy SEALs) delivered small watercraft far up the Mekong River into Laos. In 1961, Naval Advisers started training the Vietnamese UDT. These men were called the Lien Doc Nguoi Nhia (LDNN), roughly translated as the "soldiers that fight under the sea."

By 1963, the Vietnamese LDNN was starting to meet success within their missions. Operating American-provided, Norwegian-built "Nasty" class fast patrol boats out of Da Nang, the LDNN were able to make several raids against North Vietnamese targets. On 31 July, the Nastys were used on a mission to destroy a radio transmitter on the island of Hon Nieu. Using 88mm mortar on the night of 3 August, they shelled the radar site at Cape Vinh Son.

Due to the immense firepower of the 88mm recoilless, the North Vietnamese believed the large guns of an U.S. Naval ship were bombarding them. Under this assumption, NVA gunboats made a daylight attack on the USS Maddox, which was cruising off the North Vietnamese coastline, intercepting radio transmissions. This and a second attack later the same day on the USS Turner Joy came to be known as The Gulf of Tonkin Incident.



Show that you Care!

When traveling, if you happen to spot a young man or women in a US military uniform, please take a moment to walk up, introduce yourself, shake their hand and thank them for their service. It only takes a few seconds and it will mean a lot to them! In return, you will get the biggest smile that you every saw.

Vietnam Veterans Needed

Submitted By: Tom Hall

With the new school year starting, the "History of the Vietnam War" classes will again be producing Volume VII, Oral Histories of Vietnam Veterans.

We are in need of Vietnam Veterans who are willing to share their experience in Vietnam with the students. The students will ask the questions. You will need to bring a photo of yourself in Vietnam so they may scan it for use in the book.

All those interested, please contact Tom Hall as soon as possible at (813) 655-7129.

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Passing PTSD symptoms to children

Australian research on mental disorders among Vietnam veterans has found mood disorders can be passed down to children. A study, reported in the Medical Journal of Australia, was conducted over eight years and included 70 families of veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder. The study found their children were at greater risk than the general population for suicide, anger, depression, anxiety, alcohol and drug abuse, and low self-esteem. The problems appear to be related to difficulty forming a close relationship with parents who have mental health problems.

The research shows one reason why U.S. military and veterans' health care officials are placing increasingly high priority on early counseling for veterans returning from operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. Problems facing a service member today can worsen and spread through an entire family if not properly treated.

Revamped Veterans' Health Care Now a Model

By Gilbert M. Gaul

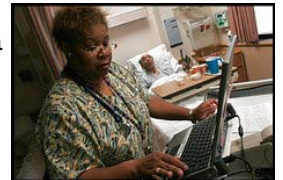
Washington Post Staff Writer

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For years, the Department of Veterans Affairs' sprawling health care system was criticized by veterans groups and government investigators as a dangerous backwater of medicine. Report after report portrayed it as suffocating from top-heavy bureaucracy, dirty and unsafe hospitals, and little or no accountability. Thousands of eligible patients opted to get their care elsewhere.

But in the past decade, largely unnoticed by the public, the system has undergone a dramatic transformation and now is considered by some to be a model.

Researchers laud the VA for its use of electronic medical records, its focus on preventive care and its outstanding results. The system outperforms Medicare and most private health plans on many quality measures, including diabetes care, managing high blood pressure and caring for heart attack patients. Demand at veterans clinics and hospitals is soaring -- so much so that Congress last month appropriated \$1.5 billion in emergency funds to cover a budget shortfall that the department did not anticipate.



Some experts point to the VA makeover as a lesson in how the nation's troubled health care system might be able to heal itself.

"If you take a five- or six-year perspective, I think what the Veterans Health Administration has done is stunning," said Donald M. Berwick, president and chief executive of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement. "It's especially impressive because this is a massive system that works in a fishbowl, is under tremendous scrutiny and has constrained resources."

Since 1995, the VA says, the number of patients it is treating has doubled, to about 5.2 million. At the same time, the department reports that it has trimmed its staff by about 12,000 people, opened hundreds of outpatient clinics and shifted its focus to primary care, while cutting costs per patient by about half.

"If we've proved anything . . . in the last 10 years, it is that quality is less expensive," said Jonathan B. Perlin, the acting undersecretary for health.

The VA's new medicine is on display at the bedside. One recent morning in Room 148 on the third floor of the Baltimore VA Medical Center, nurse Diane Bailey prepared to give Francis Xavier Lee, 79, a World War II veteran, medication for asthma.

In most hospitals, Bailey would rifle through charts attempting to decipher a physician's scrawled instructions. At Lee's bedside, she logged on to a laptop computer containing the patient's medical history and a list of medication he was scheduled to receive.

More on Hurricane Katrina

Submitted By: Ron Schott

**Biloxi's Vietnamese face daunting recovery
For many, destruction was worse than the war.**

By Amy Worden *Contact staff writer Amy Worden at 717-783-2584 or aworden@phillynews.com.*

Inquirer Staff Writer

BILOXI, Miss. - When Henry Huong Le took his first horrified look at the leveled neighborhood that had been the heart of the Vietnamese community here, one thought came to his mind: It was worse than Vietnam after the war.

Hurricane Katrina flattened scores of small frame houses and Asian businesses in a 12-square-block area. It destroyed the wharfs where Vietnamese fishermen docked their boats and the seafood plants that processed the shrimp they brought back, sometimes after months at sea.

Le, 48, owner of a sandwich-shop chain based in San Jose, Calif., returned to Biloxi after the hurricane to see what was left of the community he helped build. He helped found the first Vietnamese seafood-processing plant here, and owned 10 commercial and residential properties that were lost in the storm.

He struggled to hold back tears in describing the losses.

"There is so much destruction that you can't see on TV," he said. "In Vietnam a few houses burned, but most people had something to return to. Here, there is nothing to come back to."

Neither Le nor the handful of other volunteers helping the Vietnamese community are dwelling on the pain. There's too much to do.

A steady stream of Vietnamese residents, most of whom lost their homes and jobs, files through an office that Le borrowed from a local bank, seeking help in filling out forms from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Meantime, volunteers hustle to find doctors, lawyers and translators, and to organize food shipments and fund-raising drives.

Le, who lived in Biloxi for five years in the early 1990s, returned to lead what is likely to be a Herculean effort to rebuild the devastated Vietnamese community. Many of the estimated 5,000 Vietnamese residents of Biloxi fled north or east to escape the storm, but more than 1,000 were trapped on fishing boats with no place to go. Two hundred homeless Vietnamese are camping out in the community's Buddhist temple. At least 2,000 have been displaced.

Vietnamese Americans in San Jose and across the country are rallying behind the people of Biloxi, Le said. A fund-raising drive was held Thursday in San Jose for the Vietnamese families affected by the storm. Organizers hope to raise \$100,000 for the American Red Cross.

Three truckloads of Asian comfort food and supplies - instant noodles, rice, soy sauce, bean curd and chopsticks - are in Houston, ready to move. But first Le has to find someplace to warehouse them.

"There isn't a place to put them," he said.

Le was among the thousands of Vietnamese who escaped their country after the war. After three years in a Malaysian refugee camp, he landed in San Jose. Others settled in historic fishing villages along the Gulf Coast, from Mississippi to Alabama.

Many of those who went to Mississippi settled in Point Cadet, a peninsula in East Biloxi now ringed by oceanfront casinos. It originally was home to Yugoslav and French families in the 19th century.

About 80 percent are employed in the fishing industry. The rest work in casinos and offshore oil rigs. Many are poor and uninsured.

Philip Tran and his wife and two children made it out of Biloxi before the storm and have returned to the site where their house had stood. Amid the pile of boards, Tran's wife found the shattered glass frame that held a photo of her 2-year-old son. She cradled it and cried softly as she gently broke off the small piece containing her son's face.

Tran, who has lived in Biloxi for 21 years, said he does not know if he'll come back. "It depends on what the city does, and it depends on whether there is work," he said.

Several Vietnamese landmarks survived the storm: the Church of the Vietnamese Martyrs, the Van Duc Temple, and the statue of the female Buddha, Quan Yin, which graced the front of the temple.

The temple was dedicated Aug. 28, the day before Katrina hit. Now, it's a homeless shelter.

Vietnam-Afghanistan-Iraq, Connection

101st Airborne Division (Air Assault)

July 1965, The 101st, a complete Airborne Division on jump status, sent 4000 of its paratroopers to Vietnam. They immediately made a demonstration parachute jump observed by Gen. Westmoreland and outgoing Ambassador Maxwell Taylor, who had commanded the Division in WWII. These men of the 1st Brigade fought as a separate unit until 1967 when the remainder of the division arrived in Vietnam. The combat elements of the division consisted of 10 battalions of Airborne Infantry, and six battalions artillery.



The majority of the 101st tactical operations were in the Central Highlands and in the A Shau Valley farther north. Among its major operations was the brutal fight for Ap Bia Mountain, known as the "Hamburger Hill" battle. The 101st was the last US Army division to leave Vietnam.

September 2001, the 101st Airborne Division, now an Air Assault unit, (no longer on jump status) arrives in Afghanistan. The men of the US Army's only Air Assault Division, conducted two major operations in Afghanistan. Anaconda in March of 2002 and Iron Mountain in May of 2002. Both were conducted in thin air, above 11,000 feet, almost two miles up!

The 101st returned home to Ft. Campbell Ky. in August of 2002 for a well deserved rest and refit.



March 2003, the 101st Airborne conducts an Air Assault into Southern Iraq as part of their mission in the initial stages of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The division had later operations in the North around Mosul where on July 22, 2003, men from the 101st cornered Saddam's son's in the home of an informant. The two men, Uday and Ousay, did not go quietly and were killed by superior firepower.

Jane Fonda would feel right at home on this gun!



Support

“Without Supplies, No Army is brave.” Fredrick the great, 1747



When it seems that every Vietnam Vet you talk to was either a Recon Marine, Airborne Ranger or Navy SEAL, it's about time we mention the men of our support commands. These are the MP's, mechanics', cooks, etc who did not serve in forward Infantry or Marine combat units. They did not hold combat MOS's in Infantry, Armor or Artillery, they were not Fighter pilots, but they made up the vast amount of personnel in and out of country, and they deserve to be recognized, since no one in the "line companies" could have made a move without them.

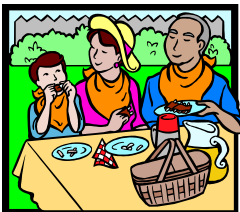


It's very refreshing to hear stories from these men as to how proud they are of their support jobs, like securing bombs and missiles on Air Force. Marine and Navy jets so that they can make those air missions, or how they were able to chopper in enough food, ammo, and medical supplies to keep the grunts going. Also, keeping those choppers flying was no easy task given the amount of abuse the Marine and Army helo's took.



I remember how some of the truckers, in my AO, from the Army's 1st Support Command, use to weld iron plates to the sides of a "duce-and-a-half", install two to three M-60's or .50 cal's and make it into a rolling armored gun platform just so they could better guard supply convoy's through some very dangerous mountain passes. I vividly remember one such truck being painted with very large psychedelic colored butterflies in honor of the rock group Iron Butterfly. The truckers would play their hit song, In-A-Godda-Da-Vida, on large speakers, as they drove. I am sure this was the same in other AO's.

Also, while the support men and women did not always share the ground ponders enjoyment of an all day hike in the jungle with a 50 lb ruck, or spending their nights in a hole-in -the-ground, most were volunteers and performed their duties with honor.



Chapter Picnic

Mark your colanders for a day with V.V.A. Chapter 787 members, families and friends! The date is Saturday October 15, 2005. The location is Veterans Memorial Park, Hwy 301 Tampa Fl. The time is 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Food, soft drinks and fun, all provided by Chapter 787.

Submitted by Tom Hall

Important Phone Numbers

Tampa VA Hospital: (813) 972-2000
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 Dental Clinic (813) 972-7511
 PTSD Clinic (813) 978-5866

Women's Clinic (813) 979-3678
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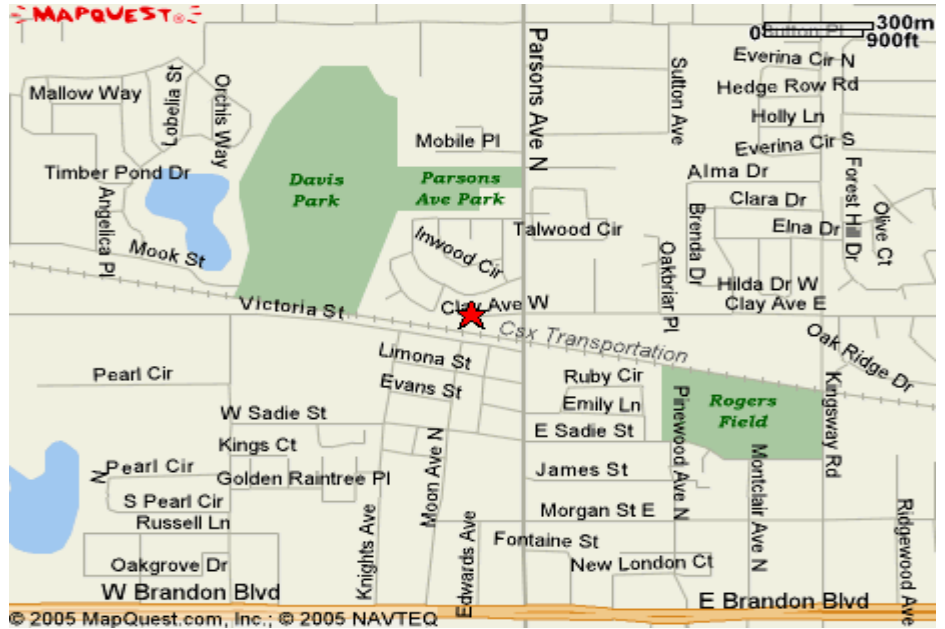
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