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Veterans Day 1981

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Dear Kathy -
I have enclosed some invitations
for your friends of the White House
staff. We have sent them to all
Veterans Groups, V.I.P. Platform Guests (enclosed)
Carriers, Medal of Honor recipients, Agencies,
Supreme Court, Joint Chiefs, Adm. & Generals
in the area, and a few others.
As I mentioned there will be seating
(but not reserved) EXCEPT of course for
some we can all determine to be special.
Any questions - please call

Dick Bain
389-
5231

AUG 25 1981

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As Chairman of the Veterans Day National Committee, and on behalf of this year's host organization, The Legion of Valor, it is my pleasure to invite you to join us at Arlington National Cemetery on Wednesday, November 11, as we pay our respects to those who gave to our Nation their last full measure of devotion.

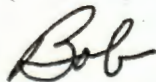
In this regard, we would be most honored if you would deliver the principal address at the Arlington ceremonies following the traditional Presidential Wreath Laying before the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at 11 a.m.

As you know, Mr. President, Veterans Day is the day set aside each year to honor our more than 30 million living veterans and over 14 million veterans now deceased. This is the day on which all America says "thank you" for the selfless dedication given by these veterans to their country.

We hope your busy schedule will permit you and Nancy to attend. Your appearance would bring a special significance to the meaning of this important national observance.

With warmest personal regards.

Respectfully yours,



ROBERT P. NIMMO
Administrator

SIGNED AND DISPATCHED

AUG 25 1981

ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

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Proposed Veterans Day Proclamation for 1981

Donald M. Skinder 408 X3231

VINCENT L. CORRADO, Deputy Chief
Memorial Affairs Director (408)

Purpose: The Administrator is sending a proposed Presidential Veterans Day Proclamation to the General Counsel of OMB for review and clearance.

Discussion: The Administrator requests that it be processed as soon as possible so that appropriate timely national distribution can be made.

A paper on the legal history of Veterans Day is attached as requested by the office of OMB.

Options: None.

8/21/81



GENERAL COUNSEL

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

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AUG 24 1981

Honorable Robert P. Nimmo
Administrator of Veterans
Affairs
Washington, D. C. 20420

Dear Mr. Nimmo:

In accordance with the provisions of Executive Order No. 11030, as amended, the Veterans Administration annually has submitted to us an appropriate proclamation entitled "Veterans Day."

Public Law 94-97 (89 Stat. 479) amended 5 U.S.C. 6103(a) by changing Veterans Day back to November 11, effective 1978.

Section 4 of Executive Order No. 11030, as amended, provides that proposed proclamations are to be submitted at least sixty days prior to the date of the observance.

On behalf of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, I would appreciate receiving the Veterans Administration's proposed proclamation by Friday, September 11, 1981.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Michael J. Horowitz

Michael J. Horowitz
Counsel to the Director



Veterans
Administration

Date: September 4, 1981

Memorandum

To: Administrator (00)

Subj: Proposed Presidential
Proclamation

Attached is the background information and proposed Presidential Proclamation. I concur with the proposed Proclamation, which I am sure will be changed at the White House.

NICK LONGWORTH 

VA
MA

SEP 8-1981

MEMORANDUM FOR:

**Michael Horowitz
General Counsel
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D.C. 20503**

Subject: Veterans Day 1981 - Presidential Proclamation

Enclosed is our draft of the proposed Presidential Proclamation for Veterans Day 1981.

We plan to make national distribution of all Veterans Day materials early in September (schools, state chairpersons, etc.) and would appreciate your assistance in processing the attached message as soon as possible.

Your assistance and cooperation is very much appreciated.

**ROBERT P. NICO
Chairman
Veterans Day National Committee**

Attachments

1. Proclamation
2. History on Veterans Day

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VETERANS DAY 1981

By the President of the United States of America

A PROCLAMATION

None among us deserve more respect than the millions of patriotic men and women who have worn our nation's uniform to preserve America's freedom and world peace.

Our armed forces veterans have earned a special day in which you and I may focus on their heroic accomplishments. For their unselfish devotion to duty, Congress established Veterans Day as a national expression of gratitude. On this historic occasion, our hearts and minds should be with our living veterans and their deceased comrades who have contributed so much to the defense of our country's ideals.

From Valley Forge to Vietnam, through war and peace, these valiant citizens have answered the call to service with honor and dignity. None are more worthy of a tribute from a grateful nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby invite everyone in our great land to join with me in a fitting salute on Veterans Day, Wednesday, November 11, 1981. To recognize their valor, I urge all Americans to show their appreciation through appropriate public ceremonies and private prayers of thanks.

Please give special consideration to those veterans who are sick and disabled. Remember them by visiting them at home or in our hospitals. There is no better tangible expression of our affection.

I also call upon Federal, State, and local government officials to arrange for the display of the flag of the United States and to encourage and participate in patriotic activities throughout the country. The business community, churches, schools, unions, civic and fraternal organizations and the media should take the lead in supporting this national observance with suitable commemorative expressions and programs.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this _____ day of September, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred eighty-one and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and sixth.

RONALD REAGAN



THE UNITED STATES ARMY BAND
WASHINGTON, D.C.

INFORMATION OFFICE
TELEPHONE 202-692-7219

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: SFC Richard Kleinfeldt

THE UNITED STATES ARMY BAND

presents

SALUTE TO VETERANS

The United States Army Band "Pershing's Own" presents the third annual "SALUTE TO VETERANS" concert on Tuesday, November 10, 1981 at D.A.R. Constitution Hall, 1776 "D" Street, N.W. at 8 p.m.

This special Veterans Day concert includes music from the television special "Victory at Sea" and a Broadway extravaganza featuring selections from "Showboat," "South Pacific," "State Fair," "Oklahoma" and "The Sound of Music." All arrangements are by the late Robert Russell Bennett.

Our guest conductor is Mr. Edwin McArthur, renowned conductor and lifelong musical associate of Mr. Bennett. Mr. McArthur has appeared with every major symphony orchestra and opera company in America.

The public is welcome to this free concert. No tickets are required. For further information call 692.7219.

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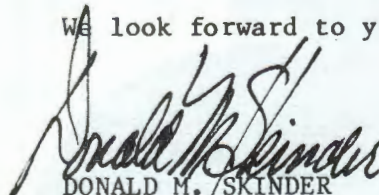
VETERANS DAY 1981

We are pleased to forward your ticket(s) for the Veterans Day observance at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Arlington National Cemetery on Wednesday, November 11, 1981.

For your added pleasure, The United States Army Band (Pershing's Own) will present a concert commencing at 10:30 a.m. It would be appreciated if you would occupy your seat no later than 10:30 a.m.

Shuttlebus service will be available to the Tomb area from the Visitor's Center parking lot from 10 a.m. The same buses will return you to the Visitor's Center parking lot at the conclusion of the ceremony.

We look forward to you being with us on Veterans Day.


DONALD M. SKINDER
Executive Director

Enclosure(s)

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DONALD M. SKINDER

Dear Friends:

The twenty-eighth national observance of Veterans Day will be held at Arlington National Cemetery on Wednesday, November 11, 1981, at 11:00 a.m.

On this Veterans Day fellow citizens across this great land of ours will pause to honor America's 30 million living veterans and the 14 million now deceased. This deserving tribute, to those who served their country so nobly, is our way of affirming that a grateful nation remembers.

Because of construction plans within the Amphitheater, The Veterans Day National Committee has moved the ceremony to the Eastside of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, where everyone can observe both the Presidential Wreath Laying Ceremony and the regular Veterans Day presentation.

There will be no tickets or reserved seats this year, so it would be advisable to be there early. The United States Army Band will present a musical prelude for your listening pleasure starting at 10:30 a.m. Parking will be provided at the Arlington National Cemetery Visitor's Center. Tourmobile will provide service to The Tomb and return to the parking area following the program.

Your continued interest in Veterans Day has demonstrated a spirit that characterizes our beautiful country.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Donald M. Skinder".

DONALD M. SKINDER
Executive Director

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

TO: GREGORY J. NEWELL, DIRECTOR
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

FROM: ELIZABETH H. DOLE

REQUEST: From the Veterans Day National Committee and this year's host organization, The Legion of Valor, for the traditional Presidential Wreath Laying before the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and to deliver the principal address.

PURPOSE: To honor the nation's veterans.

BACKGROUND: Veterans Day is the day set aside each year to honor our more than 30 million living veterans and over 14 million veterans now deceased. Many dignitaries from all three branches of government will attend.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: This is a traditional event for Presidents on Veterans Day.

DATE: November 11, 1981

LOCATION: Arlington National Cemetery

PARTICIPANTS: See attached list

OUTLINE OF EVENTS: See Sequence of Events attached

REMARKS REQUIRED: The principal address and the traditional wreath laying

MEDIA COVERAGE: Major network coverage

RECOMMENDED BY: Elizabeth H. Dole

OPPOSED BY:

PROJECT OFFICER: Morton Blackwell

ARMED FORCES FULL HONOR WREATH CEREMONY (PRESIDENTIAL)

IN HONOR OF VETERAN'S DAY

DATE: 11 November 1981

PLACE: Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Arlington National Cemetery

HOST: Major General Jerry R. Curry, Commanding General, United States Army
Military District of Washington

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

1. Dignitary enters Arlington Cemetery via Memorial Gate and proceeds to the dismount point at the East end of Otis Walk. The route will be via Roosevelt Drive and the dignitary will receive appropriate gun salute while enroute.
2. Commanding General, Military District of Washington, will greet the dignitary at the dismount point.
3. A short briefing will be conducted at that point if necessary.
4. The dignitary will be escorted through a cordon of State and Territorial Flags to a point directly below the Tomb at mall level.
5. Four Ruffles and Flourishes and the National Anthem will be played when the dignitary is in his position.
6. The dignitary will then proceed up the steps to the landing on the level of the Tomb, and at that point place the Presidential Wreath.
7. When the wreath has been placed and the dignitary is at the hosts side, four muffled ruffles and taps will be sounded.
8. Thirty seconds of silence.
9. The host will then escort the dignitary back down the steps exactly as they had proceeded up the steps and to a point to the north of the mall area to allow for the set up of the platform area for the Memorial Service. The Band will play appropriate music during set up.
10. After approximately 5 to 8 minutes, when the first landing of the East steps leading to the Tomb are properly set up, the Commanding General, Military District of Washington, will escort the dignitary to that level and the Memorial Service will proceed.
11. At the conclusion of the Memorial Service, the Commanding General will escort the dignitary back to his vehicle via the same route that he entered.

Platform Guests
Prepared for VDNC Invitations
Date: Sept. 81

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The Vet: True . . .

The Real Thing on 'Real People'

By Tom Shales

As if to counter the downbeat look at Vietnam veterans airing on public TV tonight, NBC's "Real People" offers its own emphatically upbeat salute to "The American Veteran" at 8 on Channel 4; there is no reason that space shouldn't be made on the air for both views. As usual on "Real People," the film and tape features are extremely well-done and the studio segments, featuring the show's jolly jump-up hosts, are a trifling unsettling.

An appropriate restraint was invoked for tonight's hour, however, and though some of the flag-waving seems shamelessly gooey, just as frequently the program is genuinely touching. Perhaps the best segment is the first, filmed at a reunion of men who served on the USS Lexington in the Pacific during World War II.

There are dissolves from landings of jets on the Lexington's flight deck now to landings of single-prop fighters on the same deck 40 years ago. Old soldiers reminisce about life on the ship; their voices still crack and their eyes still mist when they talk about friends who died there and were buried at sea.

Bill Mauldin narrates some of his old "Willie and Joe" cartoons, a fea-

ture on the largely unsung heroics of glider pilots includes a clip from a wartime film about them narrated by young actor Ronald Reagan, and John Barbour visits a teacher in New Mexico who built a chapel in memory of the son he lost in Vietnam. Though not officially recognized, the monument has become something of a shrine to all Americans who died in that irrational war.

A Vietnam veteran, at the site, decries those who call Vietnam an "immoral war" and says, "I have yet to figure which war they had in mind that was moral." Perhaps there were none that were rational, either. This segment ends with Roberta Flack's "The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face" accompanying pictures of dead American boys — a case of bad taste in a good cause.

One of the most intriguing segments in the program celebrates the contribution to the World War II effort of American Navajo Indians, whose unwritten language proved to be the one code that the Japanese could not crack. Young Navajo marines are interviewed, as are descendants of the "Navajo Code Talkers," whose role has not been widely heralded. A Navajo woman, watching Marine maneuvers from the side-

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'Frank': Vietnam's Stereotypes Revived

By Henry Allen

Imagine a Columbus Day program about the Mafia, or a St. Patrick's Day special on alcoholism, or a festival of Stepin Fetchit movies for Martin Luther King's birthday.

Imagine those, and you'll be ready for two segments of tonight's Veterans' Day programming on public broadcasting starting at 9 o'clock.

The segments are "Frank — A Vietnam Veteran," and "Warriors' Women." Each does a technically

flings, drug use, hallucinations that he's in combat, and his marriage.

All this might mean something if it weren't for the fact that Frank was a loser before he ever got to Vietnam. He dropped out of school in the ninth grade, and later "joined the Navy because I had to . . . I was wheeling and dealing in drugs. I got caught. I was given an alternative. It was either go in the Navy, or probably go to jail."

"That was in 1962. He was in and out of the Navy until his third two-year enlistment took him to Vietnam. "I was a runner. Y'know, I couldn't stay in one place and face the problems in the situation . . . So I ran back into the Navy."

He has some peculiar things to say about Vietnam. He seems to have found it strange to be afraid. "I don't ever remember a time having any kind of contact at all, any kind of a fire fight at all, and not being fearful. And not being scared. Scared."

And, after describing how he robbed and mutilated corpses: "Yeah, I was not Frank. Y'know? I was John Wayne, I was Steve McQueen. I was Clint Eastwood . . . I was living a fantasy. And it became

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astute job of perpetuating the stereotype of the Vietnam veteran as victim, criminal or both; as "walking time bombs," to use the popular phrase; as dope-dealing, wife-beating, alcoholic gun-nut suicide candidates who can't work because of the flashbacks and can't sleep because of the nightmares.

Frank — we don't get his last name — is a veteran of a tour in Vietnam with the Navy, riding on the river patrol boats. He won the Navy Commendation Medal and a couple of Purple Hearts, and ever since he came back in 1971, he's been in and out of mental wards, alcohol treatment units, homosexual

Stereotypes Revisited

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a reality when I got wounded the second time."

He was no 18-year-old glory hound just off the plane, keep in mind, he was 26 when he was "pulling their guts out and throwing it all over the place."

Somehow, Frank seems to have personally experienced most of the great barroom stories about Vietnam. (Neither the producer nor the director might have noticed this. Both had physical deferments during Vietnam, and had no Vietnam veterans on their staff.)

There's a collection of the gonads-in-the-mouth type of atrocities; there's Frank firing his .38 through the ceiling while conducting business in a whorehouse; there's a Vietnamese woman who, given the order to board a boat with only one item, drowned her baby and saved her pig; there's near-sexual ecstasy while killing people. "This incredible sense of power in killing five people . . . the only way I can equate it is to ejaculation."

Just as he fulfilled the coarsest antiwar stereotype of a Vietnam warrior while he was there (assuming that these stories are true), he obliged by becoming the ideal victim when he returned. He became Therapeutic Man, a seasoned psychiatric interviewee skilled at winning our pity all the more by never demanding it.

And as of last March, he was employed as a social worker in Boston, thereby acquiring even more of a vested interest in the victim hypothesis.

The American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the local chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America have objected to the program.

The second segment, "Warriors' Women," deals with several wives of Vietnam veterans. Except for the first case, in which the woman describes the difficult but successful readjustment of her husband, we get nothing but tales of loonies and losers, including one woman saying: "Most of the Vietnam veterans I know are in and out of jail, they drink all the time."

No one has ever denied that 20th-century combat has filled psych wards and barrooms. But imagine: What if we decided to offer Vietnam veterans even half as much respect as we have pity? That would be a frightening situation for the onetime draft-card burners and atrocity mongers who've been living on self-righteousness and condescension all these years. Of course, there are more of them — or at least they get bigger media coverage — than there are Vietnam veterans, so it probably can't come as any surprise that these programs are on tonight as the public television contribution to the national celebration of Veterans' Day.

WETA has announced that it "will have volunteers standing by to take phone calls during the broadcast. The volunteers will include a psychiatrist, social workers, Vietnam combat veterans, Vietnam veterans' wives, and a drug/alcohol counselor along with Red Cross volunteers."

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VETERANS: Resolving The War Within

By Gary J. Logan

Delmar told us he was only 17 years old and had lied about his age to get into the Marine Corps. I wasn't sure whether he was telling the truth, but he certainly looked and seemed too young to be in Vietnam.

He had a fair complexion, light brown hair, a slight build, not one whisker, and usually wore a frown on his slightly pudgy, innocent face. He was assigned to my squad and at first we didn't get along.

Perhaps it was because I had been in-country for nine months at the time, with a Marine infantry unit south of Danang, and took what was going on pretty seriously. He seemed unconcerned. He joked around a lot, and usually answered an order with a cynical remark. I felt it my responsibility as squad leader, and because I felt he was vulnerable, to watch over him, to straighten him out. Yet no matter how much grief I gave him, he still seemed unimpressed with the war.

He wouldn't change, but as I got to know him better I admired him. He was simple and honest, and — although he showed it more through actions than words — a very caring person. When helicopters landed to pick up women and children from villages in heavy combat areas, Delmar carried the children in his arms so they wouldn't have to run through the mud. He held on to his kind of humanness.

After two months in my squad, Delmar wanted a transfer to a squad doing more action. I told him that he should stay, but he could go if he wanted. He went.

When I had about two weeks left a Vietnam we heard that a squad in patrol had walked into a heavily booby-trapped area. Delmar's squad had been ordered out to help. I remember him jumping onto the back of a truck. It was the first time I had seen him in quite a while. It was also the last: Delmar was on one end of a stretcher carrying one of the wounded when somebody stepped on a land-mine, killing all three instantly.

At first I was overcome with anger, then with sadness. But at the same time I wanted to get away from feelings like that. I tried to push Delmar out of my mind, and thought about going home.

When I returned home, most of my thoughts of Vietnam were set aside with the overwhelming happiness of being in my family again. The war was over for me — I had survived.

But weeks later, my experiences started to come back, one by one. Like still frames of a movie film, Delmar often appeared.

Another recurring scene was of a blond-haired Marine, lying face up on the ground, his blue eyes open and looking up at the sky, his hair moving lightly with the wind. There was a small, neat hole in his left arm where the AK-47 round entered, went through his arm into the side of his chest and hit his heart. There were tiny small trickles of blood coming out of the wounds, but the left side of his shirtless chest was swollen.

The memories were clear and vivid and played over and over in my mind. After a while I began to dwell them and looked for some kind of meaning or explanation. I felt that these experiences had to be resolved some way, yet there seemed to be no way.

He started to feel responsible for

Delmar's death because I had not prevented him from transferring out of my squad. I felt guilty because I was alive and healthy while he and others had been killed or seriously wounded.

I also began to notice changes in how I felt toward my family and friends, people I had been close to. The strongest was a sense of isolation from others, as though a wall had come between us. Relationships with women followed the same pattern; as they became more serious I wanted to get further and further away.

And there was a sense of bitterness; most of what I heard about the war was negative. I felt blamed for going.

I kept these feelings to myself. I wanted to talk, but I didn't think anyone would understand. Like many veterans, I was silent, isolated not only from others, but from myself.

In December, 1979, about 10 years after I returned home, I read a newspaper announcement of a Vietnam veterans counseling program called "Back In The World." A small group of veterans would meet once weekly for 12 weeks to discuss their experiences and problems returning home.

Although I was apprehensive, I felt I could talk with a group who had similar experiences — who could identify instead of judge or criticize. After being interviewed by the two founders of the program, Washington psychologist Jeffrey Jay and Vietnam veteran Ken Harbert, I decided to join.

During the first session, I recognized some of myself in the five other veterans. Feelings of isolation — "walls" between us and girlfriends and wives, parents and children — seemed to have affected us all.

One veteran said he couldn't maintain relationships with women and had been engaged three times since returning home.

Another said he felt like a stranger to his family and friends when he returned. "No one hugged me, they really didn't want to be near me." He said he couldn't feel anything for his mother who had died when he had one month left in Vietnam. "At the wake I couldn't mourn... I couldn't cry."

Guilt was a recurring subject. One veteran described how he felt after killing a 14-year-old North Vietnamese. "I felt real bad... I went through his things and found some photographs. I realized he had a family just like me."

That same veteran, now a medical student, said he felt little sense of purpose in going on with his life because nothing could match the intensity of Vietnam. "I'll never see as much excitement as Vietnam for the rest of my life."

Said Jay: "When there are no avenues in civilian life to integrate that intense human experience, veterans tend to cut it off, or act as though what happened, didn't."

From the first session on, it became apparent that many of us were still carrying some of the fears we experienced in Vietnam. Don, now a freelance photographer, said he always saw his profile silhouetted alone and unprotected — as through the sights of an enemy rifle — in the cab of the truck he drove on convoys.

"I don't know how much longer I can take it," he said. "Don't you," he asked, "want to cry?"

He did. At a later session, with the help of Phil, another veteran. Jay had



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suggested that Don talk just with the person sitting closest to him. Don shuffled around to face Phil, laying his arms on his shoulders. Phil, awkwardly at first, rested his hands on each side of Don's neck.

"Don't you feel it... it's just like it was before," whispered Don. "Don't you see..."

As tears started to fall down Don's face, Phil rubbed his shoulders and asked, "Tell me what I can do to help you." Don said he just wanted Phil to be there. Finally, both weeping, they embraced like two little boys.

The objective of Back In The World is twofold: to release feelings and thoughts, and to relate them to our experiences in Vietnam. Jay calls it "validating the experience."

During one session — as we discussed the walls between us and others — former corpsman Harbert said: "In 'Nam,' daily routines were orderly... our relationships with people different. Although there was a great deal of dependence on other people, there was a sense of independent survival. You avoided getting too close to people because if they got blown away, you didn't want to deal with that on an emotional level."

I realized that I had tried to keep my distance from Delmar and others in Vietnam as a precaution for what could happen. Yet, underneath, I needed their friendship and support to survive. Harbert suggested that our putting up barriers was more subconscious or instinctive than intentional, but they were walls we may have carried back home with us.

The despair of the medical student, who felt "zero self-esteem" and who was considering quitting medical school, was turned around to a degree by the group. We all shared his deep sense that nothing could replace the intensity experienced in Vietnam, and perhaps that in itself was a help.

Through the group we clarified some of the distinctions between our lives in a war and at home — distinctions we had experienced but had not clearly seen. In combat there was always anticipation. When experiences arrived they were intense, instantaneous and we had little control over them. It was a world of reaction.

At home we often are still waiting, but now we have more control over

our experiences. That seems to be the overriding message: Life is no longer a matter of waiting for surprises; we must take the initiative to determine the intensity of our lives. Reaching down inside for the motivation would not be easy, but recognizing the differences between Vietnam and home is a first step.

Releasing our feelings about experiences was difficult. We often tried to avoid certain experiences, and it was usually only through the prodding and concern of others that we were able to bring them out.

Through Back In The World I was able to talk about Delmar for the first time since coming home. I told the group my experience much the way it appears in this story. I wanted to stop several times but other members of the group encouraged me to go on. When I finally let myself feel the pain of his loss, I fought to hold it in. They helped it all come out.

Afterward, I felt as if a heavy burden had been lifted from my shoulders. Other members of the group came over, patted me on the back, put

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a hand on my shoulder. Part of the wall was being knocked down.

"The capacity to make contact with another person can't be worked out solely in terms of what goes on inside a person's head," says Jay. "It needs to be played out... Then a person can have an idea of what it's like to share, to be honest, to be intimate again."

Some of the concerns we touched on may never be completely resolved. How does one, for example find peace with the memory of taking another human life? How do you deal with the senseless, violent killing of a person you knew as the antithesis of that?

But through releasing our feeling about these experiences we were left with some kind of understanding something we did not have before. We learned to believe that we had acted and reacted in ways demanded by the situation, by ways in which we were trained for war. We did good things, we made mistakes. We were strong and we were weak and we were vulnerable...

It's difficult to understand why this government did not establish some sort of psychological readjustment program for returning veterans during the war, or why it waited until 1979 to finally give the veteran an outlet through 100 VA (Veterans Administration) Centers. It is ironic that the current administration, led by a man who calls the Vietnam war an "honorable war," proposed to eliminate funds for the centers.

Subtle as it may sometimes be inside silent veterans, the damage is real. The memories will not go away. They will be our legacy.

As Jay said, "None of this stuff is going to disappear as though it didn't happen. It's history. The question is, what do you do with it today... to give it its just place."

"What more can you do than remember?"

Gary Logan, Arlington, is writing a book on Vietnam and Back In The World.

Self-Help Centers

There are a number of centers in the Washington area for Vietnam veterans, male and female, to talk about their experiences. All offer both individual and group counseling, but some provide additional services.

The Patapsco Avenue Vet Center in Baltimore, for example, offers marriage counseling and sessions for spouses. Other centers are developing "family nights."

Back In The World is a fixed 12-week program, led by psychologist Jeffrey Jay and a co-leader who is also a veteran. The same group meets each week, with sessions structured to cover the veteran's total experience, from Vietnam and his return home to where he is today. Veterans are invited to join a follow-up program to discuss certain issues at greater length. (Non-governmental program with a minimal, pre-negotiated weekly fee.)

The Vet Center programs last from 8 to 20 weeks, and contain from 6 to 15 members. In some

cases veterans are allowed to join a group already in progress. Vet Centers are led by "team leaders," Vietnam veterans with some background in counseling. There may or may not be a licensed psychologist. (Government program, no charge.)

Although there are some differences in the programs, their goal is the same: a therapeutic catharsis for veterans. Program administrators point out that the groups are primarily forums. It is up to the veteran to speak out in order to deal with his experiences.

Some veteran counseling centers in this area:

Back In The World, 3701 Connecticut Ave. NW, (202) 362-0065, (202) 546-3700.

Vet Centers
709 8th St. SE, (202) 543-1701
402 H St. NE, (202) 543-5225.

Vietnam Veterans of America, 329 Eighth St. NE, (202) 546-3700.

Disabled American Veterans, Outreach Office, 941 North Capitol St., Rm. 1211B, (202) 275-1360.

1420 West Patapsco Ave., Patapsco Plaza Shopping Center, Baltimore, (301) 955-8592.

1159 Moundwin Concourse, Moundwin Shopping Center, Baltimore, (301) 728-8924.

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The Young Veterans Choir from VA Hospital at Menlo Park, Calif., had songs and stories to sing and tell.

Flags, Medals and a Solemn Pledge

By Peter Perl and Celestine Bohlen
Washington Post Staff Writers

Wearing the medals of four wars, three generations of veterans gathered before the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery yesterday to hear Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger pledge that "never again will we ask young men and women to serve in a war we do not intend to win."

"To keep peace with freedom, we must be so strong both in military force and in national will and resolve that no aggressor will choose to strike us or our allies," Weinberger told a crowd of 3,000 flag-waving veterans

Veterans Day Rite Lauds 3 Generations

who gathered under sunny skies on Veterans Day and the 60th anniversary of the dedication of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

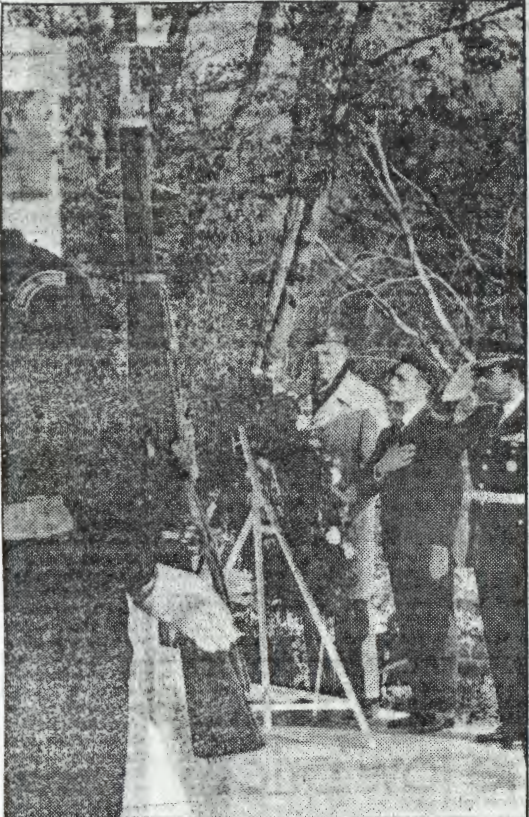
In downtown Washington, also at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month — commemorating the moment of the Armistice that ended World War I — there was a different kind of Veterans Day gathering.

The scars and shattered limbs didn't show beneath their brown choir robes as 54 Vietnam veterans stood in a courtyard off New York Avenue. Neither did their emotional wounds as they began to sing.

The Young Veterans Choir, the members of which all are currently under treatment for post-traumatic stress syndrome at the Veterans Administration hospital in Menlo Park, Calif., came to Washington carrying messages in song and poetry and in reminiscences of a war that they continue reliving and continue escaping.

Most of the nation's 2.7 million Vietnam
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Ceremony at Arlington Honors Three Generations of Veterans



By Frank Johnston — The Washington Post

Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, second from right, and former U.S. Rep. Hamilton Fish pay tribute after laying wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery yesterday. At right is former marine Larry Connolly, a patient at the Menlo Park, Calif., VA Hospital.



By Craig Herndon — The Washington Post

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veterans came home years ago to schools, jobs and families. But these 54 are among those who are still making that journey home. Their message yesterday was that they don't want to carry forever the badge of Vietnam, that they want finally to be considered just as veterans, American sons, brothers and fathers.

"Finally, this is my veterans parade," said Fernando Valdez, 32, a Mexican-born former Army helicopter crew chief from San Diego. "It has been a very long time coming."

On Oct. 3, 1970, Valdez's helicopter was shot down over the central highlands of Vietnam. The crash severed his right arm, shattered his legs and blinded his left eye. He came home with more than 20 combat decorations, but the decade that followed his homecoming was a downward spiral culminating in heroin addiction, federal and state bank robbery convictions, four years in prison and, finally, mental collapse, he said.

Only in the last year, through the group therapy he shares with other troubled young veterans, Valdez said he has turned a corner, kicked drugs and started rebuilding. "I am trying to become an asset rather than a liability or a casualty," he said.

The Young Veterans Choir visit was organized by various veterans groups and by Rep. Tom Lantos (D-Calif.) who represents the hospital's home district. The visit coincided with the opening of an exhibit at Octagon House at 1799 New York Ave. NW, of the designs submitted for the new Vietnam Veterans Memorial, planned for a site on the Mall near the Lincoln Memorial.

The choir sang songs of love and brotherhood, and several veterans recited original poetry about their experiences.

"I am learning how to be a loving father and a loving husband for the first time," said Larry Connolly, a 33-year-old former marine who specialized in flame throwers and rocket assaults. Connolly, who landed in the Menlo Park program only after being turned away from other VA facilities, said he hoped the country would be reminded on Veterans Day of the need for such programs.

Connolly, who carries shrapnel in his legs, said he had grown increasingly paranoid and violent in recent years, slowly stockpiling an arsenal at his Northern California home and eventually accumulating four auto-

matic rifles, a machine gun, a mortar, 200 pounds of explosives and 20,000 rounds of M16 rifle ammunition.

A few months ago, he said, he tried to run down his wife with a truck and then tried to kill himself, he said. His gun misfired.

"I have still been fighting [the war] and I am finally letting it go," Connolly said. "I am trying to become a normal loving American male . . . I want people to know that."

With the planned construction of the new Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the war and its veterans are moving more firmly into America's official memory. While Vietnam veterans were in a small minority at Arlington yesterday, several veterans leaders said their organizations are seeing a gradual influx of these younger servicemen.

"They're coming out of the so-called Vietnam syndrome," said A. Leo Anderson, chief of Veterans Affairs for the District of Columbia. "They're settling down, getting married, going into debt. They're coming back to reality."

Most of the Vietnam veterans who turned up at Arlington wore civilian garb, avoiding the conspicuous statement of the veterans organizations. "There are a lot of us around," said Jim Imparato, a 30-year-old Vietnam veteran from Philadelphia who drove here for the ceremonies. "Maybe we just don't want people to know it."

Imparato came to Washington with Max Inglett, 30, who is now in a wheelchair because of spine injuries received in Cambodia. Inglett, a Californian, decided last month to trek across the country, gathering support for a legislative program to prevent future Vietnams.

"He's got a lot of guts," said an admiring Imparato who decided to join Inglett's cause when he saw his fellow veteran on TV. But Imparato said he had always wanted to attend the Arlington ceremonies. "Veterans are veterans," he said. "I don't care which war they were in."

Yesterday, silence — marred only by airplanes passing above — greeted Weinberger, standing in for President Reagan, as he walked up the marble steps with former representative Hamilton Fish (R-N.Y.), 92, to lay a red-white-and-blue wreath at the marble Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

It was Fish who sponsored the 1921 bill, the last signed by Woodrow Wilson, to bring home an un-

known soldier from the battlefields of World War I. Thirty seven years later, two more soldiers — their names "known but to God" — were buried in the marble tomb, honoring the dead of World II and the Korean War.

Yesterday, Neil Keltner, national commander of the Legion of Honor, which hosted the Arlington ceremonies, said a fourth soldier should be

buried at the crypt in Arlington, one honoring the dead and missing from America's most recent war.

At about the same time, the Young Veterans Choir was singing its final song, "Blowing in the Wind," with its final question:

How many deaths will it take till we know

That too many people have died?

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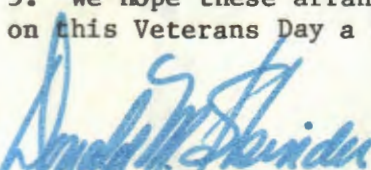
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DISTINGUISHED GUEST

1. The Veterans Day National Committee is honored and pleased that you will be able to join us on Wednesday, November 11th at Arlington National Cemetery for the twenty-eighth annual observance of Veterans Day. ~~As one of our distinguished platform guests you will be introduced during the program, but beyond that we will not impose upon you.~~ This is an important occasion, and your participation will certainly help show that a grateful Nation does, indeed, remember its veterans.
2. Holders of gold vehicle passes will arrive at the WEST entrance to the Amphitheater via Memorial Drive. Distinguished guests and their party will be dropped off northwest of the steps of the WEST entrance. Parking for the vehicles with gold passes will be on Memorial Drive heading north with additional parking on Farragut Drive and Sigsbee Drive. Military Traffic Control personnel will assist those parking in that area. They will also instruct the drivers how to pick up their party following the ceremonies.
3. Please plan to arrive no later than ^{10:30} ~~10:40~~ a.m. VIP escorts will meet you as you leave your car. If you have family or friends accompanying you, they will be escorted to their seats. ~~You will then be escorted to the special guest area where you will be briefed on the program. After the briefing you and the other guests will move to position near the platform. Upon completion of the Presidential Wreath Laying Ceremony, you will be escorted to your position on the platform for the remainder of the program.~~
4. At the conclusion of the program, you may join your party and proceed to the WEST entrance on Memorial Drive for your departure.
5. We hope these arrangements will make your visit to Arlington National Cemetery on this Veterans Day a rewarding experience. We thank you for joining us.


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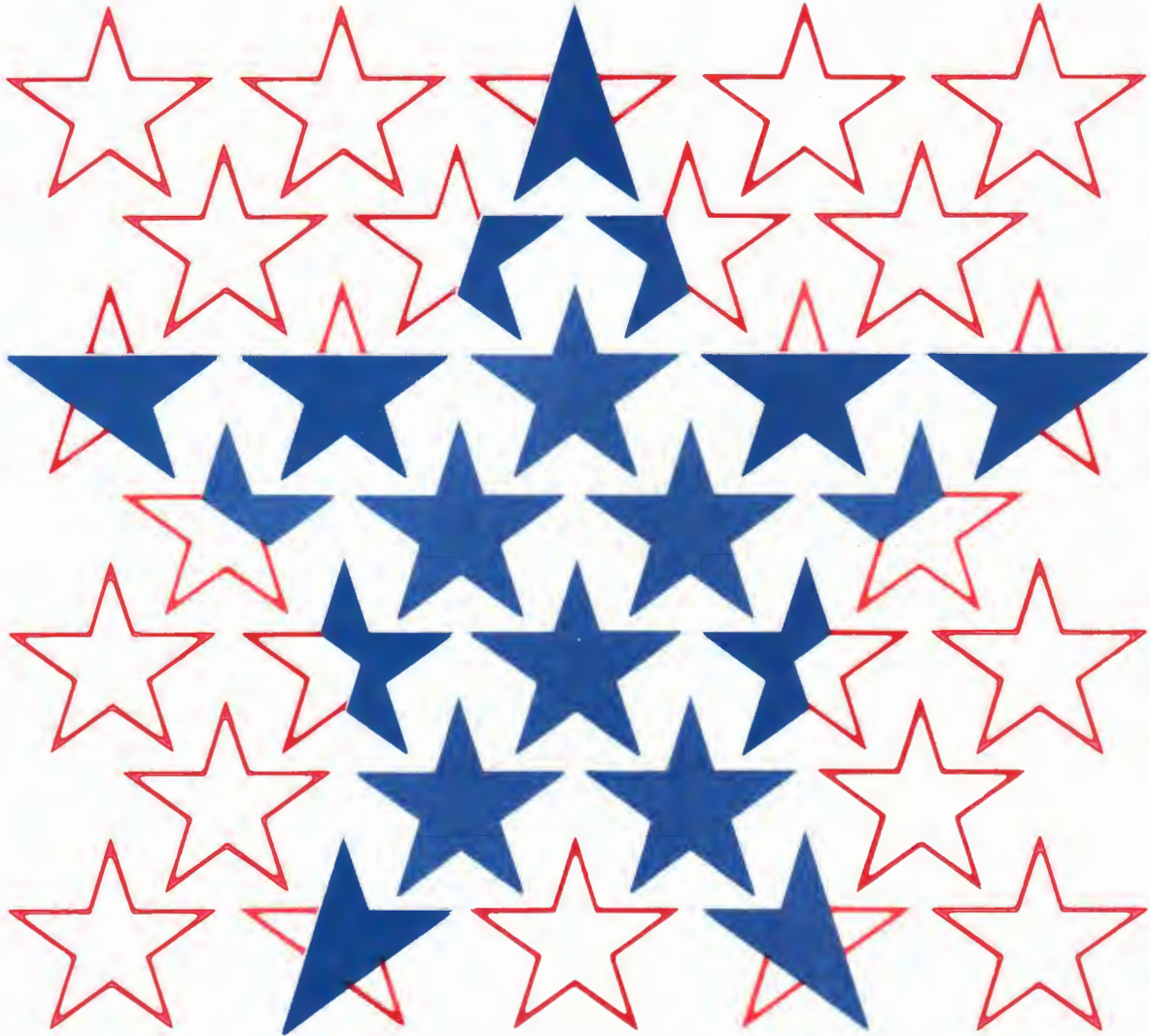
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Veterans Day, 1979

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

No Americans have done more to win and protect the peace than the men and women of our Armed Forces, past and present.

Veterans Day affords each of us the opportunity to join our fellow citizens, in communities across the Nation, in honoring those whose love of country knew no bounds—those to whom patriotism was principle, not mere sentiment. Without the sacrifices which our brave veterans made so freely and so generously, our cherished freedom would long ago have vanished.

On this historic day, let us resolve anew to keep faith with those who have done so much to shape this Nation with their honor and valor. The flag under which they served is the emblem of our unity, our power, our purpose as a Nation. It has no other character than that which we give it from generation to generation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIMMY CARTER, President of the United States of America, do hereby invite citizens everywhere to join with me in observing Veterans Day on Sunday, November 11, 1979. Let the past and present unite in prayer that America will ever seek the ways of peace, and, by her example at home and throughout the world, hasten the return of goodwill among men.

This is a particularly appropriate time to remember with respect and affection our sick and disabled veterans. I urge their families and friends to visit with them and reassure them of their country's enduring gratitude.

I call upon the press, radio and television and other media of public information to participate in this observance to help realize the full purpose and meaning of this important commemoration.

I ask that Federal, State and local government officials arrange for the display of the flag of the United States on this day, and encourage the public's involvement in appropriate ceremonies throughout our land.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this eighteenth day of September, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fourth.

Jimmy Carter

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THE UNITED STATES ARMY BAND
Captain Charles B. DuBose, Conductor
Master Sergeant Patrick Mastroleo, Bugler
Master Sergeant Michael Johnston, Drummer

Courtesy transportation from the Parking Area to the Amphitheater by TOURMOBILE.



Amphitheater Program

Master of Ceremonies
Cyril L. Kammeier
Executive Director, Marine Corps League

- MUSICAL PRELUDE The United States Marine Band "The President's Own"
Major John R. Bourgeois, Director
- WELCOMING REMARKS Paul F. Hastings
National Commandant, Marine Corps League
- INVOCATION L. Mike Neidig
National Chaplain, Marine Corps League
- PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS Period Flag Detachment, Marine Barracks
Marine Corps League
Veteran and Patriotic Organizations
- THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Brian M. Thacker
Medal of Honor Recipient, Vietnam
- THE NATIONAL ANTHEM Jerome Barry, Baritone
(Audience Participation Invited)
- POSTING OF THE COLORS
- MUSICAL SELECTION "American Pageant"
Arranged by Thomas Knox
- INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS Honorable Rufus H. Wilson
Vice Chairman, Veterans Day National Committee
Deputy Administrator of Veterans Affairs
- PRESENTATION OF THE VIETNAM VETERANS STAMP Honorable William F. Bolger
Postmaster General of the United States
- MUSICAL SELECTION "God of Our Fathers"
Setting by Claude Smith
- ADDRESS Honorable Max Cleland
Chairman, Veterans Day National Committee
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- MUSICAL SELECTION "Stars and Stripes Forever"
John Philip Sousa
- BENEDICTION Chaplain Corbin L. Cherry
Chief of Chaplains, Veterans Administration
- RETIRING OF THE COLORS



Veterans Day Ceremonies

National

Arlington National Cemetery • Marine Corps League, Host

Support Troops provided by The 3d United States Infantry (The Old Guard), U.S. Army
Commanded by Colonel Stanley G. Bonta

The United States Marine Band "The President's Own"
Major John R. Bourgeois, Director

Regional Ceremonial Sites and Hosts

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of Vietnam Veterans
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**Honorable
William F. Bolger
Postmaster General
of the United States**



The U. S. Postal Service is proud to issue the Vietnam Veterans stamp at Arlington National Cemetery in connection with the traditional observance of Veterans Day.

The Vietnam Veterans stamp design features the service ribbon for the Vietnam Service Medal, an emblem of special significance to the many thousands of Americans who saw duty there.

The Vietnam Service Medal was awarded to those who served in the Republic of Vietnam and contiguous waters from July 1, 1958, until U. S. withdrawal from Vietnam.

Stevan Dohanos, designer of many previous U. S. postage stamps, combined an enlarged replica of the service ribbon with raised lettering to achieve the stamp's three-dimensional effect.

The stamp's design was unveiled at the White House during a reception on May 30, 1979, for Vietnam Veterans.



