

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 some 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. The group will 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 is 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; lives in Ha Noi full time since 1995. International Advisor for ProjectRENEW, which clears landmines & unexploded ordinance in Quang Tri Province. Vice President of 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. 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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