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Dear Friends,

We said this in the Fall 2024 issue of *The Veteran*: "Once again, we must confront our sinking feelings about our country. Do we hold the line, move forward, or do we plummet into fascism? We know that sinking feeling in the pit of our stomachs and that feeling of existential dread. . . No matter the election's outcome, we must continue while we are still here. That is why we struggle. For peace. For justice. For veterans' rights. For a better, just world for all of us."

Well, here we are, with the worst possible outcome. We are reeling from the constant assaults. We are trying to hang on and not succumb, but it is hard to muster the strength to once again fight back for rights already won. In our darkest moments, we are still able to draw glimmers of hope from our funding of Libraries and Learning Centers in Vietnam. Though days seem dark over here in the US of A, we hope that we can bring some measure of joy to current and future generations of Vietnamese youth.

Once again, Chuck Theusch and Khoi Tran of the Vietnam Library Project have been visiting Vietnam and overseeing the construction of the Library and Learning Centers VVAW is sponsoring. They attended the December 15, 2024 dedication of the third Vietnam Veterans Against the War sponsored Library and Learning Center at the An Nghia Secondary School, An Nghia Village, Binh Dinh Province in Vietnam. Library of Vietnam Project members were also in attendance. The library and computer lab are already in use.



They also attended groundbreaking January 17, 2025 of our FOURTH Library and Learning Center in Vietnam. This will be our largest library to date. This Library and Learning center will be at the Hanh Minh Secondary School, Nghia Hanh District, Quang Ngai Province. This Library will serve the secondary school grades 7-9. The goal for completion is by the fall of 2025.

We still need to raise funds to complete this Library in 2025, so your support is essential. If you would like to include VVAW in your will and don't know how, please contact the National Office at vvaw@vvaw.org. VVAW is a tax exempt 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.



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 of Vietnam Project.** We thank all of you for your continued support.

In solidarity,

William Branson

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