

# ◆ LEGACIES ◆

The quarterly newsletter for members of *Sons and Daughters In Touch* — the sons and daughters, family members and friends of U.S. Servicemen who were lost, or remain missing, as a result of the war in Southeast Asia.

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SONS AND DAUGHTERS  
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"They Were Our Fathers..."



*Proposed Visitor Center  
at The Wall*  
(photos courtesy of VVMF)

## House and Senate Approve Visitor Center at “The Wall”

After three years of legislative delays and much persistence by the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) and many other veterans organizations, both the U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate have unanimously approved legislation allowing a Visitor Center to be built at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Visitor Center Act (H.R.1442) was approved unanimously by the House of Representatives on October 15 and was championed by House Resources Committee Chairman Richard Pombo (R-CA), Vice Chairman Jim Gibbons (R-NV) and Ranking Member Nick J. Rahall (D-WV).

The Senate's passage came in July as more than 80 teachers from across the country were visiting the nation's capitol to take part in VVMF's second annual Teach Vietnam Teacher's Conference.

Under the House legislation, the Visitor Center would be located underground and maintained by the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund. The proposed Visitor Center will provide a brief overview of the Memorial and all who served with the U.S. Armed Forces in Vietnam — specifically the more than 58,000 who made the ultimate sacrifice.

One of the planned exhibits of the Visitor Center will feature photographs of those who were killed or remain missing while another exhibit will display some of the more than 60,000 items that have been left at The Wall. The Visitor Center also will serve as a facility to collect written and digital remembrances of those whose names are inscribed on

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## SDIT Elects New Board of Directors

For the sixth time since its establishment as a non-profit corporation, the members of Sons and Daughters In Touch have elected the board of directors for their organization.

The seven-member, volunteer board consists of four 'daughters' and three 'sons' from different regions of the country. As a 'working board', the directors will be responsible for the day-to-day operation of SDIT during the 2003–2005 term.

To maintain open lines of communication, the directors communicate daily via email, participate in quarterly conference calls, and attend at least one

national board meeting at a convenient, central location (in 2003, the board held meetings in St. Louis, and several while in Vietnam).

Within the board, an executive committee has been elected to address immediate issues and concerns, and to foster rapid decision-making. Jim Sampers, Cindy Rheinheimer, Dennis Shine and Tony Cordero serve on the Executive Committee.

SDIT will look to add two new board members in the spring of 2004.

The directors of the Sons and Daughters In Touch board are listed on the sidebars inside.

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# The Quiet American

by Tony Cordero [USAF:65]

While wandering the streets of Saigon last March, one couldn't help but notice the shrink-wrapped, paperback copies of *The Quiet American* for sale on nearly every street corner. Although things-American are hot items in Vietnam, I didn't buy the book.

I was aware of Graham Greene's 1955 novel, but had not read it. Nor had I taken the time to see Michael Caine's performance in the 2002 movie of the same title.

In short, I was an uninformed American about *The Quiet American*.

One month ago, I rented the DVD and spent a Saturday night becoming familiar with the story that is set in Vietnam at the end of French involvement in Indo-China.

To me, the story of the love triangle among the main characters was of less importance than the scenes from Vietnam. Phong and her romance with present lover Pyle (the Quiet American), and former lover Fowler (a British journalist played by Caine), didn't capture my intrigue in the same way that the film's backdrop did.

Living in Los Angeles, one quickly learns of the disruptions that film crews can create on public

streets. This led me to conclude that the film's producers had re-created 1950's Saigon on a studio back lot. How else could they accomplish the near-impossible task of clearing Saigon's streets of all the motor scooters and people?

Near the end of the film, the reason why Pyle is *The Quiet American* is revealed. Following an explosion across from the Continental Hotel, in Lam Son Square, Fowler uncovers Pyle's covert intentions — intentions that ultimately lead to Pyle's murder.

As the film's credits scrolled across my television, I was startled to learn that *The Quiet American* had actually been filmed in Vietnam! But it makes sense: the film closes with a series of newspaper headlines appearing on screen: the French defeat at Dien Ben Phu, the escalating involvement and withdrawal of American forces, and finally the unification of North and South Vietnam.

An historic film about a military battle between the United States and Vietnam likely could not have been filmed in Vietnam. However, a movie telling the fictional story of an American's covert operations was embraced, accommodated and filmed right there in Ho Chi Mihn City.

Just as the trip to Vietnam revealed a different view of U.S. military involvement there, *The Quiet American* presents a jaded perspective. It's a movie worth watching but remember, there are two sides to every story.

Peace, Tony



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## Preferred Events for Father's Day '05

As SDIT members submitted their list of preferred events for the Father's Day 2005 reunion, it became clear that as time goes by, there is a strong desire for some things to remain unchanged.

Since 1992, the reunion weekends have featured an early morning cleaning of the "Wall," a dinner banquet, a Father's Day rose ceremony at the Wall and a Sunday Picnic. Those events were among the most preferred in SDIT's recent survey.

Additional recommendations for the weekend can be made via email at FD05@sdit.org.

The following is a list of the proposed reunion events and the preference for each:

Event	Preferred by:
Sunday Rose Ceremony	87%
Saturday Remembrance Dinner	80%
Washing the Wall	72%
Sunday Picnic	66%
Group Trips to the Wall	63%
SDIT Membership Meeting	58%
Hospitality Suite	52%
Sharing Circles	49%
Grandchildren's Trip to the Wall	48%
Wreath Laying at Arlington Cemetery	43%
Group Breakfast	41%
Historical Seminars	36%
Vietnam Book Signings	33%
Widows Sharing Circle	30%

# Kathy Crisp-Webb, Daughter of MSgt. William (Bill) Crisp, USAF:'65

by Karen Zacharias [USA:65]

Meet Kathy Crisp Webb of Greenville, Texas. A self-described "Daddy's girl" Kathy was the second of four children born to Master Sergeant William (Bill) Crisp and his wife, Peggy Lou. Kathy was 9 when her father was killed in action in Vietnam. Sister Linda was 12 and brothers, Billy, 6, and Mark, 20 months.

Crisp, 37, was serving as a flight engineer with the Air Force's 345th Troop Carrier Squadron out of Dyess AFB when he was killed on Dec. 20, 1965. He'd only been in-country a month when the C-130, carrying 13 tons of fuel, crashed on approach at the Tuy Hoa airstrip. Killed along with Crisp in that crash were 1Lt. Donald Smith, pilot; 1Lt. David Wax, co-pilot; Capt. Terry Katterhenry and A1C Willie Mitchell. Due to the intense enemy activity in the area, the crash was listed as having been shot down, but bad weather was also deemed a factor in the crash.

A burning yuletide might delight others during the holiday season, but for Kathy the sight of a fire in the Christmas hearth is chilling. It was on Tuesday, December, 21, 1965, while visiting relatives that the family received a fateful phone call. A man from Western Union placed a call and read a telegram from U.S. Air Force officials to Peggy Crisp's sixteen year old niece, who had answered the phone. The niece wrote down what she was told, exactly as she was told it. Her Uncle Bill's plane was missing. It had gone down over hostile territory. A search was underway. It was possible that Crisp and the others onboard had been taken captive.

"I will never forget the look on my mother's face as my uncle told her to sit down and began to read her the message. All color drained from her face," Kathy recalled. "My grandmother always said the wails that followed would have been enough to curdle milk."

On Christmas Eve — tragically, the couple's 14th wedding anniversary — another message arrived. This one didn't bear glad tidings either. That letter was written by the base commander, ironically,

a man named Col. Charles Christmas. The letter stated that intense enemy fire had made a ground investigation impossible. Col. Christmas informed the family that an aerial observation had ruled out hope that anyone could have survived the crash.

Days turned to weeks before the U.S. Air Force sent a uniformed officer to the Crisp home. MSgt. Bill Crisp was listed as missing in action until Feb. 6, 1966, when Allied Forces reportedly were able to reach the plane and recover Crisp's body. The remains were sealed and never identified by any family members, nor did they ever receive any of his personal items.

"Even if the crew remains had not burned, the enemy would have likely stripped them of anything that would have been on them," Kathy said. "Still, that lack of proof has always haunted our family."

The family was not told that the remains of the co-pilot were not recovered with the other crewmen. 1Lt. David Wax's remains were eventually discovered and returned. They were turned over to U.S. officials by a Vietnamese farmer in 1993.

"I do not know how far from the plane Lt. Wax's remains had been found or how it was they got there," Kathy said. A rumor that an officer was reported to have been seen roaming the same area continues to raise questions as to whether all died at the time of the crash.

"We will never know," Kathy said.

Crisp was laid to rest at East Hill Cemetery in Roff, Oklahoma on February 14, 1966—Valentine's Day.

"As my younger cousins went off to school, with smiles on their faces packing stacks of cards to share with their friends, I dressed up in my new white blouse, teal blue wool skirt and new white gloves and wept by my father's grave as a 21-gun salute blasted the blue sky above," Kathy said.

It's with tears in her eyes, that Kathy recalled her last memories of her father.

"We were all there with him when he received his orders for Vietnam. He'd just arrived back home in Abilene, Texas from a three-month tour of flying

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## Welcome New SDIT Members

Nichole Wilson  
in honor of  
Edsall A. Frick  
(USA:68)

Sue Bauer  
in honor of  
Leo A. Bauer  
(USA:65)

Eugene Cook  
in honor of all  
who died serving  
with the 26th Inf.

# VietNow Announces Scholarship Awards

## 2003 SDIT Board of Directors

### Michelle Baugh

Michelle is beginning her second term on the SDIT board. In her first term, Michelle served as co-chair of the planning committee for SDIT's historic journey to Vietnam in March 2003. Michelle serves as Illinois VVA State Council liaison to SDIT. Michelle's father, Richard Githens US Army, was killed on May 29, 1968.

### Tony Cordero

Tony has served as SDIT chairman since 1990, overseeing the operation and development of the organization. His father, Bill Cordero US Air Force, was killed on June 22, 1965 over Laos.

### Kim Kendrick

Kim is beginning her first term on the SDIT board and was a participant in the historic journey to Vietnam in March 2003. Kim lives in Washington DC and

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by **Jim Sampers** [USN:69]

On Father's Day 2003, Rich Sanders, President of VietNow, picked up his phone and made phone calls to personally tell four SDIT members that they had been awarded a \$1,000.00 scholarship for the upcoming school year.

"This scholarship is very special to me," states **Cody Burns** of Oklahoma City, OK, "because it honors my grandfather and all the other men who fought and gave their lives for America during the Vietnam War." Cody, who is the grandson of Col. Howard H. Smith [USAF:68], will be attending the University of Oklahoma, where he is currently majoring in History and a minor in Sociology. Cody hopes to pursue a career with the F.B.I. after receiving his degree. "Two years ago I had my first opportunity to go to Washington DC and actually see my grandfather's name engraved on the Wall" says Cody. "I felt something like a connection to him that I never really had before, and I realized his sacrifice and it brought it to me how much I had really missed by not knowing him as I have grown up. It was an experience I will never forget." When asked what message he would like to share with VietNow, Cody replied, "I would like to thank VietNow and all its members for the connection it brings to the families of MIA/POW's and for giving me and the other honorees this opportunity for college."

"Receiving this scholarship is important to me by instilling a greater sense of confidence, pride and determination to succeed in my career field," says **John Starnes** of Brownsville, KY. "I believe through learning the unique skill that I will be able to help many Americans for many generations to come," states John, who is the grandson of Maj. John L. McElroy [USAF:68]. John will be attending graduate school this fall at Western Kentucky University in the Biology Department and his thesis project is Population Genetics in a Threatened Species of Plant. "Not only are plants aesthetically pleasing," John explains, "but they also offer chemical compounds useful in curing diseases and air we breathe. My focus is in preserving what diversity we

have in the United States for coming generations of Americans." John's message to VietNow is, "Thank you for your support, and for everything you have done — not only for my family, but for the many other families who have paid the price for our freedom."

"Receiving this scholarship is very important to me, replies **Jeremy O'Connor** of Chantilly, VA, "because, with my double major, it will probably take me longer than four years to graduate. Since I have three younger siblings, I know it would be difficult for my family to support me through five years of college, therefore, anything I can do to help is high on my list of priorities." Jeremy, who is the grandson of Maj. Richard H. Schmidt [USA:66], is attending Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and will be a junior next fall, is pursuing a double major in Computer Science and Mathematics. "I would like to thank VietNow and its members," states Jeremy, "and say that it is truly a wonderful and generous thing they are doing by helping out their fellow veterans and family of veterans."

"This scholarship is proof positive once again, that the veteran community has rallied around the sons and daughters time and again," says **Michelle Baugh** of Centralia, IL, "helping them in every way possible to achieve their goals. VietNow has given me the opportunity that my father was denied — to help his daughter reach her goals, not only with financial assistance," states Michelle, who is the daughter of SP4 Richard E. Githens [USA:68], "but with emotional support and encouragement." Michelle will be attending St. Mary of the Woods College through their women's distance education program, where she will major in Non-Profit Organization Management with a minor in Journalism. Michelle continues, "The last four years of my life have been steeped in the involvement with issues in the veteran community, giving me the opportunity to pass along to others the healing I've attained. I have a desire to work in the non-profit sector, both in the veteran community as well as throughout Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos. I believe that through my work in the States and in SE Asia, my father's dream of making a difference in Vietnam

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## Congress Approves Visitor Center at The Wall (continued from page 1)

the Memorial, thus creating a unique historical record for current and future generations.

For the many students who visit the Memorial annually, the Visitor Center will help them better understand the importance of citizenship and leadership. As they glance upon photographs of those whose names grace The Wall, they will learn to see beyond the statistics and see the human side of war.

While reading remembrances, they will learn that these men and women are not just names, but fathers, husbands, brothers, and sons. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Visitor Center will work to further preserve the legacy of the nearly three million who served in Vietnam and the 58,235 men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice.

For more information about the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Visitor Center, please visit VVMF's website at [www.vvmf.org](http://www.vvmf.org) or contact VVMF at (202) 393-0090. ♦

## 10th Anniversary for Women's Memorial

The Vietnam Women's Memorial will celebrate its 10th Anniversary on Veterans Day, 2003.

The Memorial was established not only to honor those women who served, but also for the families that lost loved ones in the war, so they would know about the women who provided comfort, care, and a human touch for those who were suffering and dying. Diane Carlson Evans, who served in Vietnam with the Army Nurse Corp from 1968 – 1969, led the effort to build the memorial.

A candlelight ceremony at the Vietnam Women's Memorial will take place at 6:00 PM on November 10.

Elizabeth Norman, author of *Nurses at War: The Story of 50 Military Nurses Who Served in Vietnam, 1965 – 1973*, will be among the speakers featured during the Veterans Day ceremony that begins at 1 PM at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on November 11.

The Vietnam Women's Memorial was dedicated in 1993 as part of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. More than 265,000 women volunteered for service in Vietnam. Eight of them gave their lives and are listed on 'the Wall'.

For more information, visit: [www.vietnamwomensmemorial.org](http://www.vietnamwomensmemorial.org). ♦

## National POW/MIA Recognition Day

September 19th was National POW/MIA Recognition Day, and ceremonies were held across the country to honor former POWs, those still missing from our nation's past wars, and their families. The national ceremony, most often held at the Pentagon, was cancelled due to the hurricane that devastated many areas along the eastern seaboard.

The following is an excerpt from the proclamation made by President Bush:

"The sacrifice and service of America's veterans, including those who became prisoners of war or who went missing in action, have preserved freedom for America and brought freedom to millions around the world. On National POW/MIA Recognition Day, we honor the extraordinary courage of the Americans who have been prisoners of war, and we pray for those who are still missing in action and unaccounted for. This Nation also remembers the challenges and heartache endured by the families of prisoners of war



and missing in action. We seek answers for the families of those who are still missing, and we will not rest until we have a full accounting.

"To mark this important day, on September 19, 2003, the flag of the National

League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia will again be flown over the White House, the Capitol, the Departments of State, Defense, and Veterans Affairs, the Selective Service System Headquarters, the National Vietnam Veterans and Korean War Veterans Memorials, U.S. military installations, national cemeteries, and other locations across our country. We raise this flag as a reminder and a promise. The black-and-white flag is a symbol that these missing Americans will not be forgotten, and is flown as a testament to our Government's unwavering commitment to pursue the fullest possible accounting for all our missing in action service members." ♦

## 2003 SDIT Board of Directors

(Kim Kendrick Cont.) will serve as an SDIT representative at various functions in the area. Her father, Richard S. Kendrick US Army, was killed on May 7, 1970 in Cambodia.

### Cindy Rheinheimer

Cindy has served as the secretary on the Board of Directors since 1995, and also as SDIT's liaison to Vietnam Veterans of America. She fields all telephone calls received by SDIT. Her father, Richard Sanders US Army, was killed on November 24, 1967.

### Kelly Rihn

Kelly is beginning her second term on the SDIT board, and participated in SDIT's historic journey to Vietnam in March 2003. In her new role, Kelly will process all membership applications. Her father, Joel D. Coleman US Army, was killed on May 5, 1966.

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## 2003 SDIT Board of Directors

### Jim Sampers

Jim is beginning his third term on the board where he maintains the SDIT database. Under his guidance, SDIT has compiled the nation's most comprehensive database about those who lost their fathers in the Vietnam War. His father, James Sampers US Navy, was killed on September 7, 1969.

### Dennis Shine

Dennis has been a member of the SDIT Board of Directors since 1995. As treasurer, he maintains all financial records and produces SDIT's financial statements. He regularly represents SDIT at events in the Washington, DC area and was a participant in SDIT's historic journey to Vietnam in March 2003. His father, Dennis F. Shine Jr. US Army, was killed on August 19, 1969.



### ◆ Membership Drive Continues to Succeed

A hearty "thank you" is in order for the hundreds of supporters that participated in the recent SDIT membership drive. Since adopting the direct mail format in 1999, the number of membership renewals continues to climb.

SDIT will not reject any membership application due to one's inability to pay. However, the annual contributions received from SDIT members provide the resources that enable the organization to function.

In addition, the growing number of responses produce historical information that is added to the database. To fulfill a grant several years ago, SDIT continues to compile the nation's most comprehensive set of data regarding the children of American servicemen lost during the Vietnam War.

### ◆ Support Staff Opportunities

At a recent meeting in St. Louis, the SDIT board agreed to act on a recommendation to enable more members to become involved in the organization's outreach and operations.

To that end, the board is assembling names of members interested in supporting the critical functions of SDIT. These volunteers will be enlisted to assist with such activities as: Father's Day 2005, SDIT website, SDIT Newsletter, SDIT liaison to one of several veterans organizations, SDIT liaison to the "traveling Wall" exhibits.

If you would like to learn more about any of these opportunities, please contact the SDIT office (800-984-9994 or board@sdit.org).

### ◆ Be Good, Smile Pretty airs on Veterans Day

Don't forget to catch *'Be Good, Smile Pretty'* which will air on Veterans Day (November 11) on PBS. The film was produced by SDIT member Tracy Tragos, of Los Angeles, and details the search to learn more about her father, Don Droz (USN: 69). Tracy's film chronicles visits with her grandmother and other relatives, along with conversations with veterans who served with her father in Vietnam.

60 Minutes II has also prepared a story about Tracy and the film. Look for the story to air around Veterans Day.

### ◆ Father's Day 2005 Update

The plans for Father's Day 2005 are beginning to take shape. SDIT is exploring several DC-area hotels as possible venues, all the while attempting to balance the desire to be close to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial with the need for affordable accommodations.

Don't forget to mark your calendars. In 2005, Father's Day weekend falls on June 17, 18 and 19.

Based on responses received during the recent SDIT membership drive, a list of the most preferred activities for the weekend is published in this edition of *Legacies*.

At each previous reunion (1992, 1993, 1997, and 2000), at least one featured speaker has been included in the Father's Day ceremony at 'the Wall.' These speakers have included prominent Vietnam Veterans, former Prisoners of War, politicians and SDIT members.

Recommendations are now being accepted for potential speakers in 2005. To make your recommendation, send that person's name, their qualifications and your reason for making the recommendation to fathersday2005@sdit.org. Each recommendation will be given consideration.

Look for more details on the SDIT website around January 1, 2004.

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### Member Spotlight: Kathy Crisp-Webb

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troops and supplies in and out of Vietnam. He and my mother stood beside the car, hugging one another and crying. Just the thought of leaving his young family for a year and going to a country where he realized many American soldiers would not return was almost more than he could bear that night."

Bill Crisp made his daughter one last promise before leaving for Vietnam.

"He told me that he'd be gone for a year and that I would be in 5th grade when he returned. He asked me to help my mother and to watch after the boys. He assured me that we would all enjoy a big Christmas with Grandma in Oklahoma when he got back," Kathy said.

Kathy is interested in hearing from any veterans who served with her father. She can be reached via e-mail at kwebbtexas@yahoo.com. ◆

# Important Web Links

- ◆ **Military Records Request - Form 180:** The official form to be used in requesting your father's military records. Remember to request ALL records/information. [www.archives.gov/records\\_center\\_program/index.html](http://www.archives.gov/records_center_program/index.html)
- ◆ **Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund:** The organization responsible for maintaining the Wall and educating the public about its legacy. SDIT partners with VVMF to hold Father's Day ceremonies every year. The newly designed site combines content from the previous VVMF site along with information about: [www.vvmf.org](http://www.vvmf.org)
  - **The Wall that Heals:** A traveling half-scale replica of the Memorial;
  - **The Virtual Wall:** A digital and interactive legacy of the Memorial;
  - **In Memory:** A program designed to honor those Vietnam Veterans who died as a result of the war but are not listed on the Memorial;
  - **Teach Vietnam:** A program to assist educators in teaching the history and legacy of the Vietnam War;
  - **Project Renew:** A program committed to the eradication of unexploded landmines in Vietnam.
- ◆ **Vietnam Women's Memorial:** The organization that constructed the Women's Memorial adjacent to "The Wall" and is committed to maintaining the legacy of those women who served in Vietnam: [www.vietnamwomensmemorial.org](http://www.vietnamwomensmemorial.org)
- ◆ **Global Spectrum:** The travel company that coordinated SDIT's March '03 trip to Vietnam, and specializes in customized travel throughout SE Asia: [www.asianpassages.com](http://www.asianpassages.com)

## VietNow Scholarship Awards

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will at last become a reality." Michelle would like VietNow to know, "with your help, I will have the opportunity to help both veterans and those they sacrificed to protect have a better quality of life. I will never, ever forget that VietNow was instrumental in making that dream become a reality and I promise not to let you or your organization down."

◆ **Vietnam Veterans of America:** Long time supporters of SDIT, Congressionally chartered Veterans Service Organization for Vietnam Veterans: [www.vva.org](http://www.vva.org)

– **The Veteran:** subscribe to VVA's newsmagazine published every two months: [theveteran@vva.org](mailto:theveteran@vva.org)

– **Associates of VVA:** Membership organization open to sons and daughters, and other non-veterans: [www.avva.org](http://www.avva.org)

◆ **VietNow:** Membership organization formed nearly twenty years ago to support veterans' causes, including major support for SDIT. [www.vietnow.com](http://www.vietnow.com)

◆ **Vietnam Casualty Database:** provides search options for casualties from the war: [www.no-quarter.org](http://www.no-quarter.org)

◆ **The Moving Wall:** half-sized replica of the Memorial that has been traveling the country for more than nearly 20 years; information and future schedules: [www.themovingwall.org](http://www.themovingwall.org)

◆ **The Vietnam Wall Experience:** Traveling replica of the Memorial that has been presented by Service Corporation International since 1990. [www.sci-corp.com/html/vietnam\\_wall.html](http://www.sci-corp.com/html/vietnam_wall.html)

◆ **National League of POW/MIA Families:** The organization of family members who are committed to the fullest possible accounting for all US Servicemen yet to return from Vietnam. [www.pow-miafamilies.org](http://www.pow-miafamilies.org)

◆ **The American Legion:** Veterans Service Organization with more than 3 million members worldwide: [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org)

◆ **The Veterans of Foreign Wars:** Veterans Service Organization providing all veterans with programs and services: [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org)

◆ **The Military Order of the Purple Heart:** Congressionally chartered organization for combat-wounded soldiers: [www.purpleheart.org](http://www.purpleheart.org)

This year's applicant pool was highly competitive. Interested applicants for the 2004 VietNow Scholarship Program are encouraged to contact Jim Sampers ([jim@sdit.org](mailto:jim@sdit.org)) in early January 2004 to receive an application and submission instructions. ◆

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## *Membership Form*

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/State/Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

Name of loved one  
being remembered: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of casualty: \_\_\_\_\_

Branch of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship (please circle one): I am a

Son      Daughter      Brother      Sister      Widow

Friend      Veteran      Grandson      Granddaughter

Spouse of:      Son      Daughter

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