

## **Red Warriors Vietnam Association**

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Red Warrior Brothers,

I hope all of you are aware that the Red Warriors Vietnam Association is a tax exempt association and therefore any donations sent directly to the association are tax deductible. In 2016, we established a fund to provide some financial assistance to Red Warriors who needed help to attend our reunions. For the 2020 Kansas City reunion, the Red Warriors Vietnam Association board authorized financial assistance payments for the Red Warrior's reunion registration fee, the cost of the hotel room (up to three nights - room only, no other charges) and to provide up to \$200 in travel expenses. To be reimbursed for travel expenses, we will require receipts - an airline ticket, gas receipts, etc.

For the last two reunions, we accepted your donations to the "Reunion Fund" with your submission of your reunion registration fees. We cannot use that process for our next reunion because reunion registration fees are being sent directly to *Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.* and that would eliminate the tax deduction.

Since we wish to preserve the tax deduction, we are appealing to all Red Warriors to donate to the fund by mailing your donations directly to our association. Indicate on the memo line of your check that you are contributing to the "Reunion Fund". Please send your donations to:

Red Warriors Vietnam Association c/o Larry Rosencrans 3412 Algonquin Drive Norton Shores, MI 49441-4235

Your donations will be greatly appreciated and will go a long way to making our reunion extra special for you <u>and</u> the recipients of your generosity.

If you would like to attend our reunion and need financial help, please write a letter explaining your individual circumstances. While we do not need detailed information such as annual income or annual expenses, it is important for the review committee to understand "why" you are unable to afford to pay for the assistance requested (help with registration, hotel, or travel costs). Your request will be reviewed by the three RWVA Reunion Fund committee members. This is a completely confidential and private process and only the three committee members administering the fund will have access to your name and circumstances.

The cutoff date for applications is June 1, 2020. Please send your request for financial assistance to:

Frank Wise 14360 Forest Row Trail Midlothian, VA 23112-1563

We set up the Reunion Fund specifically to enable as many Vietnam Red Warriors to share in our biennial gatherings. We sincerely hope that, if you need the assistance, you will allow us to help you spend these three wonderful days with your old comrades-in-arms.

Warm regards,

Herb Taylor