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## NOTATIONS FROM APPLICATIONS

Worked in the Phase Maintenance Hangar near the flight line. Lived in barracks next to MARS Station.

Arrived after Tet, but was still involved in many rocket attacks.

Still dealing with Agent Orange health issues like so many others.

Gary H. Hackworth  
Det. 1, 45th Tactical Recon. Squadron  
Apr 68 - Mar 69

## EDITOR'S NOTE/REQUEST

I know this doesn't give you much time, but I would like to get submissions from members about being at TSN during Christmas.

Please - just sit down at your computer and type up something and send it to me at: [lfry2@dejazzd.com](mailto:lfry2@dejazzd.com).

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

This November is truly an American month of awareness; Veterans Day, local election activities and above all, Thanksgiving Day.

One of the phrases that should be heard for the special "National Days of November" has solid meaning for this current month. Thomas Paine set it down: "When men yield up the privilege of thinking, the last shadow of liberty quits the horizon".

I'm sure that you have discovered I'm quoting men who are the leaders of history of our nation and I will add this passage of scriptures from the Old Testament Psalms and Proverbs: Sometimes we as a nation neglect memories, purpose and guidance.

Proverbs Iron Bound advise "The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous runneth into it, and is safe" (18:10)

Yes, November is a month of personal and national commitment. Let Jefferson put it down for us: "If we are to guard against ignorance and remain free, it is the responsibility of every American to be informed".

So it really is important for a nation of veterans, governing, (balloting) and thankful people to recognize truth of Proverbs 3:6 "In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy path".

End of sermon

Chaplain Bob Chaffee



FROM THE  
TSNA  
BOARD



I have now reached over 930,000 Vietnam Veterans on my Facebook page, *Vietnam Veterans With Diabetes*, which got me to thinking how many of the TSN Vietnam Vets have diabetes?

Agent Orange, Purple, White, Pink, Brown, Green, Yellow affected us. I have had diabetes since 1969. I bet many others have also, plus the many other health problems they caused.

Would be interested in how many of our members are living with the effects of chemicals sprayed on us.

I remember the spraying almost nightly at TSN. This was done in so many ways, not just from planes, but from back of trucks, hand sprayers, etc.

Just wondering!

Another topic is Huntsville. Kerry is our Boots on the Ground and he is working on lining up some neat tours. Rita and I spent some time with Kerry in Huntsville and we found it to be a neat community with so much to do.

It has beautiful gardens, homes, nice museums, eateries and a super nice Veterans Memorial Park downtown.

Hope you have marked September 2016 on your calendars?

The hotel is really nice and rooms are spacious, and Huntsville is a very military city.

I have been out beating the bushes to sign up new TSN members, hope you all have too!

My mission now is to get some of them to attend our next reunion. Once we get them there, we will have them hooked.

We are truly one big family.

The Best,

Randall Brown  
President  
TSNA

## 40 Years After The Fall

By: Joseph S. Kricho, SMSgt, USAF, Ret.

On April 29, 1975, at 0430, an enemy rocket impacted on Tan Son Nhut AB RVN. Over the course of the Vietnam War, hundreds of enemy mortar and rocket rounds fell on that airbase. Many of us in this Association were on the receiving end of their devastation, death, and destruction. But this particular rocket had a more sinister purpose than all those that preceded it. This one would result in the last two American combat casualties of that conflict.

Corporal Charles McMahon, USMC and Lance Corporal Darwin Judge, USMC were Marine Security Guards (MSG's) assigned to the US Embassy in Saigon but had been attached to the Defense Attache's Office (DAO) at Tan Son Nhut during the evacuation of Saigon. Judge arrived in-country in early March and McMahon had arrived in Saigon just 11 days earlier. Neither one of them would live to see their 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday.



(Picture credit: Wikipedia)

On April 29, 2015, a group of former Marine Security Guards returned to Vietnam for a very special ceremony. They are all members of the Fall of Saigon Marines Association (FSMA) which is a public benefit and nonprofit association of members who served at various locations throughout Vietnam in the spring of 1975. They had returned to Vietnam, one more time, to remember, honor, and commemorate their fellow Marines.

Originally, their plans were to include two ceremonies. One at Tan Son Nhut, and the other at the site of the original US Embassy in Saigon. At Tan Son Nhut, they were prepared to place a wreath on the precise spot where McMahon and Judge had fallen, at exactly 0430 on April 29, 40 years before. Unfortunately, due to some last minute hesitation and uncertainties on the part of their Vietnamese hosts, that ceremony would not take place.

Although the Vietnamese desk at the State Department in Washington DC was aware of these proposed events, the Vietnamese government said that it may not be in the best interest of US/Vietnamese relations to remember past incidents of the Vietnam War. The US Consulate in Ho Chi Minh City pointed out that the consulate was, by interna-

tional law, US soil, and that Tan Son Nhut was Vietnamese territory. And so, only one ceremony was held at the US Consulate.

The original US Embassy that served America during the course of the war no longer exists. At the time that the US reestablished diplomatic relations with Vietnam, a decision was made to raze the structure for various reasons. One, it contained quite a bit of asbestos; and two, it harbored some unpleasant memories. The new embassy occupies much of the same area as the old, and the group deemed it fitting that the second ceremony should be held there.

Keep in mind that, without getting into the politics of wars in general, that two very different events were occurring on this day in Saigon. The Vietnamese people were celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of one of the longest and most devastating conflicts in their history. And, at the same time, a small group of Americans were in their midst to honor, remember, and forever commemorate the last two of their countrymen to have fallen in that war.

So they assembled on the grounds of the new US Consulate on April 30, 2015. Their group, along with the current US Ambassador Ted Osius, and currently serving MSG's, provided a somewhat solemn and low-key commemoration ceremony. Current FSMA President John Valdez, who was the last man on the last helicopter out of Saigon, offered opening remarks. During the ceremony, the members of the Fall of Saigon Marines Association provided the most poignant comments about Corporals McMahon and Judge, since some had served with them. I would recommend that you view the video links at the end of this story.



(Picture credit: Screen capture from Pat Clark video)

Unfortunately, Charles McMahon and Darwin Judge would ultimately come to share a unique legacy. They would be the last two Americans to die at the hands of the enemy. Young men from Woburn, MA and Marshalltown, IA.

After the plaque dedication ceremony on the grounds of the US Consulate in Saigon, the two flags that draped their monument were presented to two members of the Fall of Saigon Marines Association. One flag was presented on behalf of Corporal Charles McMahon to John Ghilain, who will present it to the Boys and Girls Club of Woburn, MA,

McMahon's hometown. The second flag was presented on behalf of Lance Corporal Darwin Judge to Kevin Maloney, who in turn will present it to the Darwin Judge Memorial Park in Marshalltown, IA.



(Picture credit: Screen capture from Pat Clark video)

### What's Next?

The full-length video documentary titled "A Return to the End" is scheduled for release on Nov 8, 2015 in San Diego. The producer is a young man named Pat Clark, whom I had the pleasure of sitting down with in Denver in September and discussing all of this. Pat also has a couple of videos available for viewing on Vimeo.

I also wish to thank MSG Doug Potratz, who was there in 1975 and 2015, for his help in preparing this story. All of those involved are deserving of our thanks in helping to preserve this latest chapter in the history of Tan Son Nhut.

### Fall of Saigon Marines Association – Plaque Dedication April 30, 2015

<https://vimeo.com/127899942>

### A Return to the End – Trailer

<https://vimeo.com/120566254>

For more info about the Fall of Saigon Marines Association (FSMA) go to:

<http://www.fallofesaigon.org/>



## "377th Air Base Wing transfers to AF Global Strike Command"

20th Air Force Public Affairs / Published October 05, 2015

-- The 377th Air Base Wing at Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico, became part of 20th Air Force Oct. 1, as it shifts from Air Force Materiel Command to Air Force Global Strike Command....

The 377th ABW moved into AFGSC as part of a consolidation of missions into AFGSC Numbered Air Forces.

The consolidation of the 377th ABW into 20th Air Force is specifically intended to help streamline the nuclear enterprise by placing operational mission support within the Air Force's nuclear major command.

"The U.S. Air Force is always seeking to improve the way we do business," said Maj. Gen. Jack Weinstein, the commander of 20th Air Force. "The transfer of the 377th ABW highlights the continued improvements the Air Force is making in the nuclear enterprise to ensure we remain the most credible, capable and reliable force for our nation."

Weinstein further stated that the nuclear capabilities of the U.S. military form the backbone of U.S. national security.

The realignment of the 377th ABW is designed to enhance operational and maintenance support to multiple organizations, providing vital expertise within the nuclear enterprise, to include: The Department of Energy, Sandia National Laboratories, the Air Force Research Laboratory, the Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center, the Space and Missile Systems Center, the Air Force Inspection Agency and the Air Force Safety Center.

The move of the 377th ABW to 20th Air Force will not affect employment within the surrounding communities of Kirtland AFB and will primarily be administrative in nature. The 377th ABW will continue to serve as the host installation for various tenant units at Kirtland AFB. Approximately 1,796 military and government civilians will be realigned from AFMC to AFGSC, but will still remain at their current positions.

"The stewardship of Kirtland AFB under Air Force Material Command was second to none," Weinstein said. "We are proud to welcome the 377th to (20th Air Force) and we will strive to continue their superb legacy and warfighter support to our Air Force."

(The Editor thanks Life Member Bob Laymon for passing the link to this along to me.)

## THE NEW PATCH

By: Bob Craig  
21st Casualty Staging Flt & 377USAF Dispensary  
Jul 68 - Jul 69

I am a life member of the TSNA and was a medic with 21st Casualty Staging Flight and the 377th USAF Dispensary. I had the pleasure of knowing Chaplain Chaffee and sought his pastoral assistance for many of our wounded. The man is exceptional and I remain in awe of the visible peace he left among those in his care.

I've been able to share my thoughts with him by email. However, I recently had a patch made remembering the casualty staging flight.

Accordingly, I would like to send some to Chaplain Chaffee. I would like it to be a surprise, hence this request for his mailing address.

Enclosed please find a patch recently created to honor the service of Air Force personnel assigned to the 377th USAF Dispensary's 21st Casualty Staging Flight. A number of varying AFSC's combined to provide incredible daily care for our wounded - and witnessed first-hand the horrible cost of war.



Most airmen will recall the daily trips made each morning with multiple ambulances to off-load our wounded into C-141's for aeromedical evacuation and continued care at military medical facilities in the Philippines, Japan and the United States.

The remainder of the day was spent at numerous C-7A, C-123, C-130 ramps, helipads, 3rd Field Army Hospital, etc., receiving our patients from various medical evac facilities. This included on-going medical care and patient prep for the next day's flight.

The words "Medic Charlie" refer to the designated call sign for the cracker-box field ambulance that accompanied our ambulances to the flight line.

Accordingly, I (among others) will be pleased if you could provide the emblem as part of TSNA's monthly photo.

### Veterans News & Events: No. 4

By: Joe Kricho, TSNA Director of Veterans Services  
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### New Way to Access Veterans Benefits Information

The VA has recently released a new Smartphone App (**311Vet**) that allows you ask them questions about your benefits. These must be general questions about such things as how to apply for benefits; which benefits you are entitled to; where to get more information; and the like.

You cannot ask questions pertaining to specific claims submitted and in progress. For those questions use the **IRIS** portal from your laptop or desktop computer at: <https://iris.custhelp.com>.

**311Vet** is available for both iOS and Android devices. It is free, doesn't require any permissions, and it took me less than 30 seconds to download it to my phone. The app also works on tablets.

To read the full VA news release:

<http://www.blogs.va.gov/VAntage/23378/311vet-new-app-answers-general-va-benefits-questions/>

### VA Death Benefits

In other VA news, the VA is rapidly opening more national, local, and tribal cemeteries. This means that soon nearly all eligible Veterans will have a VA burial option to be interred in a Veterans Cemetery within about an hour's drive from home.

A little Flower Power attached.

Picture taken at the Hotel 3 Army Heliport at TSN.

Rich Carvell,  
TSNA VP



**LAKWOOD CALIFORNIA  
VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK**

By: Dennis Lander  
8th Aerial Port Squadron  
Nov 67 - Nov 68

Hi Larry.....My thanks to you for all you do for our TSN family. It is much appreciated. I would like to share with you some wonderful events that have been happening in our city of Lakewood CA and our state. We have a new Veteran's Memorial Plaza in our city. It is a result of an incident of theft and vandalism that happened to our original Memorial a couple of years ago. If you go to ( vimeo.com ) and enter The Boys of Del Valle Park in the search box, there's a short documentary about the history of the Memorial that we're very proud of. Myself and three of my long time friends are featured in this video and my friend Gary Halbeisen who is interviewed is also a member of our TSN Association. Also If you go to my Facebook site you can see some recent events that you may want to share with our TSN Brothers and Sisters.....If you have any questions for me please call me at 562 841 0394...Thanks .....Dennis

## The Boys of Del Valle Park

The renovated veterans memorial plaza at Del Valle Park has a special poem that pays tribute to Lakewood men who lost their lives in service during the Vietnam War. The poem entitled "The Boys of Del Valle Park" was written by Lakewood resident and Vietnam veteran, Dennis Lander. He recalls the days of playing with his childhood friends on a Korean war fighter jet when it came to Lakewood in 1959.



## THE BOYS OF DEL VALLE PARK

WE CLIMBED ABOARD THAT HUGE WINGED ROCKET  
AND RODE IT TO THE SKY  
OUR MINDS WOULD SOAR FOR HOURS AND HOURS  
WE'RE NEVER GONNA DIE

WITH PITCH AND YAW; DIVES AND ROLLS  
WE'D BLAST BAD GUYS TO HEAVEN  
WE'D CRASH AND BURN AND WALK AWAY  
HECK, WE'RE ONLY 7

BUT JETS GIVE WAY TO BATS AND BALLS  
TO HOOP AND FOOTBALL TOO  
"WE'VE GOT GREAT POTENTIAL," THEY'D SAY  
"THE REST IS UP TO YOU"

HOW QUICK TIME TRAVELS FROM INNOCENT DAYS  
OF RUNNING IN THE SUN  
TIL THE DADDY TELLS YOU  
"IT'S YOUR DUTY SON"

"BE STRONG, BE A MAN"  
I'D LISTEN TO THEM SAY  
"BUT WAIT A MINUTE EVERYONE  
I THOUGHT IT WAS ONLY PLAY"

AND SO IT GOES WE'RE BACK TODAY  
WITH NO MOURNFUL SONG TO SING  
THAT SAME GREAT JET ABOVE US NOW  
SHADES US WITH ITS WING

TOGETHER AGAIN BUT NOW WE REST  
A BRASS PLAQUE IS OUR HOME  
BUT WE'RE NOT COMPLAINING, WE'RE QUITE CON-  
TENT TO LIE HERE ALL ALONE

SO MOMS AND DADS BRING THE KIDS ON BY  
AND READ A NAME OR TWO  
REMEMBER THAT THESE PRECIOUS CHILDREN  
SURE THINK THE WORLD OF YOU!

TELL THEM THE TRUTH ABOUT US  
DON'T SHIRK, DON'T SQUIRM, DON'T LIE.  
AND TELL THEM THAT THE TOYS BOYS PLAY WITH  
COULD SOMEDAY MAKE MEN DIE

AND THINK OF US IF NOT OUT LOUD  
BUT WHEN IT'S QUIET AND DARK  
AFTER ALL, WE'RE YOUR KIDS YOU KNOW  
THE BOYS OF DEL VALLE PARK

DENNIS LANDER  
VIETNAM VETERAN

## 2015 VETERAN OF THE YEAR

On June 24th at our State Capital in Sacramento, I was honored to represent the people of Lakewood, the 63rd Assembly District and most importantly our Fallen Heroes as a recipient of the California Assembly Veteran of the Year Award. Veterans from around the state were recognized for this award at the 2015 Veteran's Recognition Luncheon. It has always been very important to me to see that our young men and women that gave their lives for our country and our communities are not forgotten, and inspiring events like this allows me to be assured that the people of our State will do just that. To our Fallen Heroes I salute you, to our Veterans past and present I salute you, and especially to the Families of our Brothers and Sisters who to this day still endure the loss of their loved one, I salute you.....Thanks to all.....D



Dennis and the poem - "written In stone." (Editor's words)



Shaw and Sons Concrete got some awesome aerial snaps of the Lakewood Memorial! Randy Meyer and his team designed an amazing space to reflect and remember those that gave their all. This was an inspiring project to be a part of!



FYI  
VET CENTER HISTORY

Submitted by: Randall Brown  
President  
TSNA

We are the people in VA who welcome home war veterans with honor by providing quality readjustment counseling in a caring manner. Vet Centers understand and appreciate Veterans' war experiences while assisting them and their family members toward a successful post-war adjustment in or near their community.

VET CENTER HISTORY

The Vet Center Program was established by Congress in 1979 out of the recognition that a significant number of Vietnam era vets were still experiencing readjustment problems. Vet Centers are community based and part of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. In April 1991, in response to the Persian Gulf War, Congress extended the eligibility to veterans who served during other periods of armed hostilities after the Vietnam era. Those other periods are identified as Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, the Persian Gulf, Somalia, and Kosovo/Bosnia. In October 1996, Congress extended the eligibility to include WWII and Korean Combat Veterans. The goal of the Vet Center program is to provide a broad range of counseling, outreach, and referral services to eligible veterans in order to help them make a satisfying post-war readjustment to civilian life. On April 1, 2003 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs extended eligibility for Vet Center services to veterans of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) and on June 25, 2003 Vet Center eligibility was extended to veterans of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) and subsequent operations within the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT). The family members of all veterans listed above are eligible for Vet Center services as well. On August 5, 2003 VA Secretary Anthony J. Principi authorized Vet Centers to furnish bereavement counseling services to surviving parents, spouses, children and siblings of service members who die of any cause while on active duty, to include federally activated Reserve and National Guard personnel.

We understand, and most of all, we care. <http://www.vetcenter.va.gov/index.asp>

**NOTATIONS FROM APPLICATIONS**

I was in the Army Security Agency (which was "not" in Vietnam, but was under a "new" name), one of the military arms of the NSA, passing SigIntEllnt.

I was there during the '68 Tet (after arriving on my birthday!) {January 10th}, and actually saw the first shot fired at Tan Son Nhut (at a 707 taking off) the early morning of the attacks. I was on the roof of our comm center where the Army had its backs to our fence as the rounds flew by and a friend was shot while also on the roof.

We received almost 200 122mm rocket attacks during the year, including two that hit our compound and numerous close calls.

Don Helton  
509th Radio Research Group  
Jan 68—Dec 68

Sept. 1967 - Sept 1968  
Sentry Dog Handler—Dog named Chief E940. Was there for the Tet Offensive on Post K2. Was with A2C Fred Bauchmann during the attack. He handled the dog Duchess.

At the present time I have retired from the Meriden Police Department in Connecticut doing 34 years. Went back to work in 2006 at the Yale-New Haven Hospital in Connecticut as an armed security officer. The hospital only hires retired police officers. Hope to complete 10 years at the hospital and then move down to Texas where I have a retirement home, and where my oldest son and the grand kids live nearby.

Wayne J. Wirth  
377th Security Police Squadron



{Photo courtesy of Robert C. Scott, Sr. OL 1500 Postal & Courier Service, Nov 69-Jun 71}

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** As I was working on this issue, and had just finished getting Dennis Lander's article in, I received, via our "Cheerleader" Janice Jones, an article from Janet Burdick on another great Memorial.

I have thoroughly looked at the website listed, and have talked with a volunteer there as well. It is on my list of places to visit.

With November being the month we observe/celebrate "Veterans Day", I knew what to do with Janet's article - and here it is.

**“Highground” Veterans Memorial Park  
Neillsville Wisconsin**

**September 27th 2015 visit**

By: Janet Burdick, wife of TSNA Member Bob Burdick  
33rd TAC Recon

Our end of September visit to what is commonly known as “Highground” by the people of Wisconsin was beyond words.

The day was perfect with the clear blue skies and just a hint of the fall colors. Hardly any traffic and we drove the quiet back roads to our destination. It is about a 3 hour drive up north from our home. The Neillsville location I would qualify is in a very remote rural area.

It has been at least 20 years since our last visit so I knew there would be some additions to the park. As we drove into the parking lot at 1pm we noticed not many cars at all. But then again it was a Packer football day and Wisconsinites are Packer fans.

The first site you see even from a great distance is the 70 foot flag pole proudly waving the American Flag and the POW MIA flag. At the base of the pole is the statue of the “Nurse”, not a full size but the sentiment of the meaning of her duties and service are not under rated.

We slowly walked the park starting from right to left following the path ways which lead you around the park.

Starting with the “*Liberty Bell*” which all are invited to ring to sound off the bell of Freedom. Freedoms which all our servicemen and women fought to preserve.

The “*National Native American Vietnam Veterans Memorial*” was an unusual site in some ways. Growing up around Aztalan area I was familiar with Indian mounds as the final place of their dead but I have never seen a Memorial for Military Indians.

Later I learned that this is the first National Memorial to be part of the Highground, listing the names of all the North American Indians who served during the Vietnam War.

Harry Whitehorse of Madison, a sculptor and W.W. II Veteran created the bronze sculpture.

The “*Korean Tribute*” also spoke volumes. Three separate figures each holding a special symbolism.

Then you walk the slow curved pathways guiding you through the “*Meditation Garden*” rooms, a place for all visitors to sit, reflect, and view your surroundings. The rooms are, “The Family Arbor”, “The Prayer Stone”, “The Fountain of Tears”, and “The Mediation Shelter”. I feel the Fountain of Tears moved me the most with deep emotion.

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In the center is a sculpture of “*The Ascension of Doves*”. All who have attended Memorial services understand the sculpture. The release of 7 doves to the skies as if the spirits of persons are being returned to the greater power.

Also honored, “*The WWII Women Airforce Pilots*”. And the “*WWII Globe*” which Bob posed in front of because his father was a Veteran who served in the Army in Africa and Italy.

“*The Dove*” is a grassy mound created in the shape of a Dove to honor our POW and MIA Veterans.

“*The Fragments*” Vietnam Tribute. Again Bob posed. Only the men and women who served can really grasp the sculpture. A very small piece of Orange Glass is included representing the effects of Agent Orange.

Under construction is the “*Wisconsin Persian Gulf Tribute*”. I thought how strange a site. Truly looked different and just seeing it I had no idea what it was supposed to represent. I thought what the heck is it?

“*The Wisconsin Counties United In Service Tribute*” I did not grasp until after I read the brochure. Again so much insight and thought in the development of the ideas and values displayed for all visitors to the park.

“*Gold Star Mother’s Organization of World War I*” are also included in the park with their huge living tribute.

“*The Stone*” and “*The Registry*” is a memorial walk of names and then you can go to the registry to read the letters and other memorabilia about the person etched in stone on the pathway. We were able to find our friends stone and for a moment had a brief moment of silence for his life and service,

The last tribute “*The Doughboy*” World War I. Again Bob posed as his grandfather was an Army Veteran and served in Germany.

At first sight I saw the familiar statue but then a second glance I thought what is different but then didn’t pay any more attention.

We went over to the “*Learning Center*” and on display they had a Marine dress uniform, sabre, and many pictures of the Marines in action. I was impressed because our Grandson is a Marine and has served in Afghanistan.

A display model of the proposed tribute to honor the “*Military Working Dog*” was also viewed.

Plus the in progress site of the “*Wisconsin Persian Gulf Tribute*”. Wow! Now that I see what will be the finished project it is totally amazing. A very large boot footprint.

Reading the Mission Statement is chilling.

I cannot impress enough how the Park speaks to each individual who visits. I was moved with just the site but then after I read the brochure of information the emotions of what we saw erupted into everlasting memories, pride and understanding.

We entered the Information Center Gift Shop as the final part of our visit. Debbie, who worked that day came up to Bob and thanked him for his service in Vietnam. She presented to him on behalf of the park a patch with the Fragments Vietnam Tribute which has the Vietnam flag on it with the word Welcome.

Also Bob was given a Vietnam Veteran beaded key chain. It was hand made by a disabled Marine from Oregon, Wisconsin who served in country during the "Tet Offensive of 68". Included was the informational tag explaining the importance of each colored bead.

*Green for the jungles of Vietnam  
Yellow for the "Welcome Home" we never saw  
Red for the blood our brothers and sisters shed  
Black for the pain and darkness we carry.*

Both Bob and I were brought to tears.

I picked up post cards just in case my pictures did not turn out. I purchased a wind chime with the words of "Life Celebrations". We love our chime on the deck for the sound is soft and resonates as the tune drifts off into the abyss of nature. Very calming, relaxing and yes even reassuring sounds. Of course the usual items of T shirts and patches, pins, hats are also available.

The Park was developed to keep a promise by Marine Tom Miller, a Vietnam Veteran for his friend and fellow Marine Jack Swender, that his service would never be forgotten.

You must visit their web site. [www.thehighground.org](http://www.thehighground.org) I think you will gain insight into the emotions of this park. The web site and the staff of Highground will be happy to answer your questions and of course share information.

Maybe in the future if any of the TSNA members visit Wisconsin they might consider visiting. OR maybe our Board might consider a contribution to this Wisconsin Park. Not a War Memorial but a:

**Veterans Park with the mission "to honor veterans and their families and to educate about the cost of things--the human cost."**

**It is the vision of the Highground "to honor human courage and sacrifice wherever it is displayed, without either denying or glorifying the pain and suffering of war and of life."**

Peace Love and Friendship

Janet and Bob Burdick



Wisconsin's Vietnam Tribute  
"FRAGMENTS"



Gold Star Mothers Organization



The Nurse



The National Native American  
Vietnam Veterans Memorial

PS: Bob was a Crew Chief on Voodoo 101 Reconnaissance planes, 1964-65.

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