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Dear Friends,

It's now been one year since a slim majority re-elected #45 for a second term. To say it has been a shit show is an understatement. His warmongering, attacks on the VA, attacks on all social service programs, attacks on our friends and neighbors in cities that did not vote for him is wearying. No one can deny the 1% are nearing completion of their takeover.

We never thought we would have a president worse than Nixon. Then George W. Bush came along and really lowered the bar. Now we have this continual chaos and noise as our country is shredded before our very eyes and democracy is under attack. Forces of imperialism run throughout our history. Now they are weaponizing the Bush-era "you're either with us or against us" simplistic slogan and turning it on people who exercise their First Amendment rights.

One of our slogans from the early 1970s was "Fight the rich, not their wars." Unfortunately this slogan is more relevant than ever. Resistance is crucial. We are heartened by the No Kings rallies and the recent Vets Say No rallies across the country on Veterans Day, led by our sisters and brothers in About Face: Veterans Against the War. This street organizing is an important part of fighting to regain what has been lost.

Resistance is critical. Some of us knew when we first set foot in Vietnam, that we were on the wrong side. Some of us had to be challenged by friends, relatives and those in the anti-war movement until we saw the light. We studied. We learned. We organized. We learned to respect those we had fought against and killed. We learned that our mission was to end the US war in Vietnam.



Hanh Minh construction progress as of November 11, 2025.

Even after the US lost and withdrew from Vietnam, we still punished the now unified country. The US government refused to recognize Vietnam and held up normalizing relations with ridiculous POW MIA demands. The US has refused to clean up land littered with ordnance and the Agent Orange that still impacts Vietnamese children to this day. The country of Vietnam, especially the south, is still largely poor and suffering. The Vietnamese government is still striving to deliver services to the poor and underserved.

That's where our partnership with the Library of Vietnam Project comes in. With your help, we have now completed three children's Library and Learning centers in Vietnam, have a fourth nearing completion, and a fifth planned to break ground this month. Earlier this year, Vietnam underwent a district reorganization which delayed the start of our new library in Hanh Minh. The recent monsoon season was rough, but that project nears completion.

Our next project is at the Cat Tuong Secondary School, Xuan An Commune, Gia Lai Province (formerly the Phu Cat District of the Binh Dinh Province) thanks to funding from long time VVAW members Richard and Debra Peters. Groundbreaking is planned for mid-December. We are excited to keep the building momentum going. Stay tuned for more updates in early 2026.

The role of education is crucial to our continued funding of children's libraries and learning centers in Vietnam. The direct consequence is that children in poor and often still war-ravaged areas can access books and computer labs in dedicated spaces. Also, we hope that by supporting these projects, we draw attention to the damage our war in Vietnam wreaked upon the people and the land. Our consistent message: Wars have consequences—long-lasting consequences.

If you would like to include VVAW in your will to support these projects and don't know how, please contact the National Office at vvaw@vvaw.org. VVAW is a tax exempt 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. But why wait? The children of Vietnam would appreciate your support now.

We are deeply thankful when our members and supporters make tax-deductible donations to VVAW's work, at whatever level. Your contributions keep VVAW going. Funds raised will also continue to support the Library of Vietnam Project. We thank all of you for your support.

In solidarity,



Bill Branson
VVAW Board member

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