

AFTER 10 YEARS THE TIME IS RIGHT FOR AN *EFFECTIVE* VIETNAM VETERANS ORGANIZATION

AND . . .

THE TIME IS *NOW!*



UNITED VIETNAM VETERANS ORGANIZATION



Everyone agrees that the time for Vietnam veterans is right; and the time is now . . . in fact, it **MUST** be now, or it will be never. Daily we see our world hurled into ever increasing complex problems. We and our country are being drawn closer and closer to major problems. Some experts even predict another "conflict". And if we are to believe what history has taught us, that possibility is very real.

As the problems of the world increase, the Vietnam veteran becomes less and less significant. The lack of concern for the Vietnam veteran that was evident almost a decade ago is just as strong today. If our country were to be plunged into a crisis tomorrow, the Vietnam veteran would be lost and forgotten from that moment on. We can not and will not let that happen.

It is incumbent upon us to come together to insure that history and America properly remember and record the sacrifices of truly patriotic citizens, the Vietnam veterans. Our children's history books frequently reflect this present lack of concern with the Vietnam War — America's longest and most costly war.

Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 — Americans were in a two-hour battle. The Battle of Gettysburg was a three-day battle. Vietnam was an eleven year war with tremendous sacrifices by our generation and I feel it must be recorded with as much historical significance as wars and battles of past history.

We must ask ourselves, "Was the character of our determination to fight any less than the character of the Americans at Lexington? Was the courage displayed any different than that displayed at Gettysburg? Were our fears any different than the fears at Pearl Harbor? Was our loneliness any different than the loneliness of the Allied troops prior to the D-Day invasion? Were the cold rains and mosquitoes any less severe than those experienced in the islands of Iwo Jima and the Philippines? Was our fight any less intense than the fight displayed at Inchon? Was the American fighting man's valor any less in Vietnam than in any other American war?"

We would have to answer NO! to all of the above. Then we must ask ourselves WHY??

Why are we forgotten today as heroes? Why hasn't history been responsible to all our raw courage; our sacrifices, our pain and suffering, and for some of us, the lonely, painful re-entry back into American society from our remote Asian war? Why? Because for the most part we became personal islands and have not gotten involved with our past or our plight. Therefore situations and circumstances dictate that we get involved today to make sure that history properly reflects on our commitment to our country and our commitment to a foreign land and foreign people. We must come together in unity to reflect on the good as well as our bad experiences — Vietnam veterans helping fellow Vietnam veterans.

We will be offering economic benefits that come with group buying power and we will recapture that fraternal camaraderie of combat that very few individuals experience. In addition, we want to create a Vietnam veteran talent data bank.

By doing all this, the United Vietnam Veterans Organization will insure that we are properly remembered as **Americans**, who served their country during the most trying time in the history of the United States since the Civil War.



The United Vietnam Veterans Organization is committed to educating the world on all of the sacrifices made by a couple generations of young American men and women and their families. We also want to bring out that America was not alone in her fight in South East Asia. We had many allies who also fought, shed blood and died.

It seems that the news media and whoever else was responsible for blocking out the war were also successful in blocking out all that was contributed by young patriotic Americans and Allies who served their country body and soul.

Do you want a say on how you are being treated; how you are being perceived in newspapers and films (e.g. **Crazed Vietnam Vets**)? Do you want a say on who speaks for you? Do you want a say on future memorials built for you? Do you want economic benefits and political strength? Then the time is **now** for you to join the first nationally recognized organization that will work towards all of the above and more — the UNITED VIETNAM VETERANS ORGANIZATION.

JOIN JOIN JOIN JOIN

David A. Christian

David A. Christian — Founder



THE TIME IS NOW FOR THE VIETNAM VETERAN AND THE UNITED VIETNAM VETERANS ORGANIZATION



The United Vietnam Veterans Organization is **your** organization. The purpose of the U.V.V.O. is to address, through unity and a positive approach, the problems and the future of the Vietnam veteran. It is the firm belief of the U.V.V.O. that such a 'fresh' and positive approach is needed — in fact, critical — to the resolution of the problems still facing the Vietnam veteran. This is a belief that has been proved to be valid as a result of over two years of research and development.

After returning from an unconventional war that was fought under strained and unconventional circumstances, these men and their families have faced a series of difficult problems in their progress to matriculate back into society. While much has been done to assist the Vietnam veteran, there still remain very important and conspicuous gaps in the areas of self-esteem, acceptance by society and employment.

Such gaps are due, in part, to the traditional portrayal by the media (and hence the acceptance by the public) of the Vietnam veteran as a down-trodden individual, rather than a contributor and potential leader of tomorrow. This is extremely unfortunate for such is not the case at all.

In reality, national figures indicate that approximately 18% of the returning veterans have actually derived some benefit from their experience. Another 67%, while initially suffering some problems, have successfully overcome such problems and have readjusted.

Only 15% remain 'hardcore problem cases'. Unfortunately, it has been this small percentage that has received the concentrated attention of the media and the public. And equally unfortunate, while a positive self image and attitude can do much to propel one on to success, so can a constant negative portrayal and self image hinder one's efforts for growth. Such is the case for all people, not just the Vietnam veteran.

The U.V.V.O., while not seeking to compete with existing groups, will complement present efforts and provide a positive approach leading to positive solutions to the existing and continuing problems that plague the Vietnam veteran. Such an effort will surely fill the gaps that continue to exist as a result of an underlying negativism.

The United Vietnam Veterans Organization is not just a 'token' organization that will benefit a chosen few. It is **your** organization and it has been carefully organized to serve **your** needs. Focus panels and independent studies have been utilized to pinpoint problem areas and to evaluate attitudes and trends. The findings of these studies have been used to establish target areas, strategies and goals.

One of the most frequently requested benefits by Vietnam veterans is a group economic package. The ideal economic benefit package asked for should include group health and life insurance, legal defender programs, and the like. U.V.V.O. can deliver such a package to its



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Date of Birth _____

Military Service Dates From _____ To _____

Overseas Duty Dates From _____ To _____

Overseas Duty Station _____

Identify Overseas Unit _____

(If applying as an Associate Member, the above information should be completed for your relative who is a qualified veteran (if applicable).

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

(Spouse or blood relative of qualified veteran **OR** civilian who served in Vietnam).

Non Veterans Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Date of Birth _____

Relationship to veteran _____

Civilian Service (Vietnam) From _____ To _____

Name of Agency or Company _____

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Complete application and mail with \$20.00 membership fee **AND** copy of DD-214 or DD-255 to:

UVVO/Membership
P.O. Box 11
Levittown, PA 19059

members and it can deliver that package **now**. Two years ago, such major benefits for Vietnam vets were only a dream. Today it is a reality.

Other areas of concentration by U.V.V.O. include the following:

— A Vietnam vet **re-entry program** to complete a successful readaptation to civilian life for every Vietnam vet.

— **Back-in-the World seminars** and support groups to provide a forum for Vietnam veterans to share their Vietnam experience, during and after their service, with other vets. Such forums will be reinforced by professional counselors with local follow-up.

— A **Find Your Buddy program** which will, through the help of a simple computer program, help locate old Vietnam buddies and facilitate re-connection.

— A **U.V.V.O. Crisis Hot Line** that will be staffed 'round the clock by volunteers and support units to respond to individual crisis.

— To address and assist in the **resolution of the 'traditional' persisting problems** of unemployment, self image, entitlements, toxic chemicals, and supplemental services.

— Programs to **promote recognition and acceptance** through effective use of the media. The program will also promote association with the successful Vietnam vet by highlighting these individuals and their accomplishments.

Already more than 200 separate Vietnam vets groups around the country have seen the need for such an organization. They have witnessed and realized the strength that we have in our numbers. And, they have joined hands and made the decision to fly under the colors of the U.V.V.O.

The time is **NOW** for your decision. We can either continue to wimper in solitude or join forces and receive the attention and place in history that we have earned. The choice is ours alone to make and the decision costs but a moment of your time and twenty dollars of your hard-earned money.

I know that we are living in a time where every imaginable group is asking us for help, and that help usually means cash out of our pocket. But how often does our contribution really help us or our loved ones? For once, lets contribute to an organization that will benefit us directly. Let's face it, if we don't help ourselves, who will?

Make the decision today? — for yourself, your family and your buddies who fought and died at

your side. It'll be the best \$20.00 you ever spent. Complete and mail the attached application with a copy of your DD-214 or DD-255 today, and become part of the leading National Organization for YOU — the Vietnam veteran. **WELCOME ABOARD!**





United Vietnam Veterans Organization

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**MEMBERSHIP
APPLICATION**

I hereby apply for membership with the UNITED VIETNAM VETERANS ORGANIZATION

Please type or print clearly

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

MILITARY SERVICE DATES FROM: _____ TO: _____

BRANCH OF SERVICE _____

OVERSEAS DUTY DATES FROM: _____ TO: _____

OVERSEAS DUTY STATION _____

IDENTIFY OVERSEAS UNIT _____

(If you are applying as an Associate Member, the above information should be completed for your relative who is a qualified Veteran (if applicable).)

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

(Spouse or Blood Relative of Qualified Veteran OR Civilian who served in Vietnam)

NON VETERAN'S NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____ RELATIONSHIP TO VETERAN _____

CIVILIAN SERVICE (VIETNAM) FROM: _____ TO: _____

NAME OF AGENCY OR COMPANY _____

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**COMPLETE APPLICATION IN ITS ENTIRETY AND
MAIL WITH \$20.00 MEMBERSHIP FEE AND
A COPY OF YOUR DD 214 OR DD 255 TO:**

**United Vietnam Veterans Organization
P.O. Box 731
Langhorne, Pennsylvania 19047**

Please allow 4 to 6 weeks for processing.