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13 April 1990

Mrs. Khuc Min Tho  
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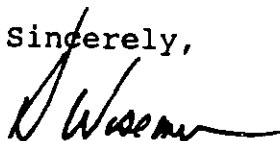
Dear Mrs. Khuc:

I received your literature. Thank you. Those of us fortunate to survive our Vietnam experience did so often as a result of the care taken of us by our Vietnamese military comrades. My Third tour of duty as an advisor to the First ARVN Division was marked by a great deal of danger which was overshadowed by daily acts of bravery by my counterparts and incredible kindness shown to me.

I have taken the liberty to copy and send your literature to Mr. Carl White who coordinates an annual dinner celebration of advisors to the Vietnamese Marine Corps. As you can see, they too have not forgotten their old counterparts and will be toasting them on May 5. I am suggesting to Major White that he make some kind of announcement of your organizations aims or perhaps have you speak to the group.

I hope to meet with you within a month's time.

Sincerely,



D. L. Wiseman  
Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Marine Corp.  
(Retired)

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Major Carl White (USMC, Ret)  
Media Services: Washington  
2024 National Press Building  
Washington, D.C. 20045

Dear Carl:

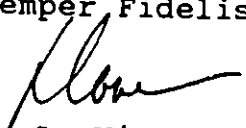
I was an adviser in 70-71 for an ARVN infantry battalion of the First ARVN Division working the DMZ, Rockpile, Dong Ha area. I was totally impressed with my counterparts' bravery and ability. Most were killed or taken prisoner during our raid into Laos in 1971: the remainder probably were imprisoned in 1975 when RVN was lost.

I have always wanted to find some way to help their families and recently found an organization here founded to help some of the "re-education" prisoners finally being released and their families in immigrating to the U.S. 80% of these "political prisoners" are former military, majors and above. I am enclosing some of the literature sent to me by their President.

I think that the Association of Advisors to the Vietnamese Marine Corps could play a vital role in assisting our former comrades in arms, particularly in view of the fact that those most reluctant in accepting the "re-education" are the ones held the longest and are now just beginning to be released. In other words, they continued to spit in their captors' eyes.

I'm sure Mrs. Khuc would enjoy meeting with you and even say a few words at your reunion May 5th. I assume I'm still invited as you all have been kind enough to do for the last several years but I have a family vacation in Florida scheduled for that week. I am taking the liberty of forwarding a copy of this letter to Mrs. Khuc.

Semper Fidelis-

  
D. L. Wiseman  
Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Marine Corp  
(Retired)

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cc: Mrs. Khuc Min Tho

# MEDIA SERVICES: WASHINGTON

2024 National Press Building • Washington, DC 20045

March 24, 1990

Dear Marine and Former Advisor:

On behalf of the reunion committee, I am pleased to advise you that the Seventh Biennial Reunion of Advisors to the Vietnamese Marine Corps will be held from 6:30 p.m. until 11:00 on:

SATURDAY, MAY 5TH, 1990

at the NAM VIET RESTAURANT, 1127 North Hudson Street  
in the Clarendon section of Arlington, Virginia.

Please join us on that evening as former advisors, their guests, and a number of our friends and comrades-in-arms from the Vietnamese Marine Corps again gather for dinner and to swap a few sea stories and hoist a bottle or two (or more) of Ba Mui Ba (Beer "33") which we will once again have flown in for this special occasion. We hope you will be able to join us; we have had between 80 and 100 attendees at each of the past four reunions. I have enclosed a reservation form for your meal and the meal of your wife or guest/s. There are a number of excellent hotels nearby in the Rosslyn section of Arlington if you will be coming from out-of-town.

In accordance with a vote by members of our informal association a few years back, we also encourage attendance by Marines who served in advisory detachments early in the war, as advisors to units other than the Vietnamese Marines, or who served in units which provided special support to the Vietnamese Marines (such as ANGLICO).

Please return the enclosed registration form, with your check, as early as possible but no later than April 27th to help us in organizing for the event.

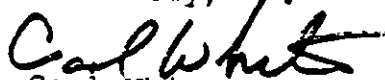
Contact me at either of the following two numbers for information or assistance in helping you to attend:

Daily-----FAIRFAX Magazine (202) 659-2876

Evenings & Weekends-----Home (703) 361-6676

We look forward to seeing you on May 5th.

Sincerely,



Carl White  
Major USMC (Ret)

H (703) 361-6676

(W) 659-2876

P.S. Please inform other members of the Covan network about the reunion and encourage them to join you at the NAM VIET on May 5th. Thanks.

(Reunion Committee: Peter McCarthy, Cy Kammeier, Joe Pratte, Carl White)

PLEASE SEND US A NOTE OR GIVE US A CALL IF YOU HAVE THE ADDRESSES OF RETIRED MARINES WHO WERE MEMBERS OF THE MARINE ADVISORY UNIT.

# MARINE ADVISORS' REUNION

MAY 5, 1990  
NAM VIET RESTAURANT, 1127 NORTH HUDSON STREET,  
ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA

You will be able to select from among a number of the NAM VIET'S excellent Vietnamese and American dishes.

(We encourage staying at the Hyatt Arlington or other hotels in the Rosslyn section of Arlington for the evening since our experience indicates Covans do tend to stay at the reunion very late into the evening. If you do plan to stay at a hotel, you are reminded that May is tourist season in Washington and you should make reservations as soon as possible. North Hudson Street, where the NAM VIET Restaurant is located, is about two miles up Wilson Blvd. from Rosslyn.)

Uniform: Officers--White dress "A" or Business Suit  
Enlisted- Blue Dress "A" or Business Suit  
Ladies--Cocktail dress

DETACH AND RETURN THE FORM BELOW ALONG WITH YOUR  
CHECK NO LATER THAN APRIL 27, 1990

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Make check payable to: Carl White--Marine Advisors

Return this form and your check to:

Marine Advisors Reunion  
25 South Quaker Lane, Suite 24  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Registration fee for each person is \$30.00 (includes meal).

Mine: \_\_\_\_\_ Price: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Guest: \_\_\_\_\_ Price: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

Home: \_\_\_\_\_  
(area code) (number)  
Work: \_\_\_\_\_  
(area code) (number)

GUEST'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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August 2, 1991

Dear Mrs. Tho:

Thank you again for honoring me at your recent Awards Dinner; I still contend that I deserve nothing for helping people who were so kind to me when I was alone in their country. Congratulations on your ability to complete your mission and close your organization; truly a job well done. You and your directors should be very proud.

Please excuse Betty and my absence at your picnic last Sunday. Betty and I encountered a minor family emergency which we had to deal with at the last minute. Bob Funseth called me to check on the progress of Tran Ngoc Hue and he told me he really enjoyed your picnic.

Please let Betty and I know what we can do to continue to help.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David", written in a cursive style.

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*Mrs. Tho!  
He -  
for your information  
please*

August 3, 1992

David Catlin Pierce  
Counsellor of Embassy  
Bangkok, Thailand  
APO San Francisco, CA 96346

Reference: Le Van Khoa, IV 316627, HO-16-387  
Nguyen Viet Troung Son, IV 316635, HO-16-352

Dear Mr. Pierce:

I have been active in the last two years in assisting with the immigration through the ODP program of former comrades of mine in the ARVN captured during the Lam Son 719 Operation in Laos in early 1971. I was an advisor to the 2d Regiment, 1st ARVN Division during that operation; I have assisted in getting my friend and close counterpart, Tran Ngoc Hue and family, to the U.S. last November. Both Mr. Hue and I appreciate the hard work the Bangkok Embassy H.O. Team did, and I'm sure we speak for all those who are tasting freedom now in thanking you and the State Department H.O. apparatus for this wonderful program.

I am advised by the two referenced former 2d Regiment soldiers, and I have copies of their paperwork, that they are not eligible for the ODP program "at this time" because they did not "spend 3 or more years in re-education as a result of their association with US policies and programs in Vietnam". Since Mr. Khoa documented that he spent from 1971 to 1976 in a North Vietnam POW Camp, and Mr. Son documented that he spent from 1971 to 1977 in the same status, I'm confused over the insistence that they be "reeducation" inmates rather than POW inmates before being eligible. Confusing all of us is the good fortune of the following captives from "our" Regiment in the identical status as Mr. Khoa and Mr. Son who have happily been embraced by the program;

Ho Ngoc Hoang, HO-6-542  
Tran Kham, HO-6-539  
Le Minh Nhuan, HO-7-564  
Pham Van Chac, HO-8-607

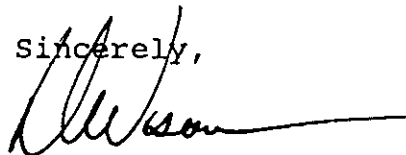
To our knowledge, none of these men qualify for any other consideration on your form ODP-6(1/92) Deferral Letters dated 7 May on each of the referenced cases.

Could you kindly take the time and review these individual cases

for me and advise me if we're missing some point in the proceedings. You may have someone call me in the local area if you prefer. Beside the phone number above, my work phone is 301-948-0200.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bill Wilson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Copy to: Mr. Robert Funseth  
Mrs. Khuc Minh Tho, Families of Vietnamese Political  
Prisoners Assc.  
U.S. State Department(HO)  
Mr. James Webb  
Mr. Le Van Khoa  
Mr. Nguyen Viet Troung Son  
COUNTERPARTS Association

DAVID L. WISEMAN

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June 20, 1991

Mrs. Khuc Minh Tho  
President  
Families of Vietnamese Political Prisoners Association  
PO Box 5435  
Arlington, Va. 22205-0635

Dear Mrs. Tho:

Thank you for your kind invitation to join in your Annual Awards Dinner again this year; Betty and I will be delighted to attend. I am hoping the family of my friend Tran Ngoc Hue will be here in time to attend which I will be happy to pay for. I am not sure what your deadlines are for attendees however.

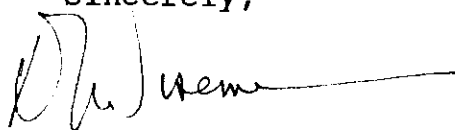
Thank you also for considering me for an award. I am uncertain of what I have done to deserve such a thing. Your organization, you and Mr. Am personally have been of tremendous help to me in locating and assisting my deserving friend, Mr. Hue.

I am enclosing a check to assist your organization in the next year. I regret that it cannot match the size of last year's amount but changes in my employment and my assistance to Mr. Hue in the next few months have resulted in this reduced amount. Please let me know what else I can do to help.

It may interest you, that after settling Mr. Hue, several of us former Vietnamese Military Advisors intend to begin an association to organize other advisor/prisoner teaming to assist our former colleagues. I have also spoken and written to Mr. James Webb, former Secretary of the Navy, and a frequent contributor to Editorial columns on this subject; he intends to join in this organization as well.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,

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6 JULY 1980

Families of Vietnamese Political Prisoners Association  
PO Box 5435, Arlington, Virginia 22205-0635

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

Thank you for your kind invitation to join you at your awards dinner July 28. My wife and I would be honored to attend. I will call Mrs. Tho when she returns from vacation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "D. Wiseman", followed by a long horizontal line.

March 9, 1995

Mr. Hoang Thach Cam  
136/5 Tran Cao Van St  
Danang City, Vietnam

Dear Mr. Cam,

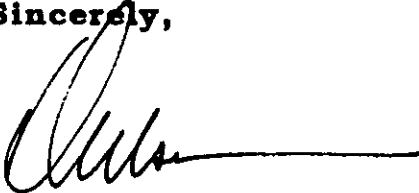
Thank you for your letter of February 4 which I received March 6.

Your situation is of great concern to me and our former Commander, Tran Ngoc Hue with whom I maintain close contact. We have discussed your case with State Department officials and written letters in support of your immigration to varying government agencies. I know of Mr. Tran Ngoc Hue's personal anguish that he cannot make this happen more quickly for one of his former officers; however, we both continue to highlight your personal situation, and as you admit, many of those who had previous difficulty in situations like yours have already left Vietnam or are on the final steps for doing so.

Please do not lose hope, and do not lose faith in the U.S. Government to do the right thing by you.

Thank you for the kindness and courtesies you and your men showed to me when I was your advisor so many years ago. We all continue to try to repay that kindness.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. Wiseman', followed by a horizontal line.

Copy to: Tran Ngoc Hue  
Falls Church, VA



# THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT  
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
AUTHORIZED BY ACT OF CONGRESS JULY 9, 1918  
HAS AWARDED

## THE SILVER STAR

TO  
CAPTAIN TRAN NGOC HUE  
ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM  
FOR  
GALLANTRY IN ACTION  
IN VIETNAM FROM 31 JANUARY TO 26 FEBRUARY 1968

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON  
THIS 6TH DAY OF JANUARY 1992

*Patricia P. Dickerson*  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL



*Sen. J. W. C. Lane*  
SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

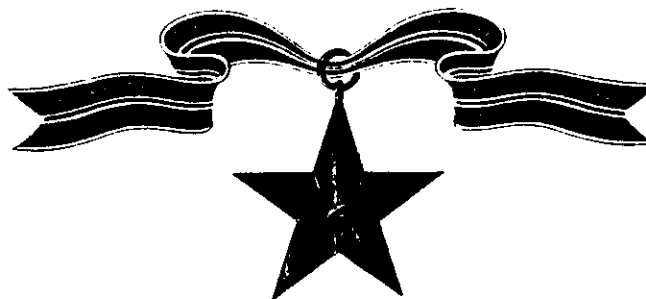


The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress, July 9, 1918, has awarded the Silver Star to

**CAPTAIN TRAN NGOC HUE  
ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM**

for gallantry in action:

Captain Hue distinguished himself by gallantry in action during the period 31 January to 26 February 1968 while serving as Commanding Officer, 1st Infantry Division Reaction Company, Army of the Republic of Vietnam. On 31 January, enemy forces launched a coordinated mortar, rocket and ground attack on military installations in the city of Hue to include the Hue Citadel Airfield which was being guarded by two United States Marine security guards. Fearlessly moving about the company front, Captain Hue exhorted his men and directed their fire. After rescuing the Marines, Captain Hue proceeded to the Division Headquarters area which was also under ground attack. Captain Hue directed his company against the enemy forces thus relieving pressure on the headquarters and killing many enemies. On 22 February, the Company received orders to reinforce friendly forces engaged in a fierce fight against an enemy battalion. During the ensuing battle, Captain Hue repeatedly subjected himself to fierce fire as he fearlessly trooped the front lines fighting and exhorting his men to aggressively engage the enemy. As a result of his inspiring leadership and unrelenting display of battlefield courage throughout this period of prolonged fighting, the company was able to secure a series of resounding victories over a strong and determined enemy. Captain Hue's conspicuous gallantry in action reflects great credit on himself and the Army of the Republic of Vietnam.



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OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AUTHORIZED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER, 24 AUGUST 1962 HAS AWARDED

## THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

WITH "V" DEVICE

TO

CAPTAIN TRAN NGOC HUE  
ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

FOR heroism during the period 17 September to 6 October 1968 while serving as a Company Commander, 1st Infantry Division, Army of the Republic of Vietnam. During that period while participating in Operation Lien Ket in the area of Phu Loc Mountain, Captain Hue continually manifested outstanding traits of leadership and tactical knowledge. Many times he led his company in assaulting the well-fortified enemy positions. He coordinated fire support and maneuvering of his subordinate units. His exemplary leadership and devotion to duty were contributing factors in the overall success of the operation. Captain Hue's heroic actions reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the Republic of Vietnam.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON  
THIS 6TH DAY OF JANUARY 1992

*Patricia P. Shivers*  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL



*W. J. W. C. Lane*  
SECRETARY OF THE ARMY