

VIETNAM VETS RALLY

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VIETNAM, DISABLED AND YOUNGER VETERANS
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VIETNAM ERA VETS

TIME TO ACT

Reagan wants to cut EVERY federal program targeted to Vietnam, disabled and younger veterans. The proposed cuts would kill the new Vet Center Readjustment Counseling Program (including the two new Vet Centers in the Chicago area), the college veteran student counseling and GI Bill paperwork offices, the Disabled Veterans Outreach Program, vital VA medical services, and other essential programs serving 9 million Vietnam Era Veterans and 553,000 disabled veterans (including 241,000 Vietnam Era Vets in Cook County and 77,000 Disabled Vets in IL).

These Cuts are a slap in the face to Vietnam and disabled vets, who earned these vital programs and who will carry the scars of their sacrifice to their country for the rest of their lives.

Vietnam Era Veterans and their supporters must contact their congressmen and senators NOW, or they will lose everything they have struggled for in the past fifteen years.

CONTACT YOUR CONGRESSMEN AND SENATORS TODAY!!

CONGRESSMEN:

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1 Harold Washington	1610 Longworth Off. Bldg. Wash., D.C. 20515	783-6800
2 Gus Savage	1233 "	374-5000
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11 Frank Annunzio	2303 Rayburn Off. Bldg. "	736-0700
12 Phillip Crane	1035 Longworth Off. Bldg. "	394-0790

SENATORS:

Sen. Charles Percy	1200 Dirksen Off. Bldg. Washington, D.C. 20510	353-4952
Sen Allen Dixon	456 Russell Off. Bldg. "	353-5420

TO SEND A PUBLIC OPINION TELEGRAM TO ELECTED OFFICIALS: Call 435-0200. 20 words or less costs \$3.50. Sample message: "RESTORE ALL CUTS FOR VIETNAM ERA AND DISABLED VETERANS, INCLUDING VET CENTERS, TTA, VCIP, DVOP, VA MEDICAL SERVICES." DO IT TODAY CALL 435-0200 NOW

VET CENTERS IN CHICAGO AREA

METRO VET CENTER
 1100 Garfield Avenue
 (near Harlem and the Eisenhower)
 Oak Park, IL 60304
 383-3225
 Rap Groups: Mon, Tues, Wed 7-10
 Women's group Thursday 7-10
 Vietnam Veterans of America: Wed 6-7

CHICAGO VET CENTER
 547 West Roosevelt Road
 Chicago, IL 60607
 829-4400
 Rap Groups: Tues, Wed, Thur 6-10
 VFW meets Wednesday 6-10

The ILLINOIS VIETNAM VETERANS CIVIC COUNCIL is an advisory body to the VA and other government institutions on the needs of Vietnam Veterans. All Vietnam Era Veterans are welcome to attend. The IVVCC meets at 1PM on the third Friday of each month on the 6th Floor of the Chicago VA Regional Office, 536 South Clark. Info on agenda items: Ray Toczek, Sec. 663-5510. (Due to Holiday, Next Meeting April 10)

Vietnam Veterans Against the War-Chicago meets monthly and is planning a PARTY on Sat., 4/4.
 Info: 463-2127

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VIETNAM AND DISABLED VETS BUDGET CUTS

David Stockman, President Reagan's budget cutter, former paid anti-war activist during Vietnam, is proposing to eliminate the following programs aimed specifically at Vietnam Era and disabled veterans:

ELIMINATE: Veterans Cost of Instruction Program (V.C.I.P.). Funding for Veterans Offices on Campuses to provide outreach, recruitment, counseling, work-study, tutorial assistance, financial aid, career guidance, and Veterans Administration paperwork processing.

ELIMINATE: Targeted Technical Assistance Program (T.T.A.). Department of Labor asked Veteran Community Based Organization to help other CETA Prime Sponsors to develop mandated programs to assist disabled and Vietnam Era veterans. Also, a clearinghouse of successful programs to support the program.

ELIMINATE: "Vet Centers" -- The Veteran Administration's Outreach Program to find, encourage and assist Vietnam Era veterans and their families in adjustment, counseling, and post-traumatic stress disorders (estimates are that 700,000 will need help by 1985). From April 1, 1980 through December 31, 1980, 39,000 veterans received services with 48% requesting help with jobs.

ELIMINATE: Incarcerated Veterans Project. Approximately 20 self-help programs assisting incarcerated and ex-offender veterans with counseling, discharge review, etc. (1/3 of United States prison population is Vietnam Era veterans.)

ELIMINATE: White House Outreach Programs, Multi-service Programs in major cities: Detroit, Seattle, Baltimore, Minneapolis, Los Angeles, New York, Newark, etc.

ELIMINATE: Disabled Veterans Outreach Program (D.V.O.P.) and Employment Service program for disabled and Vietnam Era veterans lacks funding to operate now and will be functionally eliminated by 1983.

Additional cuts proposed that will affect all veterans include:

ELIMINATE: Legal Services Corporation, providing discharge review and other services for indigent and rural veterans across the nation. (There is an April 1 application deadline for some 2 million veterans.)

ELIMINATE: Ex-service member unemployment compensation. A person who honorably finishes their first term in the military and declines offer to re-enlist then loses their eligibility for Unemployment Insurance.

ELIMINATE: Vital Veterans Administration Medical Research.

ELIMINATE: Special Programs (i.e., kidney dialysis services)

ELIMINATE: 20,000 employees out of the Veterans Administration Department of Medicine and Surgery by 1986.

ELIMINATE: 3,200 employees from the Veterans Administration Department of Veterans Benefits by 1983.

ELIMINATE: 2 Veterans Administration Hospitals.

The total cost of Vietnam Veterans Programs is less than \$70 million a year or 1/100 of 1% of the total U.S. Budget. We are called inflationary and referred to as peripheral veterans programs while at the same time, the U.S. is proposing to send over \$90 million to El Salvador in military and economic aid -- but that is not inflationary.