SUMMARY - of 5 tours, as of March 2016:

#1 - 2012 - 9 Pax

APRIL 17 to MAY 1, 2012

9 Participants + several partial participants

- < 7 Viet Nam Veterans (1 non-combat, 1st time back; 1 VN-era never been to VN; 4 combat, 1st time back; 1 combat, been to VN before)
- < 2 Non-vet peace activists (1 been to VN many times, 1 never been).

#2 - 2013 - 13 Pax

APRIL 18 to MAY 2, 2013

13 Participants

- < 8 Vets:
- 6 VN Vets (all never been back): 1 combat, 1 VN-era, 4 'regular'.
- 2 Non-VN Vets: 1 Middle East, 1 Korea (both never been to VN)
- < 5 Non-Vet spouses & peace activists (all never been to VN

#3 - 2014 - 17 Pax

MARCH 29 to APRIL 12, 2014

17 Participants

- < 10 Veterans: 9 Viet Nam Vets 6 in the war (2 never been back, 4 returned before), 3 VN-era Vets (never been to VN); 1 Vet, but Non-VN
- < 7 Non-vet spouses & peace activists (all never been to VN).

#4 - 2015 - 15 Pax

APRIL 16 to MAY 2, 2015

15 Participants

- < 6 Veterans: 4 from the Viet Nam War (3 never been back since the war); 1 VN-era; & 1 Korean War-era veteran.
- < 9 Non-veteran Peace Activists & spouse of veteran.

#5 - 2016 - 12 Pax

MARCH 14 to MARCH 30, 2016

12 Participants

- < 5 Veterans: all VN: 1 combat, been to VN before; 2 non-combat, 1st time back; 2 VN-era, never been to VN),
- < 7 Non-vet spouses & peace activists (all but 1 never been to VN).

TOTAL - as of 2016 Tour #5:

66 PAX:

36 VETS

30 NON-VETS

TOUR #1 - 2012 - 9 Pax

APRIL 17 to MAY 1, 2012

- 9 Participants + several partial participants
- < 7 Viet Nam Veterans (1 non-combat, 1st time back; 1 VN-era never been to VN;
- 4 combat, 1st time back; 1 combat, been to VN before)
- < 2 Non-vet peace activists (1 been to VN many times, 1 never been).

1 - Alan Batten - Viet Nam veteran. First time back to Viet Nam since the war.

Army '68-'69, non-combat. Member, Northstar VFP chapter.

Retired botanist, Herbarium of the University of Alaska, Museum of the North. Fairbanks, AK

2 - John Chadwick - Viet Nam-era Navy vet. First time to Viet Nam.

Active duty Nov. '67-Dec. '69; Life Member of VFP, Ch. 111. Retired systems engineer. Bellingham, WA

3 - Robert 'Bob' Lindstrom - VN vet. First time back to Viet Nam since the war.

Navy Corpsman with two tours with Marines in Viet Nam. Served with infantry, artillery and Medical Units. Semi-retired X-Ray technician and, later, a university-level English teacher. Fremont, Ohio

4 - Charles Bonner - VN vet. First time back to Viet Nam since the war.

1st Marine Air wing at Chu-Lai & Da Nang 1965-1966. Life Member of VFP Ch. 165. Retired VA nurse.

Lancaster, PA

5 - Michael Marceau - VN vet. First time back to Viet Nam since the war.

US Army Signal Corps; wounded in action & retired due to permanent disability. Lifetime VFP member; Vice President, Washington, DC area chapter of VFP. Rockville, MD

6 - Paul Cox - VN vet. Third time back to Viet Nam since the war.

Marines combat veteran 1969-70. Secretary, San Francisco VFP Ch. 69; Core member of VAORRC (Viet Nam Agent Orange Relief & Responsibility Campaign) co-founded by national VFP in 2004; president of the board of Swords to Plowshares – a very successful, SF-based, 40-year-old veterans' self-help, non-profit organization. Works as a civil engineer. Berkeley, CA

7 - Mike Blecker - VN vet. First time back to Viet Nam since the war.

Army Airborne in Viet Nam from 1968-69. Executive Director, Swords to Plowshares (see above)

San Francisco, CA

8 – Trish Thompson - Not a vet. Visits Viet Nam often.

Activist and works with the VFP Tour Leaders in VN. Lives part-time in Viet Nam. U.S. home in Charleston, SC

9 - Jeanne Friedman - Not a vet. First time to Viet Nam.

VAORRC Core Group Member & long-time anti-Viet Nam War activist, only non-vet regional coordinator of VVAW – Viet Nam Veterans Against the War. Retired professor. Berkeley CA

PARTIAL TOUR PARTICIPANTS

< Kyoren Takamasa- Hue Only

教蓮孝匡 - Kyoren Takamasa Japanese television reporter Tokyo, Japan

< Deryle Perryman & Moises Gonzalez - Many trips to Viet Nam.

Perryman a Viet Nam War veteran, Gonzalez is not a vet

VVAW & VFP Video Team producing the film, "Same, Same, but Different" - a documentary about the Hoa Binh VFP Chapter 160 members.

Albuquerque, NM

TOUR #2 - 2013 - 13 Pax

Thursday, April 18 to Thursday, May 2, 2013 13 Participants

< 8 Vets: 6 VN Vets (all never been back): 1 combat, 1 VN-era, 4 'regular'.

2 Non-VN Vets: 1 Middle East, 1 Korea (both never been to VN)

< 5 Non-Vets - all never been to VN

1 - R. French Leger - Viet Nam War veteran. First time back since the war.

US Navy 1965 - 1969 - MN 2nd Class, Leading Petty Officer in after engine room at time of discharge. Served on naval destroyer USS Lofberg in Viet Nam during three West-PAC tours. Now he is the engineering physicist for the Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS) telescope at the Apache Point Observatory in Sunspot, NM; also a full-time student in a Master's Degree program at UNM in ABQ. Santa Fe NM

2 - Ruth A. Sabiers (French's wife) - Never been to Viet Nam.

Retired medical social worker for Viet Nam vets with PTSD & their spouses; documented histories of VN vets, and POW's from WW II and the Korean War, who were applying for compensation for PTSD.

Santa Fe NM

3 - Mike Kerber - Viet Nam veteran. First time back since the war.

Army artillery in Viet Nam, mostly in the Ashaw (A Luoi) Valley, from '69-'70, where the Ho Chi Minh trail was. Hamburger Hill was nearby and so was Firebase Ripcord which had more casualties than Hamburger but was covered up by the government. Does public speaking about the tragedy of the Viet Nam war to high schools, universities, churches and civic institutions. Currently, a retired grain trader and cycling enthusiast. Bloomington, IL

4 - Joni Marie Clemens - Iraq and Afghanistan War veteran. Never been to Viet Nam.

Recently retired Air Force Nurse, served in Germany, Iraq and Afghanistan Lafayette, CO

5 - Christopher Jamison - Viet Nam veteran. First time back since the war.

Army – Jan. 1970 to Feb. 1971, DMZ Quang Tri Province; primarily a driver of a tank-like vehicle called a "duster" within and between various firebases along the DMZ. After war, worked as a labor union representative for AFSCME around the Syracuse area until retired in 2007.

Syracuse, New York

6 - Signe Nelson (Chris' wife) - Never been to Viet Nam.

A teacher, for 24 years, coordinated the Incarcerated Education Program - an unsentenced, maximum security facility. Works with Veterans in custody & collaborates with the VA to better serve this population.

Syracuse, New York

7 - Myra Macpherson - Anti-VN war activist. Never been to Viet Nam.

Reporter, and author of *Long Time Passing – Viet Nam and the Haunted Generation*. Google for recent OpEd pieces in the New York Times on Chuck Hagel, Secretary of Defense. (2015 published a new book about the VN war) Washington, DC

8 - Russell Christensen - Korean War veteran. Agent Orange lawyer. Never been to Viet Nam, but has been to Laos.

Army June 26, 1950 to May 1954 in Korea as a Lt. in the 187th Airborne Regiment in Medical Company. Retired Agent Orange claims lawyer West Farmington, ME

9 - Gayle Hodges - Quasi Viet Nam veteran. First time back since the war.

Flight attendant for Braniff International Airlines for 26 yrs.; 1966 & '67 based at Travis Air Force Base, CA, with a Geneva Convention Card classifying her as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Air Force. Carried troops to and from Travis to Japan, Korea, Clark Air Force Base, Saigon (HCMC), Cam Ranh Bay, and Da Nang. Palm Springs, CA

10 - Peter Moller - VN-era vet. Never been to Viet Nam, but his brother died there.

Army 1968-'70, San Antonio, TX; Peace Corps ('65-'67, Peru); Methodist agricultural school, taught forestry ('72-'75, Chile); Colorado Mountain College, professor of environmental technology (1976-'99).

Traverse City, MI

11 - Sharon Moller (Peter's wife) - Never been to Viet Nam.

Worked in Chile ('72-'75) with women and church groups on farm belonging to Methodist Church; Colorado Mountain College, Leadville Campus ('85-'03) library director. Traverse City, MI

12 - Greg Miller - Viet Nam veteran. First time back since the war.

US Army, 1966-68, SP4, 528th Petroleum Supply Co, Vung Tau, March 67-Feb 68. Retired RN, active in California Nurses Association, California Alliance for Retired Americans, and Campaign for a Healthy California. Member VFP Ch. 101. San Jose, CA

13 - Elaine Elinson - Anti-VN war activist. First time to Viet Nam.

Was the front set-up member of the FTA Show in 1971 during its Asian Tour; Show was denied entry to Viet Nam; worked with GI movement in Philippines and SF Bay Area; was Communications Director for ACLU for 20 years; co-author of "Wherever There's a Fight: How Runaway Slaves, Suffragists, Immigrants, Strikers and Poets Shaped Civil Liberties in California." Current profession writer and editor. San Francisco, CA

PARTIAL TOUR PARTICIPANTS ??

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Saturday, March 29 to Saturday, April 12, 2014 17 Participants

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< 7 Non-vet spouses & peace activists (all never been to VN).

1 - Ann Wright - VN-era vet - Never been to Viet Nam.

Ann Wright served 29 years in the US Army/Army Reserves and retired as a Colonel. She is a Viet Nam-era vet, but did not serve in Viet Nam. She also was a US diplomat for 16 years and resigned in March, 2003 in opposition to the war on Iraq. Honolulu, HI

2 - Bill Creighton - VN-era vet. Never been to Viet Nam.

Viet Nam-era vet & President of San Francisco VFP Ch. 69. San Francisco, CA

3 - Jeff Nielsen - VN War vet. Visited VN 6 times Post War.

Served in Viet Nam twice with the Marines during war: 1965-66 1st 8 inch howitzer Battery Da Nang; then 1967-68 3rd Bn 9th Marines Dong Ha, Quang Tri Province, Rockpile as a Field Radio Operator.

I have visited Vietnam 6 times Post War:

1999: 1. Independent Study (Post War Issues) as Graduate Student in Social Work at the University of Connecticut.

1999: 2. Internship as Social Work Student with Asian Family Services in Hartford, Ct. I was invited on team with returning refugees to Cambodia and VN.

2003: 3. Toured Viet Nam with group, Peacetrees VN.

2005: 4. Toured Hue to Hanoi with Buddhist Monk/Peace activist Thich Nhat Hanh on his first return visit to Viet Nam since exile in 1966.

2008: Vesak Delegate Ha Noi with Thich Nhat Hanh.

2013: Taught English as volunteer for three months this past Winter 2013 in Primary School.

Retired Clinical Social Worker and live with my wife June in Vermont; I do volunteer work; previously I worked for Univ. of Connecticut ,as a Psychiatric Social Work Supervisor (working with Prison inmates); most recently I worked as a Trauma Therapist (PTSD) from 2005-2010 for VA "Vet Center" until retirement.

Norwich, VT

4 - Wes Brickner - VN War vet. First time back since the war.

Enlisted in the US Army Security Agency in 1969; in Viet Nam from September 1970 until March 1971; in Thailand from March 1971 to Sept. '71; honorably discharged, in October 1972; retired longshore & warehouse worker; 100% disabled Vietnam veteran and the cofounder of the Veterans' Rights Advocates. www.v-r-a.org San Pedro, CA

5 - David Hartsough - Non-vet. Never been to VN.

Quaker peace activist and for five years full-time Quaker lobbyist to end the US war in Viet Nam, and arrested many times protesting and blocking arms ships and aircraft carriers going to VN.

San Francisco, CA

6 - Kent L. (Ken) Howland - VN-era vet. Never been to VN.

Army - March, 1963 to March 1965; on March 11, 1965 completed 2 years of active duty as a medic at Fort Meade, MD; after participating in the first D.C. protest against the war on April 17, 1965, worked my way to a Masters degree in Government & Politics at the Univ. of Maryland & became a history teacher from 1967 to 1997. The loss of life in Viet Nam bothered me tremendously but I did not protest after 1965 because I felt that we should be united in time of war. I felt my first responsibility was to my 3 children who are all over 40

now & successful. In 1980, I became politically active during the Iranian Crisis in '80 & have been a peace activist ever since. Hollywood, FL

7 - Ron Staff - VN War vet - First time back since the war.

1st Marine Division Combat Correspondent in VN late 1968 - Aug. '69 Finished college after returning, then lived with my aging father while helping North Dakota Mental Health Association start the Vietnam Veterans Ville in Bismarck, N.D. Worked at the Vet Center in Minot, N.D. Was hired at Kelly-Norton Programs, Inc. in 1989 and still work there today running a boarding home for mentally ill adults. Minneapolis, MN

8 - Paula Staff - Non-vet. Never been to VN

Retired clinical psychologist and art therapist with the last assignment to implement a grant for a transitional housing project for veterans with mental health and chemical use problems as well as a current experience of homelessness. Associate member of VFP and member of WILPF (Women's International League for Peace and Freedom).

9 - David Waters - VN War vet. Visited VN once since war.

US Army, 5th Special Forces Group Nov. 1968 to March '69; stationed with mobile strike force near Long Hai. Visited northern VN for 2 weeks with his son, January 2013, strictly as a tourist.

Birmingham, AL

10 - Floyd Henderson - Non-vet, Draft Resister. Never been to Viet Nam.

I counseled draft evaders with the Committee to Assist War Objectors in 1967-68. I went to Canada in the fall of 1969. While in Canada I worked again counseling war resistors living in Canada. I spoke several times on CBC radio about the war resistors experiences of leaving their lives behind and living abroad. While in Canada I became a draftsman working for an electrical engineering company. This eventually took me back to school for an EE degree. I moved back to the US in 1978 at the insistence of my then wife, whose family were all living in Minnesota. I spent the next part of my life in various engineering occupations, including teaching electrical engineering classes at Michigan Technological University. I'm now retired, and living in DC temporarily while my wife works as a senior science fellow at the Department of State, working on helping to direct US science policy. In my free time I am a musician and a photographer. I have never stopped being a peace activist.

Calumet, MI

11 - Mike Dempsey - VN War vet - Has visited VN 3 times since the war.

Member VFP Chapter 46 Seaside, CA. Retired Union Electrician/Organizer. Drafted May 8, 1968 Houston, TX. Basic Training at Ft. Bliss, El Paso TX. AIT Ft. Gordon, Georgia. Assigned 53rd MP Co. Ft. Sam Houston, TX Sept. 1968 to March 1969. March 3, 1969 Viet Nam 23rd MP Co. Chu Lai Base camp Security; HHC Americal Div. Southern & Eastern Perimeter Towers, LST Port, Main PX warehous. Derosed March 2, 1970 Fort Lewis, Washington w/ Honorable Discharge. Awarded Bronze Star. Lived Houston TX 1970-1971, moved to San Francisco, CA June 1971. Worked various odd jobs till 1975 entered warehouse union, enrolled IBEW LU 6 as storekeeper 1980, became homeless 1983-1985; worked as non-union storekeeper, 1985-1991; became apprentice electrician 1991, graduated 1996. Worked as journeyman Electrician LU 234 Watsonville, until 2000. Became head organizer/assistant BA, President. Retired 2005. AA Degree Gen. Ed. San Francisco City College 1975. This will be my 3rd. time to VN since the war, first time on tour. World Traveler. Married 24 yrs. this March.

12 - Dot Walsh - Non-vet. Never been to Viet Nam.

Former Program Coordinator and Peace Chaplain at the Peace Abbey in Sherborn, MA. Peace missions with STONEWALK in U.S., Ireland, England, Japan and Korea. Also with Combatants for Peace in Palestine-Israel and with Peace Conference in S. Africa presenting the Peace Abbey Courage of Conscience Award to Nelson Mandela. Worked 20 years in prison system setting up and facilitating violence prevention programs for men. Presently working with new organization focused on helping children and families affected by extreme trauma.

Dedham, MA

13 - Andrea N. LeBlanc - Non-vet. Never been to Viet Nam.

Retired small animal veterinarian. Member of September 11th Families for Peaceful Tomorrows, peacefultomorrows.org> My husband, Robert LeBlanc, was killed on 9-11 in the second plane. Vice Chair, International Network for Peace; Member: Global Alliance for Ministries and Infrastructure for Peace; Member: World Beyond War Campaign. Lee, NH

14 - Stephanie Davis - Non-vet. Visited Viet Nam twice before.

Stephanie Davis is the executive director of *Georgia Women for a Change*, a non-profit public policy institute with a gender lens across a spectrum of issues including health care, economic justice and challenging violence against women and girls. *Georgia Women* is the lead organization supporting legislation to combat human trafficking and is working on a flexible sick leave policy. Davis served as the first Policy Advisor on Women's Issues to Mayor Shirley Franklin where she coordinated the "Dear John" campaign to end child prostitution in Atlanta and was the founding director of the Atlanta Women's Foundation. Stephanie was active in the anti-war movement in the US and England long before she met friend Chuck Searcy. Atlanta, GA

15 - Haeng Woo Lee - Non-vet - Never been to Viet Nam.

Quaker peace activist from S. Korea and the President Emeritus of the National Association of Korean Americans (NAKA) and a founder and the Chairman of Center for Korean Affairs. He served as the chairman of the Korean Information and Resource Center (KIRC) from 1986 to 1995. One of the first Koreans to become a Quaker in the 1960s. Lee became active in the Korean reunification movement after visiting North Korea in 1982 as an American Friends Service Committee delegate. During the past 30 years Lee has planned, organized and participated in numerous conferences, seminars and workshops bringing together people from the U.S., South and North Korea, and other countries to promote peace, reconciliation and unification on the Korean peninsula. Lee taught high school and college math for 15 years in Korea, and after moving to the U.S. in 1968, worked as a systems analyst for 40 years, performing IT system analysis, design, programming and implementation for various companies. Seoul, REPUBLIC OF KOREA

16 - Taylor Searcy - Vet of past 10 years. Been to Viet Nam 3 times.

Currently a wanderer after serving as an Active Duty Naval officer for 5 years. I was a Surface Warfare Officer stationed in Yokosuka, Japan aboard USS Lassen followed by my final tour at Mine Countermeasures Squadron Seven in Sasebo, Japan. A graduate of the US Naval Academy in 2008, I have a BS in Political Science with a minor in Spanish. I've been to Viet Nam three times. Once in 1999 to visit my Uncle Chuck Searcy, once in 2009

during a port visit to Da Nang while serving aboard USS Lassen, then once more in 2013 while on vacation. Joined Veterans For Peace because I agree with all of its premises. Marietta, GA

17 - Tom Searcy - Viet Nam war vet. Been back twice.

Viet Nam Veteran, US Navy, 1965 to 1969, in Viet Nam 1968 - 1969. I was on an attack destroyer, and for the first three months, we were in an illegal operation attacking strategic targets along the coast and inland-coastal areas of "North Vietnam." The rest of my tour was in gunfire support missions in "South Vietnam." After being discharged in San Francisco, I lived in the Bay Area, worked for the telephone company for a year or so, and then spent a few years hitchhiking and traveling on a seemingly endless voyage of adventure (or was it a haze?). I did finally return to Georgia after a few years, graduated from the University Of Georgia, and then completed a graduate degree in psychology, and worked in a variety of settings, until recently retiring, but still doing some part time work. My son, Taylor, will also be on this trip, and he was just recently discharged from the US Navy after five years of active duty. I have been back to Viet Nam twice since my service in the war. The first time was in 1999, when I took my two teenage boys, and we traveled quite a bit for a two to three week trip. Then my wife, and another friend of ours who is also a veteran of the Viet Nam Era, and I went back in 2000, and revisited some places and adventured to some new locations. I have really wanted to go back one more time, so I am really excited and looking forward to this trip. (Tom is Chuck Searcy's brother). Marietta, GA

PARTIAL TOUR PARTICIPANTS ??

TOUR #4 - 2015 - 15 Pax

Thursday, April 16 to Saturday, May 2, 2015

15 Participants

< 6 Veterans: 4 from the Viet Nam War (3 never been back since the war); 1 VN-era; & 1 Korean War-era veteran.

< 9 Non-veteran Peace Activists & spouse of veteran.

1 - Peter Nguyễn - A Viet Nam veteran. The first Viet Namese-American to participate on a Spring VFP tour. Been to Viet Nam many times.

Former member of ARVN (Army of the Republic of Viet Nam [South Viet Nam]) 1972-'75. Lifetime member of VFP Southern California chapter.

Peter Nguyen The Phuong was born in 1952 in Thai Binh Province (North Viet Nam). In 1955, the family moved South. From 1972-75 was an Intelligence Officer in the Army of the Republic of Viet Nam - ARVN. Left Viet Nam on the night of April 29, 1975 by South Viet Nam Navy Ship, and settled in Boulder, Colorado. Student of Chemical Engineering at the University Of Colorado in Boulder. Moved to San Diego in 1980 and married in 1981. Worked in General Dynamics until 1986 and then became self-employed, first as a Real Estate and Mortgage broker until 1995. First time back to Viet Nam was in 1998, between then and 2013, has returned 9 times. Married since 1981, with a daughter and a son. Now a Bail Bonds Agency owner.

2 - Virginia Druhe - Not a veteran. Never been to Viet Nam.

Office Manager at national office of Veterans For Peace in St. Louis. Peace activist since 1977 in St. Louis Catholic Worker; anti-nuclear issues; Latin American solidarity; with Witness for Peace in Nicaragua 1985-86. Interest in traveling to Viet Nam piqued by

delegation members who commented that the beauty of Nicaragua reminded them of Viet Nam.

St. Louis, MO

3 - Ronald C. Chochol - A non-veteran. Never been to Viet Nam.

Retired priest, who has been to China & Palestine - recently to volunteer on the olive harvest in Palestine. Associate member of VFP. Saint Louis, MO

4 - Frank Campbell - A VN war veteran. Never been back since the war.

Ret. US Navy Captain, in the South China Sea during the conflict. Had occasion to fly from ship to various locations throughout Viet Nam and Thailand during the war, being able to witness first hand the ravages we left behind, but also the incredible beauty of those countries and their peoples. Left after my last tour on board ship in 1974 shortly before the Fall of Saigon, and never went back. Served for another 15 years in the Navy retiring in 1988. Then became a physician. Retired medical doctor. Tampa, FL

5 - Desiree Helegers - A non-veteran. Never been to Viet Nam.

Associate Professor, Washington State University Vancouver, Department of English and founding co-director of the Center for Social and Environmental Justice at Washington State University.

The introduction and conclusion to her 2011 book from Palgrave Macmillan entitled *No Room of Her Own: Women's Stories of Homelessness, Life, Death and Resistance,* frames homelessness within the context of run-away military spending. Currently writing her third book, which will include the health effects of dioxides (Agent Orange). Vancouver, WA

6 - Jim Duffy - A non-veteran. Visited Viet Nam in 2011.

Political Consultant whose firm makes television spots and does strategy for Democratic candidates for Congress and the White House. Jim grew up in Louisiana, went to Tulane University, has a Masters degree in history from the Univ. of New Orleans and did the course work for a PhD in history at Johns Hopkins but left to work for Mayor Moon Landrieu in New Orleans. He has worked in politics ever since.

Chevy Chase, MD

and his wife

7 - Susan Raines - A non-veteran. Visited Viet Nam in 2011.

Former free lance photographer for 15 years. Worked for several commercial art galleries and the Corcoran Gallery of Art. Retired from working for a member of Congress (Carolyn Maloney of New York) and for two federal agencies – The National Endowment for the Arts and The Corporation for National Service that runs the AmeriCorps program. Chevy Chase, MD

They are friends of couple #8 & 9.

8 - Louis Andre - VN veteran. Never been back since the war.

US Army Special Forces officer 1969-70, whose last assignment in my (brief) career was at Camp A-101, Mai Loc in 1969, 5th Special Forces group and Da Nang in 1970. Mai Loc was the short-lived successor camp to Lang Vei and was located southwest of Dong Ha, through the Cam Lo pass. While most of my interaction was with Montagnards (esp. the Bru) rather than ethnic Vietnamese, the country and its people left an indelible, and positive, impression on me. Separated from the Army after completion of VN tour and is now retired from his civilian job with the Department of Defense. Alexandria, VA

and his wife

9 - Dena Andre - A non-veteran. Never been to Viet Nam.

Independent photography curator, formerly with the Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, DC, the Mayor's Advisory Committee on Art and Culture, Baltimore, and Jane Livingston Associates, Washington, DC.

Alexandria, VA

10 - Bernie Eisenberg - Army vet served in Europe 1954-56 during the Korean conflict. Never been to Viet Nam.

Raised in Brooklyn, drafted into the Army 1954, wound up as machine gun jeep driver in recon company. Twenty years in software development and another 20 as an independent consultant. Political activism: anti-nuclear movement; election observer in central America & Mexico; designed and developed a human rights index for El Salvador; visited Cuba in '97, and in '98, an on-site report back of the Acteal massacre in Chiapas, Mexico; now the designer and webmaster for the Israel Divestment Campaign and the southern California Hewlett-Packard Boycott Campaign. In June of 2014, traveled to Palestine/Israel and experienced the West Bank and Israeli military destruction.

Retired computer software engineer.

Los Angeles, CA

11 - William (Bill) Northrup - Not a vet, never been to Viet Nam.

"I am a non-military friend of Veterans For Peace. Currently I do peace and justice volunteering. Professionally, I am an ordained American Baptist Clergy and worked as a hospital chaplain, a hospice chaplain, and a mental health therapist. On several occasions I have lived and travelled outside of the United States."

Nashville, TN

12 - Dana Visali - Not a vet, never been to Viet Nam.

Environmental academic. My primary current interests are the human evolutionary journey, our integral relationship to the Earth, and who lives here on the planet besides us. I am interested in seeing an end to the profound pathology of war and for that reason have traveled to Iraq four times (1st trip was with Voices in the Wilderness in 2003, 2nd with Christian Peacemaker Teams in 2004, and then 2 trips in 2008 to do environmental work), Afghanistan four times (1st trip was with Global Exchange in 2010, then 3 trips to do volunteer work at a private girls' school), Russia twice and Guantanamo once (joined a Code Pink demonstration and conference in the area of the prison in 2007). I am a Biologist and Naturalist, and I currently teach intermittently; e.g. I have 3 week-long ecology programs in July, and just finished a winter 'Big History' course (google that title). Winthrup, WA

13 - Jerry Gabay - VN-era vet. Never been to VN.

"Jerry Gabay was a Viet Nam era Coast Guard vet who was transferred (thankfully) off his ship when it was on its way to a tour in VN. Retired attorney, draft/military counselor with CCCO, teacher and non-profit executive, Jerry lives in Portland, Oregon. He is a strong advocate on state and national level for changes to our mental health system, a member of the Board of Directors of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, and various state and health system committees."

Portland, OR

14 - Leslie Bellis - Not a vet, never been to Viet Nam.

Former employee of Bank of America, worked for northern California wine broker and as of 2009 in-home support in New Zealand.

Santa Rosa, CA

15 - Tom Devlin - VN veteran. Never been back since the war.

"In the Republic of Viet Nam (US Marine Corps) from mid-October, 1967 until February 6, 1968, when Medivaced to Japan. Completed time in Corps January, 1970. Served as a campus, and later a Federal Police Officer in Philadelphia, PA. Moved to Washington, DC area (temporarily - 33 yrs ago). Worked in an adolescent addiction center followed by time working for a church. I again worked as a federal civilian police officer at The (now closed) Walter Reed Army Medical Center, from where I retired in 1998, due to PTSD. Today I volunteer with The Knights of Columbus and with Chapter 641 of VVA - Vietnam Veterans of America in The Capitol Area (the Wall Washers)."

PARTIAL TOUR PARTICIPANTS ??

TOUR #5 - 2016 - 12 Pax

March 14 to March 30, 2016

12 Participants

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7 Non-vet spouses & peace activists (all but 1 never been to VN).

1 - Aaron M. Davis - Viet Nam Era veteran. Never been to Viet Nam.

Aaron Davis was a Marine during Viet Nam, but did not go. He also was an Army officer (MP branch) during the Cold War in Europe. He is a retired bus driver (from Utah transit authority 18 1/2 years Salt Lake City, Utah) and a veterans' activist/advocate/lobbyist residing in Gold Canyon, AZ. He co-founded the Nikko Schoch Veterans For Peace Chapter 118 in Salt Lake City, Utah in 2004. He is now chapter contact for the WSC VFP Chapter 75 in Phoenix.

Gold Canyon, AZ

2 - John Koehler - Viet Nam War Veteran, Marines 1969-'72. First time back since the war.

I served in the USMC from '69-'72 primarily on the USS Ticonderoga an aircraft carrier in the Gulf of Tonkin. I had a career in Manufacturing and HR for a number of Fortune 500 companies during my 40 year stint in Corporate America. Currently, I am an adjunct instructor for three universities and also own my own consulting business. I am active in a number of veterans organizations and am a frequent guest speaker at area high schools talking to students about the trials and tribulations of the Viet Nam War. I currently am a university faculty member at the University of Phoenix and Concordia University of Wisconsin. Appleton, WI

3 - Jackie (Jacqueline) Hider - Not a vet. Never been to Viet Nam.

I am a retired community college instructor in English and Reading. For thirteen years I coordinated a multi-level reading program for students entering college. I have traveled extensively through Europe and lived in India for five years. After I retired in 2009, I entered into a Buddhist chaplaincy program and was ordained in 2013. I joined the Veterans for Peace in 2012 as Associate member and have participated in many activities including the VFP National Conference in August, 2015. I have been a community intern with a San Francisco street ministry, The Faithful Fools, from 2013 – 2015 San Diego, CA

4 - Carol Wilder - Not a vet. Lived in Viet Nam and taught at university in Ha Noi.

Carol Wilder is Professor of Media Studies and Film at The New School in New York and the author of *Crossing the Street in Hanoi: Teaching and Learning About Vietnam* (Intellect/Chicago 2013), based upon her many visits to Viet Nam including two Fulbright grants. She was previously Associate Dean and Chair at The New School and Chair of Communication Studies at San Francisco State University., where she is professor emerita. She was a graduate student and teaching fellow at Kent State in 1970 [during the May killing of the 4 students by National Guard]. She has been on the board of directors or advisory board of Swords to Plowshares [a vet self-help organization in San Francisco] since the late 1980s.

New York, NY

5 & 6 - Paul Ross & wife Joyce Lane

Paul - Viet Nam War veteran. First time back since the war.

Joyce - Not a vet. Never been to Viet Nam.

Paul Ross

Army vet, in Viet Nam 1966-67, mainly in and around Qui Nhon. I was a food inspector. Live in California and worked as a teacher until I retired in 2003. I am a zen student and volunteer for the Zen Center of San Diego. I am also a volunteer for SanDiego350, a non-profit organization concerned about climate change.

Joyce Lane

I worked in the social services for many years as part of the women's movement, and then for the City of San Diego as an administrator in the City Clerk's Office, until I retired in 2006. I am a zen student and volunteer for the Zen Center of San Diego. I am also a volunteer for SanDiego350, a non-profit organization concerned about climate change. San Diego, CA

7& 8 - Katie Green & Philip Stone - Not vets. Never been to Viet Nam.

Phillip is a practicing attorney. I've also been doing grassroots-based organizing around peace and social justice issues for 45 years. I've focused on housing and community development issues for more than 20 years, and for the past two years have been on the Steering Committee of the Quaker Network to End Mass Incarceration. I'm also on the Permanent Board of the New England Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quaker), and serve as Clerk of the Peace & Social Concerns Committee of the Worcester Monthly Meeting.

Katie is a retired speech and language pathologist - now a writer, storyteller and visual artist. Katie is also a Quaker, and among many other things, has been actively involved in facilitating Alternatives to Violence programs in Massachusetts prisons for many years. Princeton, MA

9 & 10 - Mark Rudd & Marla Painter - Not vets. Never been to Viet Nam. Mark a prominent leader of the anti-VN war movement. Mark:

Mark first demonstrated against the war in Viet Nam in 1965. He was a student organizer with Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) at Columbia University, 1965-1968, then National Secretary of SDS, elected 1969. He was one of the founders of the ill-fated Weather Underground and a federal fugitive 1970-1977. Moved to Albuquerque, NM, 1978, where he raised two children, was an instructor in basic skills at the community college, and active in a variety of issues, including Central America Solidarity in the '80s; he helped found the NM Construction Brigade to Nicaragua. He was an active union member for many years. Now retired, Mark is a neighborhood environmental justice organizer and also an organizer/activist with the progressive wing of the Democratic Party. He married Marla Painter in 1998; they have three grandchildren.

Marla:

Marla's political and organizing career began with student activism against the Viet Nam war. She has been a life-long community and political organizer around many progressive issues, consultant in non-profit management and progressive philanthropy, primarily in the Western US but also at the national level. In the '80s she helped organize the successful coalition to stop the MX missile in the Great Basin and the northern Rockies. She also worked for many years to stop the dumping of high-level nuclear waste in Nevada and the clean up of federal military nuclear production sites around the country. In the '90s, she developed a multi state alliance to curb the militarization of the rural American West. Over the decades she has worked in a variety of environmental justice organizations. Currently she is organizing around community environmental justice issues and is active with the progressive wing of the Demo Party. Moved to Albuquerque and married Mark Rudd in 1998.

Albuquerque, NM

11- David Anderson - Viet Nam War combat veteran. First time back since the war.

In U.S. Army 3 years, 1 month and 11 days. One year in Viet Nam in 1968-69, as an officer, First Lieutenant, and a platoon leader. Assigned to Combat Cable Construction. Sustained two spinal injuries during combat. I am a former decorated Army officer, award winning salesman and teacher who prides himself in taking special effort to take care of myself nutritionally, physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

I have visited Thailand, Taiwan, Viet Nam - this trip, and the Philippines. I will go to the Philippines at the end of this tour. In Viet Nam I will be working in an orphanage with children affected by Agent Orange for hopefully at least one week. I counsel Vet's returning from the wars and stress the importance of getting into a PTSD program. I seek out young people going into the service to inform them of the realities of what they are about to experience.

I have worked as a computer operator, sales man, and an account executive - also in the high-end furniture industry. All of these rewarding experiences are partially because I flunked out of college in 1966 and felt obligated to make it up to my father by going to Officer Candidate School.

Brentwood, CA

12 - Chuck DeWitt - Viet Nam-Era veteran. Never been to Viet Nam.

U.S. Navy 1962-1966, torpedo technician in San Diego and several bases in Washington state. Never set foot in Viet Nam. Anti-war activist since 1966. Currently Restoration Coordinator for The Golden Rule Project, a VFP-restored 1958 anti-nuclear test site peace boat. If you want to see what I look like or what the Golden Rule Project is all about go to www.vfpgoldenruleproject.org and click on the short video. I'm also an active environmentalist working for two months a year in Mexico with a Sea Turtle project. When we can find one (a boat) I am a boat captain for Water Keepers International. Retired Postal Worker.

Samoa, CA

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