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There is neither "Peace in Vietnam," nor is there any "Peace with Honor."

The PARIS PEACE AGREEMENT, ARTICLE 8B - Specifically states that the signatories are required to "help each other get information about those military personnel and foreign civilians of the parties missing in action, to determine the location and take care of the graves of the dead so as to facilitate the exhumation and repatriation of the remains, and to take any such other measures as may be required to get information about those still considered missing in action."

North Vietnam says, "that no onsite inspections will be permitted until there is peace throughout Southeast Asia and until the people are better acquainted with the new governments."

Resolution 271 states that no trade diplomatic recognition or aid shall be given to the government of North Vietnam or to the Vietcong until they fulfill their obligation and account for our MIA's.

The reason the Communists refuse to give information about missing persons or to allow us to inspect crash sites or carry on investigations is their cruelty and barbarism to these victims. We are told the North Vietnamese have up-to-date factual and good information about where the planes crashed and the number that went down. Hanoi records are up-to-date; we should have this information.

If even one prisoner is alive, JUST ONE, it might be your Father, your husband or your son. Just or unjust, our government sent us there. This nightmare can be over. We must stop all aid to all countries until those countries whom we have fought and died for and helped to survive put pressure on China, Russia, and North Vietnam, night and day, until ALL our MIA's are accounted for.

We once again call on your support and effort. We will be meeting with President Ford in the very near future and will bring these items to his attention.

Al Sellet
Chairman, Honor Vietnam Veterans



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ALFONSO SELLET

Walker Valley,
New York 12588
August 28, 1967

Select Committee on Missing Persons
In Southeast Asia
Attention: Hon. G. V. Montgomery, Chairman
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

It was an honor and privilege to represent the Select Committee on Missing Persons in Southeast Asia at the 77th National Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in New York City August 13-20, 1976. 40,000 members attended the convention and the MIA issue was a paramount item on the minds of the leaders and the members.

I was in almost daily touch with Staff Director, Angus MacDonald advising him of developments and receiving advise on the Committee's posture on the issues. It proved a great value when the discussion of Resolution 319 and the report of the Fraser Delegation came up on the floor.

Once again I have attempted to provide the Committee with a frank report of the opinions of a majority, not of a few, and not necessarily my own.

I trust this meets with your approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Alfonso Sellet

Alfonso Sellet



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TO: SELECT COMMITTEE ON MISSING PERSONS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA
RE: VFW CONVENTION IN NEW YORK CITY, AUGUST 13-20, 1976.

VIEWS OF CONVENTION MEMBERS ON MIA ISSUE

Since submitting my last report to the Select Committee on March 17, 1976 on the VFW convention in Washington (March 5-9, 1976), I have found a marked change of attitude of VFW members toward the MIA issue and our government's handling of the same.

In the March 17th report, I stated that "the majority believe no living Americans are alive, a small percentage feel that a few MIAs will be held "hostage" for future ransom/negotiation. The word "blackmail" was used many times." I soon learned at the August 1976 convention in NYC that many, many more VFW members now share the opinion that there are, indeed, many survivors still in prison in Southeast Asia. These members concur that the prisoners and the bodies of those deceased will be released when the North Vietnamese feel the situation is to their advantage. I heard discussions over and over about Congress "doing nothing to ferret out the MIA issue".

On Sunday, August 15, Congressman VanZandt, Committee of the National Security and Foreign Affairs, and Past Commander-in-Chief VFW, stated, "the last chapter of the MIAs will come to an end by September 3, 1976". (He was subsequently corrected that the Select Committee had been extended until January 3, but there was nothing further added). Even the top men of our Veterans organizations are not aware of the developments of the Select Committee on the MIA issue. The greater majority are still not "informed" on the existence of the Select Committee, let alone its purpose, duties and objectives. The feeling still prevails with the veterans and public that our government is not actively working on the MIA issue.

Perhaps the strongest point in the opinions I heard discussed is that there are, indeed, survivors and that the North Vietnamese have this knowledge of many bodies. They cite the report of the Fraser Delegation; the first group to be received at the Vietnamese Embassy in Paris in 3 Years. This report stated that the N. Vietnamese said they have information on a Captain Traci and once a proper gesture of friendship is given by the US government, they will release it along with information on others.



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G. ANDERSON GILLET

TO: SELECT COMMITTEE ON MISSING PERSONS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA
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RESENTMENT and HOSTILITY is growing. LANGUAGE is STRONG!

There is a great feeling of resentment that our fighting men have been used: that they have been sent to fight on foreign soil and left to "rot" on that foreign soil. That our Peace Treaty with North Vietnam was a political move to be able to say there is "peace" when we are the losers....our men are still not accounted for! The feeling that a committee such as the Fraser Delegation were able to gain some information, when our government has done nothing..or failed in what "meager" attempts it has made.

KNOWLEDGE OF VFW MEMBERS ON THE COMMITTEE:

As the above clearly indicates there is a lack of communication between the Committee and the veterans. Bear in mind also, that the members attending these conventions are exposed to more information and therefore should be more "enlightened" than the 'folks back home!

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(Primarily the same)

1. Information meetings with leaders of the top Veterans Organizations, similar to the ones I hosted in Washington for Honor Vietnam Veterans (which culminated in a day of Honor for the Veterans of Vietnam) must be held on a monthly or bi-monthly basis. These would be information/work sessions with reports from the Select Committee and suggestions from the Veterans.
2. Select Committee should send a group....one from each of the four top Veterans Organizations, a member of the Select Committee and myself to meet with the Vietnamese and get a "direct" report. In this manner, the Committee will be able to have first-hand information and still satisfy the Veterans that they are exerting all measures to account for the MIAs. As a united effort, it may be useful to prevent the Vietnamese from making a "divisionary" issue.
3. Communication must be improved between the Committee and the individual veteran. Of the 29 million veterans in this country, over six million belong to veterans organizations....the non-members surely communicate with their brothers. Each organization has a news organ. A liaison person should see that data is

HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND - VIETNAM
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Office of Information

MACOI

Captain Arthur R. Hawkins
OASD (PA)
Washington, D.C. 20310

Dear Captain Hawkins:

Our friend Alfonso Sellett has completed his trip to Vietnam. During his visit he presented a bell to a Catholic church and orphanage in Saigon, distributed his bumper stickers and had discussions with troops in the field to include Fire Base Tomahawk. Approximately 500 bumper stickers were given to the visiting commander of the Pacific Areas Department of the VFW for distribution in Okinawa. Mr. Sellett also taped an interview with American Forces Vietnam Network concerning his project.

Mr. Sellett made a courtesy call on General Abrams and presented him with a bumper sticker as part of his campaign. General Abrams indicated he is vitally interested in any program which recognizes the contributions made by servicemen in Vietnam and is concerned that their achievements and sacrifices are appreciated when they return home. He feels deeply that the troops here deserve the respect and appreciation of their countrymen. While General Abrams or the Command, because of command directives which prohibit displaying bumper stickers on military vehicles, can not officially sponsor such a project, it will do what it can to help.

You could be of great assistance to this dedicated man by arranging appointments with the people in the Washington offices of the Big Four I think The Legion, VFW, Am Vets and DAV would be interested as they already have programs in being to recognize the Vietnam veterans. This program may be several years late but it behooves all of us to make every effort to insure that our people who have served and are serving here receive the same appreciation for their

service as a veteran in any other of our nation's wars.

Warm Regards,

Robert Leonard
ROBERT W. LEONARD
Colonel, GS
Chief of Information

Xóm thuộc Parish
Gò Vấp - Gia đình
South Việt-Nam

Dear Mrs. Alfonso Sellet,

I always remember Your kind Husband. How sorry I was not to know his address, and not to be able to write to him, to convey him my best regards and thanks for having helped me with my social activities! But how happy I was to hear from You, Mrs. Sellet! Children of my orphanage often asked me where the good-humoured American is, and why he was so late to come. I answered them he had gone back home, to the U.S.A.. How sad they were and how much they were in despair. They told me to convey to him their warm regards and deep thanks, if ever I write to him. They were speaking of him so often. Is he better now? Has he left the hospital. Father Bão, and I were moved to tears when, about to leave us, your husband kneeling down asked for our blessings. Dear Mrs. Sellet, my orphanage and church are under construction now and are lacking so miserably. And prices of everything are soaring terribly! Our beloved Vietnam has been so heavily suffering from war ^{for} ~~for~~ more than thirty years. Charity activities are so necessary to relieve suffering, caused by war. Although met with lots of difficulties, we go on relieving people's griefs and pain, which increase on and on. Your husband and his friends have given me cement, sheet-iron, lumber, and so on, with which I have built a three-piece house for orphans. I have still to build a school for them. How happy I am when knowing your Parish priest, political and religious associations are interested in my humble efforts. I would be very delighted to receive your contributions to my social activities. May one day my unfortunate orphans enjoy a happy life thanks to this invaluable cooperation. I have reminded and shall remind them of their generous benefactors and urge them to pray for all of you. I wish You, and your family A Happy New Year. May God bless you and protect you in everything.

Dear Mr. Sellet, I always remember you so vividly and pray for you. I wish you quick recover. Will you come to Viet Nam again? If so, you will spend many sleepless nights, and your children will be weeping for that. What a pity!

Enclosed here the picture you have sent to me and one of me.

Let's remember one another in Christ.

Sincerely yours

Father Anthony Chi

Anthony Chi



MOST REV. PAUL L. SEITZ
TÒA GIÀM MỤC
KONTUM
Cao-Nguyên Trung-Phòn
South Viet Nam

June 7, 1974

Dear Mr. Sellet,

It would not be surprising if Americans never wished to think again of Vietnam. So much sacrifice has been made by all of you in different ways. We who are still here, however, must carry on our work with God's protection and try to help our people who have known no peace for so many years.

Thousands of the people of my Diocese are Montagnards. A simple, naturally kind people of good character. Many are Christians and very strong in their faith. As small farmers they were living peaceably in orderly little villages, most of which have been completely destroyed. They have no leaders to represent them and they now find themselves dispersed to the four winds, without protection and with little assistance except what we, and a few others, can give with your financial help.

At present we have approximately 93,000 refugees - some are starving and others are in desperate need of medical attention. Until they can find a safe place to resettle we must assist them. To provide food, medical supplies, tools and equipment and schooling for the children, I estimate we need at least \$10,000 a month.

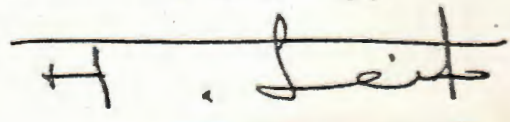
Complete peace is still denied to South Vietnam and we wonder if it will ever come. In the meantime, with your encouragement, we can do much to reunify this Christian community and to show our people they are not forgotten by their friends.

Your donation, large or small, will be most gratefully received and you may confirm the authenticity of my appeal at the Bank of New Hampshire, Nashua.

Please help us, Mr. Sellet. Do not forget those of us who remain in South Vietnam.

May God bless you for your understanding sympathy,

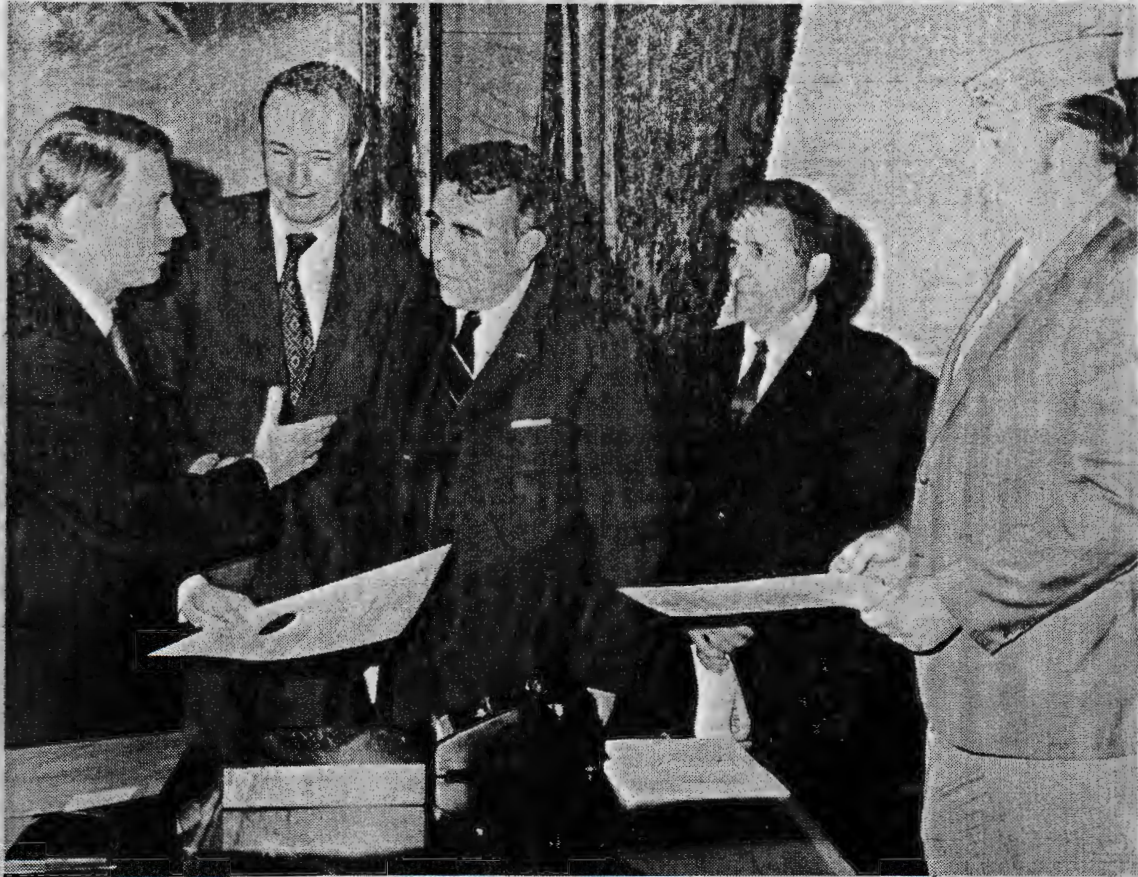
P.S. I am sure you will be interested to read the enclosed letter written by one of my priests to his friends.


Bishop of Kontum

+Paul L. Seitz
Bishop of Kontum

PLSs/p

Viet Vet Day



APRIL 17 was proclaimed Vietnam Veterans' Day in N.Y. State under the signature of Gov. Rockefeller. The Gilman resolution comes after a two year effort by Al Sellett (second from R) of Walker Valley. The Gov.'s Secretary, Robert Douglass (far L) made the announcement as Senator Jay Rolison, and Marine Corp League Nat'l Sr. Vice Commandant Gilbert Gray looked on.

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A solitary man takes another step on his journey to find American servicemen missing in action in Vietnam. Alfonso Sellet of Walker Valley brought his campaign to the South Vietnamese Embassy in Washington last week.

—Record photo by Chris Farlekas

TEXACO
INC.

135 EAST 42ND STREET
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JOHN H. CHILDS
GENERAL MANAGER
PUBLIC RELATIONS

February 22, 1971

Mr. Alfonso Sellet
Walker Valley
New York 12588

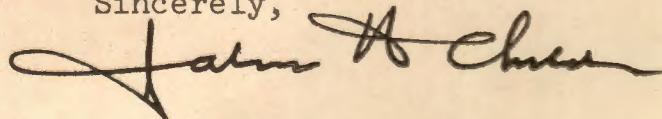
Dear Mr. Sellet:

Thank you very much for your note of February 16th and also for the pleasure of having met you during your visit to Texaco.

We have given a good deal of thought to the proposal you made for Texaco's sponsorship of the bumper stickers honoring veterans of the Vietnam War. While we share with you a deep respect for the American servicemen and women who have served and are serving in the war in Vietnam, we have concluded that it would not be appropriate for a company such as Texaco to underwrite this sponsorship. As you recognized during our talk, this is a controversial war and it seems that many people find it difficult to remain objective in their thinking about it.

I regret that we are not in a position to provide the assistance you requested, but I extend my best wishes for the success of your campaign to gain recognition for the veterans of Vietnam.

Sincerely,



JHC-BMC

NEWS

HAMILTON FISH, JR.

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FOR RELEASE
NOON, FRIDAY, JULY 23, 1971

WASHINGTON: Rep. Hamilton Fish, Jr. today introduced legislation which proposes Sunday, October 17, 1971 be proclaimed "Vietnam Veterans Day."

The bill introduced by Congressman Fish today is similar to a bill introduced earlier this year that would have named May 12, as a special day to commemorate the veterans of the Vietnam war. The original bill was the first piece of legislation the Congressman introduced in the 92nd Congress.

"I feel it is most appropriate that a special day be set aside by this country to honor those millions of young Americans who have responded to the call of their country, and fought in Vietnam during this the longest war in our nation's history," Congressman Fish said.

According to Congressman Fish, the idea of a special "Vietnam Veterans Day" originated with Alphonso Sellet, a resident of Pine Bush, New York, himself a veteran of the Vietnam conflict.

Earlier, through the efforts of Mr. Sellet, Ulster and Orange and Orange Counties celebrated a day of recognition for Vietnam Veterans on October 17, 1970.

The House Joint Resolution introduced by Congressman Fish reads:

"Whereas the American fighting man has been recognized for the sacrifices he has made in previous wars;

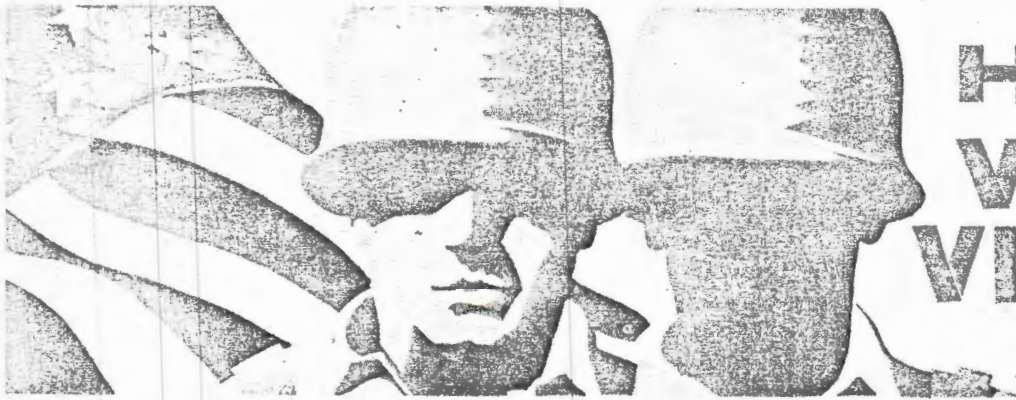
'Whereas the American veterans of Vietnam have made the same sacrifices at the request of our Country;

"Whereas the military action in Vietnam has resulted in the wounding and death of many of our young servicemen; and

"Whereas these sacrifices have been made so that the people of Vietnam may enjoy the freedom to choose their own government: Now therefore be it

"Resolved by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled.

"That the President is hereby authorized and requested to issue a proclamation



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January 27, 1975

Major J. Borling
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Major Borling:

I have just completed a conversation with my good friend, the Honorable Hamilton Fish Jr., NC, New York who briefed me of his contact with you and suggested that I contact you regarding meeting with President Ford about the veteran problems.

At our Honor Vietnam Veteran Dinner on January 30, 1974, the then Vice-President Gerald Ford promised to meet with myself and the representatives of the Veterans organizations and several members of Congress listed on the attached memo to discuss the veterans problems and some meaningful solutions of the same.

Throughout the year, we have contacted Mr. Warren Rustan, Dr. Theodore C. Marrs, and Mr. Simerad regarding confirmation of such a meeting. Tentative dates have been offered only to be cancelled.

Though admittedly, the year has held many unexpected changes for President Ford, we feel the veteran issue is, in reality, an issue of the greatest preponderance and must be dealt with realistically from the VERY TOP. A young man who has given the "best years of his life" is hardly sated with the cliché that "we are faced with many problems in this country" or "there are issues of more importance for the President's attention." The man being told this is the man we all are responsible for---he gave everything in order that those at home could continue their peaceful pursuits.

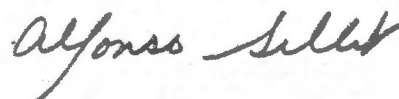
Despite the many adverse events and some subtle attempts to put the various veteran's organizations asunder, we remain united

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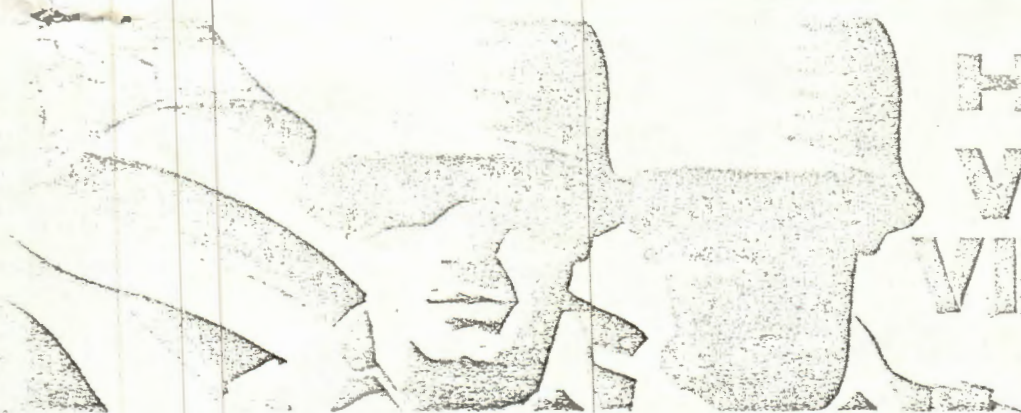
in purpose.

Therefore, I respectfully request the President to hold a meeting with us at his earliest possible convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alfonso Sellet". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Mr. Alfonso Sellet



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National Veterans Organizations

American Legion

1. A.M. Vets
2. Veterans of Foreign Wars
3. Disabled American Veterans
4. Fleet Reserve Association
5. Air Force Association
6. Reserve Officers Association
7. Military Chaplain Association
8. Marine Corps League
9. Military Order of the Purple Heart
10. Catholic War Veterans
11. Jewish War Veterans
12. Gold Star Wives
13. Military Order of the World Wars
14. Retired Officers Association
15. National Association Concerned Vets
16. Honor Vietnam Veterans
17. Congressional Medal of Honor Society
18. Paralyzed Vets of America, Inc.

Congressman

1. Congressman Hamilton Fish
2. Congressman Ben Gilman
3. Congressman Charles E. Wiggins

1. Mrs. Anna Cherrault
2. Mrs. Joan Sellet

September 16, 1974

Office of the White House Press Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE

FACT SHEET

PROGRAM FOR THE RETURN OF VIETNAM ERA
DRAFT EVADERS AND MILITARY DESERTERS

The President has today issued a Proclamation and Executive Orders establishing a program of clemency for draft evaders and military deserters to commence immediately. This program has been formulated to permit these individuals to return to American society without risking criminal prosecution or incarceration for qualifying offenses if they acknowledge their allegiance to the United States and satisfactorily serve a period of alternate civilian service.

The program is designed to conciliate divergent elements of American society which were polarized by the protracted period of conscription necessary to sustain United States activities in Vietnam. Thus, only those who were delinquent with respect to required military service between the date of the Tonkin Gulf Resolution (August 4, 1964) and the date of withdrawal of United States forces from Vietnam (March 28, 1973) will be eligible. Further, only the offenses of draft evasion and prolonged unauthorized absence from military service (referred to hereinafter as desertion) are covered by the program.

Essential features of the program are outlined below.

1. Number of Draft Evaders. There are approximately 15,500 draft evaders potentially eligible. Of these some 8,700 have been convicted of draft evasion. Approximately 4,350 are under indictment at the present time, of whom some 4,060 are listed as fugitives. An estimated 3,000 of these are in Canada. A further 2,250 individuals are under investigation with no pending indictments. It is estimated that approximately 130 persons are still serving prison sentences for draft evasion.

2. Number of Military Deserters. Desertion, for the purposes of this program, refers to the status of those members of the armed forces who absented themselves from military service without authorization for thirty days or more. During the Vietnam era it is estimated that there were some 500,000 incidents of desertion as so defined. Of this 500,000 a number were charged with offenses other than desertion at the time they absented themselves. These other offenses are not within the purview of the clemency program for deserters. Approximately 12,500 of the deserters are still at large of whom about 1,500 are in Canada. Some 660 deserters are at present serving sentences to confinement or are awaiting trial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

3. Unconvicted Evader. Draft evaders will report to the U.S. Attorney for the district in which they allegedly committed their offense.

Draft evaders participating in this program will acknowledge their allegiance to the United States by agreeing with the United States Attorney to perform alternate service under the auspices of the Director of Selective Service.

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Shoreham Hotel
January 30, 1974

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 Scherle, The Hon. William DAIS
 Scherle, Mrs. William

Schulz, Mr. William
 Schulz, Mrs. William
 Scott, Capt. James
 Scott, Mrs. James
 Scowcroft, Gen. Brent
 Scowcroft, Mrs. Brent
 Sellet, Mr. Alfonso DAIS
 Sellet, Mrs. Alfonso
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 Sluzska, Dr. Sigmond
 Sluzska, Mrs. Sigmond
 Smith, Col. Dean
 Smith, Mrs. Dean
 Smith, Commander
 Smith, Mrs.
 Smith, Mr. Gilbert
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 Stansbury, Mrs. Agnes
 Star, Dr.
 Star, Mrs.
 Stasio, Mr. Anthony
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 Stroud, Mr. Robert
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 Sykes, Mr. Robert
 Sykes, Mrs. Robert

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Teague, The Hon. Oline E. DAIS
 Teague, Mrs. Oline E.
 Teamsters Local Union 445
 The Republic of South Korea
 Hon. & Mrs. Kun Park, Minister
 The Republic of South Vietnam
 The Ambassador & Mrs.
 Thompson, Mr. Lewis
 Thurmond, The Hon. Strom
 Thurmond, Mrs. Strom
 Tumble, Dr. Charles E.
 Tumble, Mrs. Charles E.
 Tyson, Brig. Gen. Robert N. DAIS

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United Service Organization

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Veterans of Foreign War
 Veterans of World War I
 Vietnam Veterans
 Coast Guard.....5..Veterans
 Army.....5..Veterans
 Navy.....5..Veterans
 Marines.....5..Veterans
 Air Force.....5..Veterans

Votto, Mr. Michael
Votto, Mrs. Michael

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Wanczyk, Mr. Vincent
Wiggins, Mr. Charles E.
Wiggins, Mrs. Charles E.
Williams, Mr. Julius
Witwer, Mr. David
Wolf, Gen. Alfred L.
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Wrenn, Mr. Patrick C.
Wrenn, Mrs. Patrick C.
Wylie, The Hon. Chalmers P.
Wylie, Mrs. Chalmers P.
Wyman, The Hon. Louis C.

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Yatron, The Hon. Gus
Yatron, Mrs. Gus
Young, The Hon. Edward

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Zehler, Mr. George
Ziff, Lt. Col. Irwin
Ziff, Mrs. Irwin

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The Daily Freeman

CITY OF KINGSTON, N. Y., WEDNESDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 20, 1974

SEVENTEEN

Feb 20, 1974



HONOR VIETNAM VETS — Alphonso Sellet (standing center) an Ulster County resident who was instrumental in establishing "Honor Vietnam Veterans Day" nationally for March 29, is shown at a recent ceremonial dinner in the Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D. C., where plans for the event were outlined. Among the many dignitaries present

to recognize the day which has been proclaimed by President Nixon, were: (L) standing, Rep. Hamilton Fish Jr. (R-25th Dist.) Gen Chappy James USAF, seated behind the podium; Sellet; Gen. Creighton Abrams, chief of staff; Sellet's wife, Joan; Sen. William J. B. Dorn of South Carolina, chairman of Veteran's Affairs.

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HONOR VIETNAM VETERANS



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COMMITTEE:

MRS. WILLARD PENDLETON
CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM SCHERLE
ALFONSO SELLET

The Veterans of Vietnam are as fine and gallant as the young Americans who rallied to defend this country in all its wars. They helped to keep a fair part of the world from totalitarian control. Because of them we live in a free country today. Yet, with the exception of a small group, they have never received public recognition -- indeed their own communities were often unaware of their departure, service, or their return.

For this reason, the Honor Vietnam Veterans Committee is planning a dinner at the Shoreham Hotel, Wednesday, January 30, 1974 as a "kick-off" for parades to be held throughout the nation on March 29, 1974, the anniversary of our troop withdrawal from Vietnam. This will be a massive salute to all veterans of Vietnam. The dinner is not a fund-raising affair, rather to solicit your interest and efforts in making the March 29th event a resounding patriotic success.

A formal invitation will follow, but please reserve January 30th
for

HONOR VIETNAM VETERANS.



HONOR VIETNAM VETERANS



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ALFONSO SELLET

KICK-OFF DINNER

**WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 30, 1974**

**SHOREHAM HOTEL
WASHINGTON, D. C.**



Friends meet on steps of Capitol prior to organizing Honor Vietnam Veterans Committee
Alfonso Sellet, Mrs. Alfonso Sellet, Mrs. Willard Pendleton, Congressman Hamilton Fish, Jr.

93D CONGRESS
1st SESSION

Charles E. Wiggins
John E. Gilman
H. J. RES. 865

Bill Scherle

Harold Fish

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 14, 1973

Mr. WIGGINS (for himself, Mr. SCHERLE, Mr. FISH, and Mr. GILMAN) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

Authorizing the President to proclaim March 29, 1974, as "Vietnam Veterans Day".

- 1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
- 2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
- 3 That the President is hereby authorized and requested to
- 4 issue a proclamation designating March 29, 1974, as "Viet-
- 5 nam Veterans Day", and calling upon the people of the
- 6 United States to observe such day with appropriate cere-
- 7 monies and activities.

Menu

Consomme Vermicelli

Julienne

Hearts of Celery – Ripe and Green Olives

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Breast of Chicken on Ham

Potatoes Parisienne

Broccoli Polonais

Salad Hearts of Romaine

Lemon Dressing

* * * *

Glace Parisienne

With Cointreau

Coffee

Honor Vietnam Veterans Dinner

Wednesday, January 30, 1974

Shoreham Hotel

Program

- Welcome MRS. WILLARD D. PENDLETON
- Invocation THE REVEREND MARTIN PRYKE
*The General Church of the New Jerusalem
Bryn Athyn, Pennsylvania*
- The Pledge of Allegiance MICHAEL PITCAIRN
- The Star Spangled Banner MRS. DANIEL W. HEINRICHS

Dinner

- Music THE UNITED STATES ARMY BAND
- Introduction MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND DISTINGUISHED FLOOR GUESTS
Introduced by The Honorable William Scherle
Member of Congress, Iowa
- Introduction DAIS GUESTS AND VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS
Introduced by The Honorable Hamilton Fish, Jr.
Member of Congress, New York
- A Message from the President of the United States MRS. JULIE NIXON EISENHOWER
Introduced by Mrs. Willard D. Pendleton
- Principle Speaker GERALD R. FORD
Vice President of the United States
Introduced by Mrs. Willard D. Pendleton
- Remarks MAJOR GENERAL DANIEL JAMES
Assistant Defense Secretary for Public Affairs
Introduced by The Honorable Hamilton Fish, Jr.
- Remarks THE HONORABLE HAMILTON FISH, SR.
Introduced by The Honorable Hamilton Fish, Jr.
- Remarks THE HONORABLE WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN DORN
Member Congress, South Carolina; Chairman Veteran's Affairs
Introduced by The Honorable Hamilton Fish, Jr.
- Remarks THE HONORABLE DONALD E. JOHNSON
Administrator of Veteran's Affairs
Introduced by The Honorable William Scherle
- Remarks ALFONSO SELLET
Chairman, Honor Vietnam Veterans
Introduced by General Harold K. Johnson
Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania
- Benediction THE HONORABLE KARL JUSTUS
Director Military Chaplains Association
- Battle Hymn of the Republic THE UNITED STATES ARMY BAND



We Salute

Vietnam Veterans



INDUSTRIES





HONOR VIETNAM VETERANS



December 17, 1974

General Scowcroft
West Wing - White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Scowcroft:

Thank you for taking the time out of your hectic schedule to meet with us.

The luncheon at the Capitol Hill Club was a resounding success with 17 veteran organizations and several members of Congress and Defense Department joining us. Mrs. Theodore Mars represented Anna Chennault who could not be present and the Minister from the Republic of Vietnam was also there.

We were pleased to have them voice their continued support of our efforts. It is heartening to have their confidence after this lengthy time.

I am taking the liberty of enclosing the recommendations we presented at the luncheon and at the Veterans Conference in the White House the following day.

Joan was very pleased to be able to attend the Medal of Honor Ceremony at the White House, but you will, no doubt, be hearing from her about that.

Thank you again for your continued faith, support and friendship.

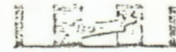
Wishing you a happy holiday season.

Sincerely,

Alfonso Sellet



HONOR VIETNAM VETERANS



G. Ann E. ...

12/12/74

1. Spokesman to represent National Veterans Organizations at the highest level of the Executive Branch (President's Cabinet).
2. Liaison between VA and Veterans organizations to report findings on a monthly basis to VA Administrator.
3. Quarterly meetings with a member of White House, Pentagon and Chairman of both houses of Veterans Affairs, plus a member from Veterans organization and ^{President} discuss Veterans problems with the President.
4. President Ford should sit down with a representative from each Veteran organization and discuss further the matter of Amnesty.
5. MIA's as of December 1974:

1,100 Americans listed as legally dead, but whose remains haven't been found. We have not gotten cooperation from Viet Cong and the North Vietnamese. No more reclassification.
6. Place Vietnam veterans and other persons who have had experience in this war's special frustrations on advisory boards. Too often, leading community and government people serve on boards who don't understand the special problems.
7. The White House must take the lead in caring for the Viet Nam Vet. For the majority of Americans, the Viet Vet is the forgotten man. This situation can change only if those in authority show they respect the price these men paid and are still paying.
8. President Ford send to Hanoi and have our search team, plus a representative from different Veterans organizations and myself bring back the true facts of our MIA's once and for all.



HONOR VIETNAM VETERANS



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on **VIETNAM VETERANS DAY** 29 March 1974

With the exception of the special "Homecoming" for our returning Prisoners of War, the American public has not truly paid tribute to the seven million American Vietnam Veterans. We are aware that "Vietnam" was not a "popular" war with the American public. (It didn't rate too high on the popularity charts of those who had to fight it, either.) But does that mean those who fought in Vietnam are any the less deserving as a veteran? Certainly not!

In Walker Valley, in upstate New York, there was one American who not only believed we should honor the Vietnam Veteran he set out to do something about it! Alfonso Sellet, established the Honor Vietnam Veterans Committee. He had an auto bumper decal manufactured in the design heading this article. Through driving, single-purpose action on his part the idea grew and became nationwide. He contacted all of the known veterans and military organizations and by imbuing them with his own enthusiasm and dedication he laid the foundation for Congressional action to establish an "Honor the Vietnam Veterans Day."

He lobbied for his dream in the 91st and 92nd Congresses. It takes a long time to build Congressional support for any idea, even one as patriotic as declaring one day to honor those who fought and died in America's longest war. Slowly but surely Al Sellet's idea gained support and in the closing days of the first session of the 93rd U.S. Congress, House Joint Resolution 865 passed the Congress and was signed into law by President Nixon. The new law states:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President is hereby authorized and requested to issue a proclamation designating March 29, 1974, as 'Vietnam Veterans Day', and calling upon the people of the United States to observe such day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

On the evening of Wednesday, January 30, 1974, a "Kick-Off Dinner" for "Vietnam Veterans Day" was hosted in Washington, D.C. by the Honor Vietnam Veterans Committee. Several hundred Americans attended and at each table were Vietnam Veterans as guests of the Committee. The dignitaries on the dais,

joining in the tribute to these veterans, included GEN Creighton W. Abrams, U.S.A., Army Chief of Staff, LGEN Daniel L. "Chappie" James, U.S.A.F., VADM Lawson P. Ramage, U.S.N. (Ret.), U.S. Rep. Hamilton Fish, Jr., U.S. Rep. William Scherle, U.S. Rep. Wm. Jennings Bryan Dorn, Chairman, House Veteran's Affairs Committee, the Honorable Donald E. Johnson, Administrator of Veteran's Affairs, Mrs. Julie Nixon Eisenhower and Vice President of the United States Gerald R. Ford. In addition to these distinguished Americans, senior representatives of twenty-nine national veteran and patriotic organizations were also seated at the two-tiered dais.

The Honor Vietnam Veterans Committee urges every American to participate in a public tribute to Vietnam Veterans on Saturday, 29 March 1974. Shipmate National President Marvin Silverman, F.R.A., calls on all Fleet Reserve Association Branches to either originate their own plans or cooperate with other local veterans' groups in this endeavor. The Shipmates of the Fleet Reserve Association and the Ladies of its Auxiliary have honored patriotic holidays in various fashions to keep our American heritage alive and growing. The Vietnam Veteran is a vital part of that heritage and we must honor him in the same manner and to the same degree that we honor our other veterans. Make the F.R.A.'s thanks and appreciation obvious to the Vietnam Veteran on 29 March 1974.



Friends meet on steps of Capitol. Organizers of Honor Vietnam Veterans Committee Alfonso Sellet and his wife (left) chat with Mrs. Willard Pendleton and Congressman Hamilton Fish, Jr.

F.R.A. TRAVEL SERVICE



- * **RUSSIA**—18-26 April. East coast departure flight is sold out. Standby reservations only.
—1 May. Leaving Los Angeles for 9 days, touring Moscow and Leningrad via Aeroflot. Air, tours, hotel, for \$720/person.
- * **SPAIN**—13-21 May. Leaving Washington/Dulles to Madrid, staying at the Hotel Agumar. Air & land arrangements, \$319/person based on double occupancy. Limited number of reservations available — first come, first served.
- * **MEXICO CITY**—31 May-7 June. Leaving Washington/Dulles, staying at the Chateaux Royal, formerly the Hilton. Air & land arrangements, \$210/person. Limited number of reservations.
- * **D-DAY TOUR**—31 May-15 June. Leaving Washington/Dulles for two weeks in Paris with tours and hotel, including trip to Normandy, commemorating the 30th Anniversary of the June 6th D-Day landings in France — 1944/1974. \$547/person.
- * **AFRICA**—22 June. New York City to Kenya and Tanzania for 16 days. Round trip jet, luxury hotels/lodges and safaris through East Africa's big game country. \$1,380/person, double occupancy. Other departure dates: 8/17 and 9/28.
- * **ATHENS**—26 May-9 June. Leaving Washington/Dulles directly to Athens, Greece. Basic air fare of \$290/person plus your choice of one of four delightful tours of Greece: Classical Tour; Highlights of Greece; Classics & Wine Tour and Eastern Mediterranean Cruise.
- * **ORIENT**—Leave San Francisco for 18 day tour to Tokyo, Seoul, Taipei, Hong Kong, Bangkok and Honolulu. All inclusive fee of \$1,251.25 per person based on double occupancy; round trip jet flights & tours included. Departure dates: 4/23, 6/25, 8/6.
- * **ROME**—18 May-1 June. Leave Washington/Dulles direct to Rome, Italy. Basic air fare of \$260/person plus your choice of one of three delightful tours of Italy.
- * **EASTERN EUROPE**—20 June. Leave Washington/Dulles for 15 nights to Prague, Budapest and Vienna. \$602/person, double occupancy.

* **TOURS**—The air fares on these tours are subject to change depending upon fuel price increases.

CRUISES—From San Francisco/L.A. to the South Pacific, 69 days including Japan, Hong Kong and Highlights of the South Pacific. Super Luxury ship on the Royal Viking Star. From \$3,481 and up.

—A 36 day cruise aboard the m/s Kungsholm, visiting Portugal, France, England, Scotland, Wales and the Azores. Originates San Francisco, stops L.A., Pt. Everglades, leaves NYC 23 April.

—7-32 days. Leaves from S.F. & L.A. Alaska, Mexico, and Pt. Everglades. West Coast departures only. Aboard the Princess Cruise Lines. From \$420-\$1190.

—There are weekly 7 day cruises through the Caribbean from San Juan upon request.

HOTEL DISCOUNTS—Marriott Hotels offers members special rates with their Government/Military Plan (GMP). Notification that you are making a military reservation must be given at the time of reservation and presentation of a military ID card is required on check-in. Reservations may be made by calling toll free: 800-228-9290.

—Adda Hotels have agreed to provide special rates to our members at their fine hotels in London, Paris and Amsterdam in conjunction with our charter flights to England and the Continent.

—Port O' Nations Travelodge in Winter Park, Florida offers special discounts to our members. A relaxing place on Lake Kilarny with complimentary fishing boats & rods. Navy Base with Commissary, PX, etc., is 3 miles away. Also convenient to Auto-train and Amtrak. 45 min. away from Disney World.

AUTO RENTAL—Special pre-discounted, unlimited mileage rentals for autos rented by members traveling overseas as well as the Continental U.S., are available on an advance reservation basis with Avis. Applications for an Avis Executive Credit Card are available through our Travel Service.

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Good News, Bad News for Military Vacationers

Service families traveling and vacationing this year can expect to spend considerably more time getting from point to point, according to the Military Travel Guide.

In addition to waiting in line for gasoline and restricted weekend travel, the major change that can be anticipated is less night driving. Most gasoline stations are closing earlier. Fewer automobile emergency and repair facilities are open after dark. Previously many motels on busy routes had vacancies until midnight; now they are often sold out before dark. Motel managers advise all motorists to plan and call ahead for reservations.

There's good news, however. More economical lodging is available throughout the United States. In spite of the 1973 installation closures, there are many more military billets available for service personnel and their families this year than ever before.

Many guest houses, lodges, Army & Navy Travel Camps, Family Camps and billets in general have opened or been made available by the Services. There are also more civilian hotels and motels providing "military dis-

counts". Prices in the civilian hotels and motels are more erratic, however.

Each year statistics of the annual travel picture faced by service families have been gathered by Military Travel Guide which surveys all major military installations in CONUS and over 15,000 hotels and motels which may offer "military discounts". Approximately 1,400 hotels and motels offer discounts to service personnel (active and retired) and their families each year.

Military Travel Guide has recently published its seventh edition. Copies of the Military Travel Guide can be purchased by writing: Military Travel Guide, P.O. Box 9654, Washington, D.C. 20016. Single copies \$1.50 Third Class Mail and \$2.25 for Air Mail.

REMEMBER—

You only have until 20 March to enroll in the Survivor Benefit Plan.

Regards to EHD
from Mr. Sellet
Wants matters of veterans group
handled

Walker Valley,
New York 12588
April 1, 1976

Ronald R Reagan
P.O. Box 24016
Los Angeles, Cal. 90024

Dear Mr. Reagan:

It was inspiring to listen to your message last nite. For over six years we have been striving to help the Vietnam Veteran. The young men who answered the call and served their country so well in Vietnam deserve recognition and better treatment than they have been given.

It is time we restore HONOR to our military and PRIDE in our nation; ending government corruption and welfare abuses. We believe you can and will do it-----we're counting on you!!

Wish we could contribute more, but if we can assist you in any way, please call (914) 944-2631.

Sincerely,

Alfonso Sellet
Chairman

They are also deeply involved in the MIA
issue — you are right — they have
a right to know the fate of their loved
ones.

RESUME OF
Alfonso Sellet

P.O. Box 77
Walker Valley, N. Y. 12588
Phone (914) 744 -2631

EMPLOYMENT

1964-1979 County of Ulster, Kingston, New York
Supervisor Buildings
1968-1970 U. S. Air Force/ Served in Vietnam
1958-1963 Montgomery Ward
Department Supervisor
1953-1958 K.H. Werber Co.
Partner in company specializing in Federal, State and
City contracts
1950-1953 U. S. Army/ Served in Korean Conflict
1947-1950 U.S. Postal Service, NYC office
1945-1947 Student at Pratt Institute Brooklyn, N. Y.
1941-1945 U.S. Army/ Served in the ETO during WWII

Most of the civilian employment above entailed my supervision of a dozen or more employees and inspection of jobs and "trouble-shooter".

EDUCATION

Graduate Brooklyn High School
Pratt Institute, Brooklyn (2 years, mechanical engineering)
U.S. Army Service Schools: Engineer School, Ft. Belvoir, Va.
U.S. Engineer Extension Courses

PERSONAL

Age: Born October 12, 1920
Marital: Married, two sons
Residence: Own Home
Affiliations: VFW, Americal Legion, Am Vets Disables Am. Vets

MILITARY SERVICE

U.S. ARMY Sept. 1941-Oct. 1945 (WWII, ETO)
Decorations: Bronze Star with "V" for Valor
Presidential Citation
U.S. ARMY RESERVE 1947-1950
U. S. ARMY 1950-1952 Served in Korean Conflict
U. S. AIR FORCE RESERVE 1957-1968
U. S. AIR FORCE 1968-1970 Served in Vietnam
Decorations: Air Force Commendation
Discharged with Service Connected Disability.

RESUME OF

Alfonso Sellet (Continued)

CIVIC ACTIVITIES

Past President/Founder Shawangunk Homeowners' Association
Town Councilman 1970-1974
Member: American Legion, VFW, Disabled Am Vets, Lifetime Member/
Member at Large Am Vets, Air Force Sgt. Assoc.
National Chairman Honor Vietnam Veterans/ Vietnam Veterans Day
CETA Advisory Committee Veterans Organizations

1972 Returned to Vietnam on "morale bolstering" tour visiting all
main military bases and fire bases of 101st Airborne Division.
Consulted with Gen. Creighton Abrams re: morale of troops and the
performance of the Vietnam soldiers.

Dec. 12, 1974 Participated in White House conference meeting of
top staff members and V. A. Administrator presenting views and
problems on Veterans' Affairs

Chairman seven meetings of 15 National Veterans' organizations,
White House Aides, Pentagon officials, Congressional Leaders at
Capital Hill Club, Washington, D. C. discussing MIA and Veterans
Affairs

Affiliated and worked with VIVA founder Mrs. Douglas Coppin and
League of Families Chairman Allbright re: MIAs

August 1976 represented the staff of the House Select Committee
on Missing Persons in Southeast Asia at the National Convention
of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

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U.S. House of Representatives

SELECT COMMITTEE ON MISSING PERSONS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

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Washington, D.C. 20515

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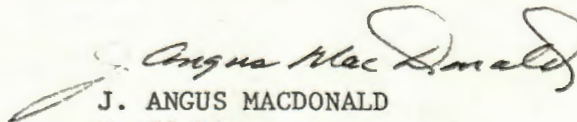
Mr. Alfonso Sellet
Walker Valley, New York 12588

Dear Al:

On behalf of the House Select Committee on Missing Persons in Southeast Asia, it is my pleasure to ask you once again to represent the staff at the National Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. I would appreciate it if you would inform yourself of the key issues under consideration by the Select Committee, the present status of committee efforts, and the courses of action that may be followed by the committee in the coming months, in order that you may respond to questions from members of the VFW that may be asked of you.

Please carefully restrict any comments you make to matters we have discussed, as you did so well on the previous occasion in which you represented us. In the event that any unique questions arise, please do not hesitate to call upon me, and I will furnish whatever support you may require. Should any VFW members wish to receive copies of the committee hearings, provide my staff with the mailing address, and we will forward the desired copies.

Sincerely,


J. ANGUS MACDONALD
Staff Director

JAM:js

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MRS. ANNA CHENNAULT
VICE PRESIDENT
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

April 4, 1974

Dear Joan:

I want to thank you for including me last week for lunch with the Veterans. You and Al are to be commended for your constant and dedicated efforts. You have done much to focus attention on our Veterans, and your work is appreciated.


Thanks, too, for the Naval Affairs magazine with the Vietnam Veterans Day write-up.

These are extremely busy days, and I'm rushing in and out of Washington frequently. The energy crisis has made problems for everyone, particularly the airline business.

Keep up your good work. My best wishes are with you.

With warm regards to you and Al,

Sincerely,



Anna Chennault

Mrs. Alfonso Sellet
Walker Valley, New York 12588

HAMILTON FISH, JR.
28TH DISTRICT, NEW YORK

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March 17, 1971

Mr. Alfonso Sellet
Walker Valley
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Dear Al:

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Kindest regards.

Sincerely,



Hamilton Fish, Jr.
Member of Congress

HF:Cnl

Enclosure

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT
THE EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE POSTMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20260

MAR 12 1971

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MAR 15 1971

Dear Congressman Fish:

Thank you for your letter of March 1 in behalf of Mr. Alfonso Sellet concerning the issuance of a stamp to honor the Vietnam Veterans, in accordance with his design.

We appreciate Mr. Sellet's suggestion and his design is most interesting.

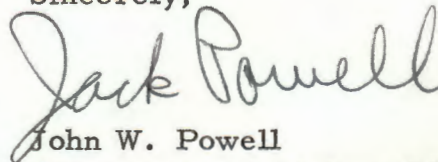
As information, a 5¢ Servicemen-Savings Bonds commemorative was issued on October 26, 1966 and a 6¢ Disabled American Veterans and American Prisoners of War was issued on November 24, 1970. We feel that these stamps paid tribute to all our servicemen.

Since there are requests on file in this office for more than 3,000 different subjects, many of which have been pending for a long time and are worthy of consideration for postal honors, it does not seem advisable to issue another stamp at this time on a subject which has already received recognition.

We are returning Mr. Sellet's design, as requested.

Your interest in this particular stamp is appreciated.

Sincerely,



John W. Powell
Congressional Liaison Officer

Honorable Hamilton Fish, Jr.
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

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March 17, 1971

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Sincerely,

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Hamilton Fish, Jr.
Member of Congress

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POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT
THE EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE POSTMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20260

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Dear Congressman Fish:

Thank you for your letter of March 1 in behalf of Mr. Alfonso Sellet concerning the issuance of a stamp to honor the Vietnam Veterans, in accordance with his design.

We appreciate Mr. Sellet's suggestion and his design is most interesting.

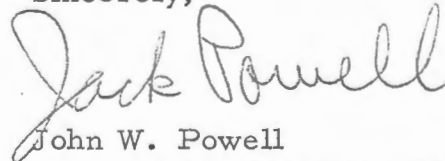
As information, a 5¢ Servicemen-Savings Bonds commemorative was issued on October 26, 1966 and a 6¢ Disabled American Veterans and American Prisoners of War was issued on November 24, 1970. We feel that these stamps paid tribute to all our servicemen.

Since there are requests on file in this office for more than 3,000 different subjects, many of which have been pending for a long time and are worthy of consideration for postal honors, it does not seem advisable to issue another stamp at this time on a subject which has already received recognition.

We are returning Mr. Sellet's design, as requested.

Your interest in this particular stamp is appreciated.

Sincerely,



John W. Powell
Congressional Liaison Officer

Honorable Hamilton Fish, Jr.
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

HONOR THE VIETNAM VETERANS

The Citizens' Advisory Committee

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Therefore, it is with great humility that I am including a copy of the emblem we are using to promote this movement to show our appreciation to a loyal generation of Americans.

I am taking the liberty of enclosing a sampling of pertinent information from newspapers, county legislatures, and letters from servicemen in Vietnam for your perusal with the confidence that, after due consideration, you will agree that a U. S. Postage Stamp honoring these men is indeed appropriate.

Hoping for an early affirmation, I am,

Sincerely,

Al Keller

P. S.

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Thank you.

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Alfonso Sella

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HONOR VIETNAM VETERANS



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October 16, 1978

Dear Sir:

The Vietnam war, though an unpopular war with the American public was fought by over 2½ million of her brave young men and women. These patriots suffered and died while a divided country debated the merits of our involvement. Some returned home, wounded in body and spirit with mixed emotions over their participation in the war; some returned under the flag they died for - and, - some have yet to come home!

It would be a fitting tribute to all those who answered their country's call if a postage stamp of HONOR VIETNAM VETERANS were issued to commemorate the valor of their young men. The enclosed bumper sticker truly symbolizes their involvement since it depicts an American flag, a white GI, a black GI, the Vietnam service ribbon and the slogan HONOR VIETNAM VETERANS.

On March 1, 1971, Congressman Hamilton' Fish, Jr. wrote to the Post Office Dept. on our behalf suggesting just such a stamp. Since that time numerous other Senators and Congressmen have written and petitioned the Stamp Advisory Committee requesting a stamp be issued of the bumper sticker.

The opinion of the Committee that "more than 3,000 different subjects" are on file "which are worthy of consideration" does not seem pertinent, when one properly assesses the sacrifice of these young men and women.

It is our hope that you will give this matter your careful consideration and help to issue a commemorative stamp to HONOR VIETNAM VETERANS.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

National Chairman
Honor Vietnam Veterans

BOB DOLE
KANSAS

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

May 18, 1978

Mr. Al Sellet
Box 77
Walker Valley, New York 12588

Dear Mr. Sellett:

Thank you for advising me of your continued interest in the issuance of a commemorative stamp in honor of the Vietnam Veteran.

As you requested, I contacted the Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee to urge that your proposal be given serious consideration. The response I have received is enclosed for your interest and information.

Although the 1979 stamp program is nearly completed, I was pleased to note that your proposal will be given consideration as the 1980 and future stamp programs are developed.

Again, thank you for contacting me. It was a pleasure to be of assistance in this matter, and I hope you will continue to let me know whenever I may be of service.

Sincerely yours,



BOB DOLE
United States Senate

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OFFICE OF THE POSTMASTER GENERAL
Washington, D.C. 20260

May 10, 1979

Honorable Robert Dole
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Dole:

This is in response to your letter of April 19 addressed to the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee on behalf of Mr. Al Sellet of Walker Valley, concerning his interest in a commemorative stamp honoring Veterans of the Vietnam War.

The proposal for this stamp has been brought to the attention of the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee and will be given consideration as future stamp programs are developed. At the present time, the 1979 program is nearing completion and the Committee is working on the 1980 program. Your constituent's expression of interest has been made a part of the Committee's records.

I should note that each year we receive thousands of requests for stamp subjects, but only a very few stamps can be issued. Consequently, the vast majority of suggested subjects--including many which are quite meritorious--cannot, of necessity, result in a stamp. We regret this, but the limitations of the stamp program permit no other course of action.

Sincerely,

Paul Van Coverden
Senior Representative
Government Relations Department