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Dear Friends,

As 2021 comes to an end, we are closing out our reflections on all the major VVAW actions 50 years ago that impacted our lives, and hopefully those of many others. 1971 ended for VVAW with Operation Peace on Earth and a three day occupation of the Statue of Liberty. We loudly shouted to the world that the war in Vietnam must end and that we were going to do everything in our power to accomplish that goal. For detailed accounts of the occupation from those who participated, go to our website: www.vvaw.org/1971_50years/other1971.php

As the pandemic winds on, we are proud of the role that the VA has continued to play. Despite surges, lockdowns, and variants, the VA has continued to provide the care we deserve.

We are encouraged by the House Veterans Affairs Committee moving the VA Infrastructure Powers Exceptional Research (VIPER) Act out of committee. If passed, this bill would ensure that the VA can more efficiently recruit, retain, and support the finest clinician-scientists to understand, prevent, and treat veteran health issues—including the effects of military toxic exposures, chronic pain, post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury. This is the kind of leadership and care we need desperately at this time.

However, any steps forward in expanding and improving the VA are countered by those trying to tear it down. Our friends at the Veterans Healthcare Policy Institute report that an alarming 25 percent drop in VA care is occurring while outsourcing continues to spike upwards. They say that if the hemorrhaging of patients and funds out of the VA isn't stopped, staff layoffs, cutting of programs, and closing of facilities will follow.

Make sure your elected officials know what you think. These attacks on the VA must stop. End the privatization of the VA now!

Construction on the VVAW/Pho Vinh Middle School Library in Duc Pho, Quang Ngai is almost complete. The site is 30 minutes south of My Lai/Son My. After pandemic related delays, we are happy to see that the completion of this long-awaited project is just around the corner.

The free-standing, two-story library is next to the current middle school and will serve its needs. VVAW is also contributing more by funding a computer lab for the students. We intend to continue our support for the children as long as we can with yearly contributions to the library. Your donations help make this continued support possible.

Thanks to the Library of Vietnam Project for their persistence and the donors who continue to support this project!



Almost finished VVAW Library in Quang Ngai, Vietnam, November 9, 2021.

We are deeply thankful when our members and supporters make tax-deductible donations to VVAW's work, at whatever level. Your contributions to VVAW help us keep distributing *The Veteran*, to our members, friends, and supporters. Your donations also keep our website going, where we have every issue of VVAW's newspaper online as well as archives of many other articles, photos, and videos. Your donations allow us to make VVAW's legacy not only accessible to all through our website but also to archive them for generations to come. **Funds raised will also continue to support the Library in Vietnam Project.** We thank all of you for your continued support.

In solidarity,

Joe Miller
VVAW Board member

I am sending Vietnam Veterans Against the War ☐\$35 ☐\$50 ☐\$100 ☐\$250 ☐\$500 ☐Other to support its work for peace, justice, and for decent benefits for all veterans. Donations to VVAW are tax deductible. You can also donate online at www.vvaw.org.

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