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October 16, 1984

Dear Mr. Scruggs:

On behalf of Mrs. Reagan, I wish to thank you for your thoughtful request that she attend the unveiling of the Three Servicemen statue on November 9.

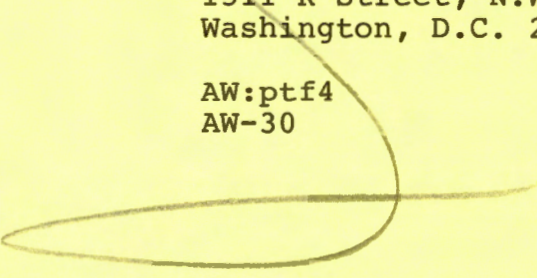
Mrs. Reagan regrets that due to the many demands of the official schedule, she is unable to accommodate your request. However, she is deeply grateful for your thoughtfulness, and asked that I express her appreciation and very best wishes.

Sincerely,

Ann Wrobleski
Director of Projects
Office of the First Lady

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Mr. Jan C. Scruggs
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Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc.
Suite 1100
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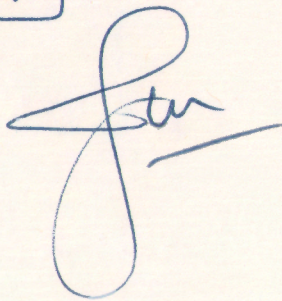
that she attend the unveiling
of the Three Servicemen
on November 9.

Jan C. Scruggs

Ann,

I am sure that the First
Lady is quite busy, but
we would be honored if
she could speak at our
event on November 9, 1984.

Best Regards





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October 10, 1984

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First Lady Nancy Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500
ATTN: Ann Wrobleski

Dear Mrs. Reagan:

On November 9, 1984 a significant press event will take place at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. At 11:00 a.m. the statue of the Three Servicemen will be at long last unveiled.

Because of your support for and role in the creation of the Memorial it is my honor to request that you attend the unveiling to deliver a brief speech. The event will begin at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, November 9, 1984. All speeches must be timed so as not to exceed four and one half minutes.

We look forward to your participation on this significant day for both Vietnam veterans and the nation as a whole. Please contact me as soon as possible about your availability for the ceremony.

My Highest Regard,

Jan C. Scruggs
President

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October 18, 1984

Ms. Ann Wroblewski
Office of the First Lady
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ann,

Thank you for your letter. I am sorry that the First Lady is unable to attend our ceremony. I realize how busy that she is.

Enclosed here is information on the events that will take place surrounding the Statue Installation.

Sincerely,

Jan C. Scruggs

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Dear Editor:

On November 13, 1982 the national Vietnam Veterans Memorial was dedicated in a meaningful and emotional ceremony during five days of events honoring the Veterans of that war.

The Memorial has become an overwhelming success. It is now the most visited memorial in Washington, D.C. and is among our most cherished national symbols.

This year, at 2:00 p.m. on November 11, 1984, the Memorial will be completed with the addition of the Three Servicemen Statue. Formal acceptance of the privately funded Memorial by the United States Government will take place by the Secretary of the Interior.

More than 150,000 Vietnam veterans from across America will be in Washington to see the statue and to take part in numerous activities scheduled for the weekend of November 9 through November 12, 1984. This will likely be the largest gathering of Vietnam veterans since the war as they come to Washington to be together and to remember.

These days will be significant not only for the veterans, but for the entire nation which is slowly recovering from the national trauma of the Vietnam War.

We hope that your news organization will be present for the historic events that will take place on that weekend. Below are the events sponsored by the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund:

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° Statue Unveiling

Time: 11:00 a.m.
Date: November 9, 1984

Prominent Americans will give brief speeches before the extraordinary statue by Frederick Hart is unveiled. The statue will be located on the West end "entrance plaza" area of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial at 21st and Constitution Avenues, N.W.

° Commemorative Stamp Ceremony

Time: 11:00 a.m.
Date: November 10, 1984

The Postmaster General; U.S. Senator James Sasser (D-Tenn) and many prominent Vietnam veterans will be on hand for the issuance of a stamp commemorating the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. The event will take place at the Departmental Auditorium on 13th and Constitution Avenues, N.W.

° Veterans Day Ceremony

Time: 2:00 p.m.
Date: November 11, 1984

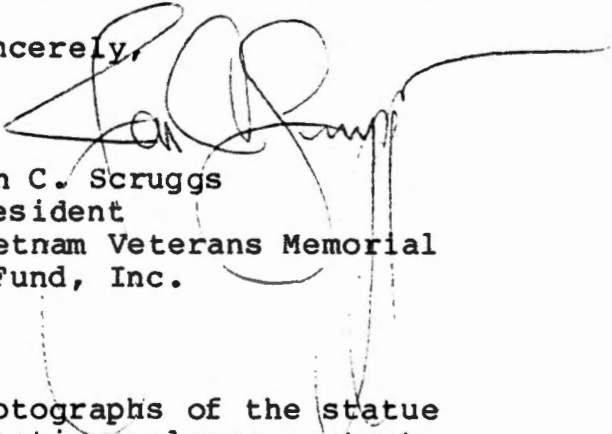
At this ceremony the statue of the Three Servicemen will be given special recognition at the historic event during which the Secretary of the Interior will officially accept the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on behalf of the U.S. Government. Prominent Americans, members of Congress and leaders of veterans organizations will speak at the ceremony.

Press passes will be required for this ceremony.

Also ongoing during this weekend are plans for nationally known entertainment, reunions, a candle-light vigil, and other activities. These events are the responsibility of the Salute II Committee, a group independent of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund. On the attached sheets are the activities planned by the Salute II Committee.

In conclusion, let me state that this weekend will indeed be a special and a most meaningful one for our country. This large gathering of Vietnam veterans will provide a unique opportunity to examine the impact that the war has had on them as society confronts the many issues lingering from that war. We hope that your news organization will begin making plans to cover the events planned for November 9 through November 12, 1984.

Sincerely,



Jan C. Scruggs
President
Vietnam Veterans Memorial
Fund, Inc.

P.S. For press passes, photographs of the statue and other media related questions please contact Hartz-Meek International on 202-223-5460. Thank you.

Activities Planned by the Salute II Committee

The activities below are being planned by the Salute II Committee formed by a volunteer group of Vietnam veterans. The Salute II Committee can be reached on 202-872-1300. Ask for either George Sullivan or Kelvin Hunter. The Salute II headquarters during the events will be at the Hotel Washington beginning at 10:00 a.m. on November 10, 1984. The activities below will take place beginning on November 10, 1984:

◦ Entertainment on the Mall - Beginning at 11:00 a.m. entertainment will be provided by the following: Frankie Vallie and the Four Seasons; Wayne Newton; Chris Noel; the Festival Band and U.S. Military Bands on Nov. 10th.

◦ Flyover by Military Aircraft - At 12:00 noon F-4 Phantom Jets and Huey helicopters will fly over the Mall on Nov. 10th.

◦ Entertainment at Constitution Hall - At 8:00 p.m. on November 10, 1984 the U.S. Army Band will give a free concert.

◦ Commemorative Candlelight Service - The National League of Families and the American Legion will host a candlelight vigil near the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in remembrance of American Prisoners of War in Southeast Asia.

◦ Gold Star Mothers Hospitality Suite - the Paralyzed Veterans of America will host a Hospitality Suite at the Hotel Washington for the parents of Americans killed in Vietnam.

◦ American Red Cross Reunion - Members of the Red Cross who served in Vietnam will have a reunion at the Hotel Washington on Saturday November 10, 1984.

◦ Interdenominational Religious Services - Services will be held at the Lincoln Memorial at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday November 11, 1984.

° Military Unit Reunions - A number of reunions are scheduled for veterans of the military units that served in Vietnam. Many veterans will see one another for the first time since serving together in combat. The following is a partial list of those reunions presently scheduled.

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>POINTS OF CONTACT</u>
1st Infantry Division-----	Gramercy, Scott Circle-----	Steve Row (301)770-5995
4th Infantry Division-----	Best Western Convention Center-----	Russ Armstrong (412)834-0934
9th Infantry Division-----	Quality Inn, Scott Circle-----	Mike Kentes (703)578-3734
23rd ID (Americal)-----	Scott Circle-----	Gene McGrory
25th Infantry Division-----	Executive House, Scott Circle-----	Mike Moschkin (301)649-3207
82nd Airborne Division-----	Sheraton National, Arlington, VA----	Dave Stits (714)685-6530 Richard O'Hare (804)598-4805 (804)285-8731
101st Airborne Division-----	Holiday Inn, Scott Circle-----	Dick Schornburger (703)694-6984
173rd Airborne Brigade-----	Holiday Inn, Scott Circle-----	Joe Cornelison (703)780-6669
199th Infantry Brigade-----	Governor's House, Scott Circle-----	Peter Joannides (703)620-6262
Airborne Ranger/-----	Executive House, Scott Circle-----	Mike Kentes (703)578-3734
LRRP Association		
Special Forces Association-----	Executive House, Scott Circle-----	Tonu Parming (301)422-7021
Special Elite Forces Society-----	Sheraton National, Arlington, VA----	China Ley (816)763-9355
1st Cavalry Division-----	Gramercy, Scott Circle-----	John Sherburn (301)681-8359 (301)427-5212
11th Armored Cavalry Regiment----	Gramercy, Westview Room, Scott Cir--	Ltc Glenn Snodgrass (703)321-8977 (202)693-0311
93rd Evac-----	TBD-----	Bruce Moffett (419)289-0295
Congressional Medal of Honor Society	Hotel Washington-----	John Mofield (212)582-5355
HCO 2/5 Marines 1 Mar Div-----	-----	Ken Kromer (615)966-6905
1967-68		
HCO 2/1 Marines 1 Mar Div-----	-----	Bob Hughes (215)461-1339
1965-70		

NOTE: U.S. Marine Corps reunions are currently being planned. Information will be published when details are available. The J.W. Marriott is the USN/USMC/USCG Headquarters for Salute II.



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June 23, 1982

Mrs. Ann Wrobleski
Office of the First Lady
East Wing
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ann:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter addressed to
President Reagan asking him and Mrs. Reagan to serve
as the Chairmen of our National Salute to Vietnam
Veterans that will take place in November.

This is the letter we discussed with Sheryl
Eberly during our meeting in May.

We are hopeful that President and Mrs. Reagan
will agree to be the Chairmen for our National
Salute that, just like the Vietnam Veterans Memorial
it celebrates, will be an event of historical and
national significance for the Vietnam veterans, the
families of those who lost their lives, and for the
country as a whole.

Please call me if you have any questions or need
additional information.

Sincerely yours,

Sandie Fauriol
Director
National Salute to Vietnam Veterans

Enclosure

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June 23, 1982

The Honorable Ronald Reagan
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Reagan:

On behalf of our National Sponsoring Committee and Boards of Directors and Advisors, I would like to invite you and Mrs. Reagan to serve as the Co-Chairmen of our "National Salute to Vietnam Veterans" that will take place from November 10 to 14, 1982.

I am pleased to tell you our project to establish the Vietnam Veterans Memorial continues on schedule: we broke ground on March 26; we are in the process of constructing the memorial; and we have raised the funds needed to complete our project.

We believe the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, now well on its way toward becoming a reality, has provided all Americans a unique opportunity to focus their attention on the service and sacrifice of those who answered their country's call to duty during the Vietnam war.

In recognition of this timely and well deserved tribute, and in an effort to further the mission of our memorial project, we are sponsoring a National Salute to Vietnam Veterans. This series of activities in Washington, D.C. that will be attended by hundreds of thousands of Americans from all across the country, includes an "Entertainers Salute Vietnam Veterans!" show; military unit reunions; a parade; and nationwide religious services in honor of all Vietnam veterans as well as those who died or remain missing. All major veterans and military organizations are taking an active role in the National Salute.

Mr. President, it is difficult to convey in such a few words how important this historical event will be to the veterans, the families of those whose lives were lost, and to the country as a whole. Throughout our project we have received hundreds of thousands of letters with contributions from Americans all across the nation telling us how much the Vietnam Veterans Memorial means to them. Time and time again, for example, the parents of those who gave their lives have written us to say: "Thank you for showing us, at last, our loss was not in vain."

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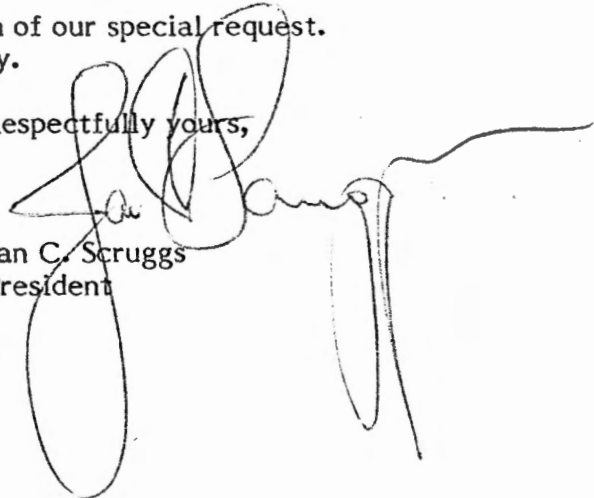
The Honorable Ronald Reagan
June 23, 1982
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As you are one who has long supported the men and women who fought in the Vietnam war, we would like to have you and Mrs. Reagan serve as the Co-Chairmen of this historical event that means so much to so many.

Just as the citizens of our country have found a way to say "thank you" to all who served in Vietnam through support of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, your participation in the National Salute will reinforce this long awaited, patriotic spirit of unity and reconciliation engendered by the memorial project. And, it will finally and officially mark a passage completed that the Vietnam veterans, and the families of the nearly 58,000 who gave their lives, will never forget.

Thank you for your consideration of our special request.
We look forward to a favorable reply.

Respectfully yours,


Jan C. Scruggs
President

✓cc: Nancy Reagan

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November 7, 1985

The Honorable Donald T. Regan
Chief of Staff to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Re: A. Nomination of Robert A. Carter, Sandra E. Fauriol,
and Donald E. Schaet for
the Citizens Medal.

B. Request for Assistance

Dear Mr. Regan:

Since its dedication in 1982 the Vietnam Veterans Memorial has become a powerful and healing national symbol. The April, 1985 Washington Post/ABC news poll found that 9% of all Americans had already visited it-- 20 million people.

But for the three people captioned above, I believe there would be no Memorial. The public does not know their role, but I do. Bob Carter and Don Schaet were each Executive Directors and gave of themselves selflessly and in an inspired way. Bob flew F-4's in Vietnam in the Air Force. Don was a Marine Artillery battery commander. After retirement, they joined the Fund. Sandie (an Army brat) was the chief fundraiser, and then ran the National Salute Week of activities and the Vigil of Names at the Cathedral. Attached are excerpts from a book about the Memorial (To Heal a Nation) that summarize their work. I am confident that each of them, and their contribution to our country, meet the requirements for the Citizens Medal.

May I request your assistance in working with White House staff to see if such consideration is possible? And might I be able to explore whether letters of thanks could go to certain few other key workers?

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