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NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF FAMILIES "FORUM 1994"

The NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF FAMILIES holds its 5th annual Forum on July 14 - 17, 1994 at the Sheraton Crystal City Hotel's Grand Ballroom. Please keep in mind the public is welcome. There is no charge. Plans are moving ahead to make this year as informative as past years. The lecturers who have confirmed to bring us informative and new information are GARNETT "BILL" BELL, the first director of the U.S. POW/MIA office in Hanoi and Special Assistant for Negotiations for the JTFPA, former chief investigator for the JCRC, a multi-tour airborne ranger in Vietnam, with involvement in POW/MIA investigations dating back to 1968.

And Major Mark Smith, returned POW (1973) remained in the Army special Forces. In 1985, Major Smith and SFC Melvin McIntyre brought suit against the U.S. Government for failing to comply with U.S. law in securing the freedom of American POWs in Southeast Asia. The two had been on a special assignment in Thailand, and had gathered substantial evidence that American POWs were still being held. Further, Smith and McIntyre claimed that this information, passed on to higher authority, had been "deep-sixed" and there had been no attempt or intent to act upon it.

Mark Smith, like many close to the POW/MIA issue, feels that his government has let our men down, those who proudly served their country. Since the lawsuit (1985), Smith returned to Thailand where he remains to this day actively seeking the freedom of the men who were left behind. Smith made many attempts to secure a time to testify before the Senate Select Committee for POW/MIA Affairs but to no avail, he was ignored. We will have the privilege of hearing what the Select Committee was oblivious to.

Thirty-One year old former Marine and U.S. Foreign service officer and playwright Allen Yeck plus several actors will perform "2266" a two-act drama about what else ??? One family's fight for their POW/MIA.

National Vietnam Veterans Coalition will hold their board of directors meeting on Friday, July 15 at 6:30PM at the Sheraton Crystal City Hotel. Everyone is welcome to come in and observe.

There will be active participation of the Vietnamese Community regarding Hanoi's obvious disregard for the "human rights" of our POWs and their own Vietnamese people. Hanoi is rated in the top three countries by Amnesty International at the disgraceful, abhorring disregard for human life in Vietnam.

The National Alliance is continually appreciative for the marvelous support that is always extended us by so many organizations and individuals. We are grateful to the following organizations for their financial and moral support for past forums and "FORUM 1994".

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