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Dear Friends,

We are excited to announce that construction on the VVAW/Pho Vinh Middle School Library in Duc Pho, Quang Ngai has been completed. The site is 30 minutes south of My Lai/Son My. The library dedication took place December 22, 2021. The free-standing, two-story library is next to the current middle school and is now serving the students' needs.

For many years, John Zutz and the Milwaukee chapter of VVAW supported the efforts of Chuck Theusch and the Library of Vietnam Project. In 2018, we supported a computer lab at one of the existing libraries.



John Zutz had suggested for quite some time that we should have a library that was funded entirely by VVAW. In 2018, we received a very large anonymous bequest. With that in hand we were able to fundraise the rest of what was needed and the project was set to begin in 2019. Complications with the original planned site and COVID delayed things quite a bit, but through the perseverance of Chuck and the partners in Vietnam, it is now fully operational.

We have already used extra funds raised to put a computer lab in the library, which was not part of the original plan. Soon we are going to make plans with the Library Project and our partners in Vietnam to see other ways we can support the library. We hope your continued support will keep the library thriving.

As we write this, the Biden administration is taking refuge in Cold War protocols. This is very worrisome and yes, disheartening. We had hoped the botched pull out from Afghanistan indicated a decrease in hawkish warmongerring, but it now seems to have been a temporary bump in a continuing pattern of arrogance and aggression. VVAW calls out Russian aggression as well as NATO militarism. The world and the US must move beyond the sabre rattling and towards rational diplomacy.

This is a sad, shabby attempt at rekindling the burnt-out embers of nationalism. The desperate strongman of an exhausted superpower versus a bewildered President, declining, nostalgic and desperate for a remembered enemy. Working people are paying the price already, watching, fearing the moribund dance of the decaying giants. No one is in control. No one will be held responsible. The one inescapable truth is that the poor and working people will pay, first in dollars, and perhaps soon, in blood.



Dedication of the VVAW Library in Quang Ngai, Vietnam, December 22, 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,

William Branson

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VVAW Board member

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