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Subject: Info on "Lessons from Vietnam"

Hi Bob,
I'm the Photography Coordinator at the Sawtooth Center for Visual Art in Winston-Salem and a Vietnam-era vet. For the past 8 months I've been soliciting and archiving photographs from Vietnam vets in the Piedmont Triad area of NC. By April I had over 2600 photos and slides. We just put up the first exhibit here of 60 8x10 color and black & white digital enlargements, a CD show with 60 additional photos and quotes by the vets and an MIA/POW "Missing Man" display. The press picked up on it and all the local newspapers did full page stories, our NBC station did a story and NPR did a national story. When it came down after a one-month run we estimate between 800 and 1000 people saw it.

I've scheduled the exhibit for travel through December 2005 and have applied for a grant from the NC Humanities Council. They were very excited and that will probably go through. I've also received an Arts in Education grant from the Winston-Salem Arts Council to take a pilot program into a local high school in the spring. I heard about your very successful program from the Humanities Council and wanted to get in touch and see if you could make any suggestions. The local school system is thinking about a four week class with either an ROTC or art class. This has and is an opportunity for the guys who were there to tell their story with photographs so there's no spin or politics involved. We taped-recorded each of the vets talking about their photos so we also have that information.

There is a web page on the exhibit at www.sawtooth.org. I would greatly appreciate any advice or assistance you could offer.

Thanks very much!

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