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# VIETNAM WOMEN'S MEMORIAL FOUNDATION, INC.

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Dear Friend of the Vietnam Women's Memorial,

In our last newsletter, I wrote that now is the time to examine how the Vietnam Women's Memorial Foundation (VWMF) can continue to reach the greatest heights possible for its mission in the future. Our goal is to continue the legacy of the Vietnam Women's Memorial (VWM) by honoring all the military and civilian Vietnam-era women who served, educating the public and facilitating research. Our Board of Directors has explored many options that offer extraordinary capabilities for continuing these efforts. Yes, we Vietnam veterans are aging, and it's time to engage resources that can carry our mission into the future.

To that end, I am so pleased to announce exciting advances in the management of programs related to the Vietnam Women's Memorial. After thorough research and intense deliberation by the VWMF Board of Directors, we have selected Eastern National (EN), an association recognized by Congress to promote the educational and interpretive mission of the National Park Service, to assume the operating mission of the Vietnam Women's Memorial Foundation.



Eastern National promotes the public's understanding and support of America's national parks and other public trust partners by providing quality educational experiences, products, and services. We will be in good company, as EN is the cooperating association for over 150 national parks, such as National Mall and Memorial Parks, which includes the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Washington Monument, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial, and Ford's Theatre National Historic Site. I am confident that Eastern National, in cooperation with the National Park Service, will provide the stewardship necessary to carry the historic torch of Vietnam-era women veterans' legacies, now and into the future. To learn more about Eastern National, you may visit: [www.easternnational.org](http://www.easternnational.org).

As Eastern National CEO George Minnucci shared, "We are honored by the Vietnam Women's Memorial Foundation Board's decision to entrust its mission to Eastern National, and we humbly accept this responsibility. We will always be mindful of the commitment the Foundation has shown in their efforts to

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preserve and promote the legacy of the military and civilian women who demonstrated selfless dedication to duty during the Vietnam era.”

EN, in coordination with the National Park Service, will continue to hold regular events such as “In Their Own Words: Storytelling at the Vietnam Women’s Memorial,” a first-person oral storytelling tradition held at the Vietnam Women’s Memorial on the National Mall every Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

Of utmost importance, all current and future donations to the VWM are restricted to a separate account within Eastern National exclusively used for the VWM mission.

To donate to the VWM, or to volunteer as a participant in “Storytelling,” please write to: **Vietnam Women’s Memorial Fund, c/o Eastern National, 470 Maryland Drive, Suite 1, Fort Washington, PA 19034**, or email: [vietnamwomensmemorial@easternnational.org](mailto:vietnamwomensmemorial@easternnational.org). To donate online, go to: [www.vietnamwomensmemorial.org](http://www.vietnamwomensmemorial.org). To become a volunteer at the Vietnam Women’s Memorial, go to: [www.Volunteer.gov](http://www.Volunteer.gov) and enter the keywords: “Vietnam Women’s Memorial” and “Washington, DC.”

As you may remember, the Vietnam Women’s Memorial Project (later changed to “Foundation”) was formed in April 1984 to place a monument on the grounds of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial commemorating the contributions and sacrifices of the more than 265,000 military and civilian women who served during the Vietnam era. With the 1993 dedication of the Vietnam Women’s Memorial, sculpted by Glenna Goodacre, the women who served during the Vietnam era are now part of the nation’s collective consciousness and stand near their brother and sister veterans whose names are on the Wall.

As we celebrate the security of the long-term future of the VWM, we thank each of you for the Foundation’s successes and for your faithful support. It was your time, talents, donations, friendship, and faith that brought us this far.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many directors who served on the VWMF Board since 1984; our staff over the years; our current executive director, COL Cindy Gurney, USA, Ret.; Board Emeriti COL A. Jane Carson, USA Ret.; and all those champions who came from every corner in the United States to stand up for the women who served.

This will be my last newsletter. To stay in touch, you may write to: **Vietnam Women’s Memorial Advisory Group, Vietnam Women’s Memorial Fund, c/o Eastern National, 470 Maryland Drive, Suite 1, Fort Washington, PA 19034**, or email: [vietnamwomensmemorial@easternnational.org](mailto:vietnamwomensmemorial@easternnational.org), or call toll free: (877) 463-3647.

With enduring gratitude,



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