

VETERANS FOR PEACE

ANNUAL TOUR TO VIET NAM - SPRING 2013

Thursday, April 18 to Thursday, May 2, 2013 (in-country dates)

The officers of the only overseas chapter of Veterans For Peace, the *Hoa Binh* (Peace) Chapter 160 in Viet Nam, are inviting up to **10 veterans and non-vet activists** (minimum 5 people) to come as a group in the Spring, 2013, for an insiders 2-week tour of Viet Nam.

The mission of the tour is to make amends to the victims of America's war, therefore the vets are asking each person to bring **\$1,000 as a donation**. The money can go to Ch. 160's humanitarian projects in Viet Nam (clinics, schools, orphanages, etc.) - or to other projects in Viet Nam of your choice. Meet Viet Nameese families and veterans struggling with the legacies of war: Agent Orange, Unexploded Ordinance and poverty. Bringing the \$1,000 donation is mandatory.

The *Hoa Binh* Chapter tour leaders are very well known and respected in Viet Nam. The group will be well received and covered by the national media there. This will be the second annual tour - nine people (7 male veterans and 2 women activists) went on the Spring 2012 delegation.

DATES: Tour dates *in Viet Nam* are Thursday, April 18 to Thursday, May 2, 2013 - 14 Nights,

15 Days. We arrange a group flight from San Francisco for these dates.

TOUR COORDINATORS & LEADERS in VIET NAM:

Suel Jones - ex-Marine, Viet Nam War combat vet 1968-69, lives in VN half of each year since 1998, volunteers with Viet Nameese victims of Agent Orange (AO) in Da Nang. President of VFP Chapter 160.

Chuck Searcy - ex-Army enlisted, military intelligence analyst 1966-69 (one year in U.S., one year in Viet Nam, one in Germany - USA HQ Europe); lives in Ha Noi full time since 1995. Inter-national Advisor for ProjectRENEW, which clears landmines & unexploded ordinance in Quang Tri Province. Vice President Chapter 160.

Chuck Palazzo - ex-Marine, VN combat vet, 1st and 3rd Force Reconnaissance 1970-71, lives full-time in Da Nang since 2008, volunteers with AO victims. Secretary-Treasurer of Ch. 160.

TOUR COORDINATOR in the U.S.:

Nadya Williams - Associate Member since 2003 & Director of Communications for VFP San Francisco Chapter 69; former Study Tour Coordinator (1999-2007) to Viet Nam, Laos & Cambodia for Global

Exchange, a San Francisco-based Human Rights non-profit organization. Lived in VN for 3 months in early 2008.

MONEY:

Participants will pay for 4 things:

- 1 - In-country tour cost of \$2,000 per person, all-inclusive – single room for each tour member.
- 2 - Your own airfare to & from Viet Nam - we arrange a Group Flight (approx. \$900).
- 3 - The \$1,000 Donation.
- 4 - Visa fee of \$80.

Please Note: We are all volunteers, no one is paid – your money goes to the airlines, and to the Viet Nameese people. There is no scholarship fund.

SAMPLE ITINERARY: See the public Blog of the *Hoa Binh* Viet Nam, Chapter 160 at:

<http://vfp-vn.ning.com/>

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