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A country stays alive when its culture is alive

SACEI NEWSLETTER is released the 10th of the month.

It updates you on the latest news about SACEI.

It serves as a LINK between SACEI members and those who are interested in the Vietnamese or Vietnamese-American culture.

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THE 2010 SACEI PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD

The SACEI PERSON OF THE YEAR will be awarded each year, beginning in 2010, to the person who has shown throughout the years through his work or writing:

1. To have fought for Freedom and Human Rights in Vietnam,
2. or to have contributed to Vietnamese-American arts, culture, & education,
3. or to have greatly benefited the cause of the Vietnamese and Vietnamese Americans.

The Award will be presented to the individual and/or organization at the SACEI Annual Meeting.

THE 2010 SACEI PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD (9-25-10)



Dr. Vincent Nguyen, SACEI member and President of the Vietnamese Medical Society of Northeast America, reading the citation about the SACEI MAN OF THE YEAR



Dr. Vincent Nguyen and Professor Robert F. Turner

CITATION

He holds both professional and academic Doctorates from the University of Virginia School of Law. He co-founded the Center for National Security Law in April 1981 and has served as its associate director since then. A veteran of two Army tours in Vietnam, he served as a research associate and public affairs fellow at Stanford's Hoover Institution on War, Revolution and Peace before five years in the mid-1970's as national security adviser to Senator Griffin. He has also served in the executive branch as a member of the Senior Executive Service.

A former three-term chairman of the ABA Standing Committee on Law and National Security, he has taught undergraduate courses at Virginia on international law, U.S. foreign policy, the Vietnam War and foreign policy and the law.

The author or editor of more than fifteen books and monographs and numerous articles in law reviews and professional journals, he has also contributed articles to the major U.S. newspapers.

A former distinguished lecturer at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, he is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the Academy of Political Science, and other professional organizations.

He has been teaching seminars on the war for more than 20 years at UVA.

Please allow me to introduce to you:

The 2010 SACEI MAN OF THE YEAR

Professor Robert F. Turner



THE 2010 SACEI MAN OF THE YEAR
DR. ROBERT TURNER

In recognition of your Outstanding Contributions to Vietnamese
Arts, Culture, and Fight for Human Rights



The Fall of Saigon

September 25, 2010
COURTYARD MARRIOTT, TYSONS CORNER
1960-A Chain Bridge Road
McLean, VA 22102

0900-0910: INTRODUCTION

IDENTITY MODERATOR: RONALD FRANKUM

0910-0930: MAKING AMERICA AT EDEN CENTER JOSEPH WOOD

0930-0950: THE TWO VIETNAMS NGHIA M. VO

APRIL 30 MODERATOR: JOSEPH WOOD

1000-1020: THE FALL OF SAIGON CUOC VAN LE

1020-1040: THE FINAL BATTLE FOR SAIGON ERIK VILLARD

DIASPORA MODERATOR: ERIK VILLARD

1050-1110: OPERATION NEW ARRIVALS ROBERT SILANO

1110-1140: IMAGES OF THE FALL DUNG QUOC TRAN

1140-1200: GUAM AND THE *THUONG TIN* STORY NGHIA M. VO

1215-1245: LUNCH

1245-1345: VIETNAMESE TRADITIONAL MUSIC PHUONG & CHUONG

CAUSES MODERATOR: ROBERT SILANO

1400-1420: WHY VIETNAM? WHY WE LOST? ROBERT TURNER

1420-1440: HOW AMERICANS SHOULD VIEW THE WAR IN VIETNAM
RONALD FRANKUM

1440-1500: THE PEACE MOVEMENT AND THE "LIBERATION" OF SAIGON
ROGER CANFIELD

1500-1530: OPEN DISCUSSION

1530: THE 2010 SACEI MAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

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Dear ARVN Heroes,

You came from all the walks of life,
Farmers, merchants, professionals,
To answer to the call of duty,
To Defend our country against aggression.

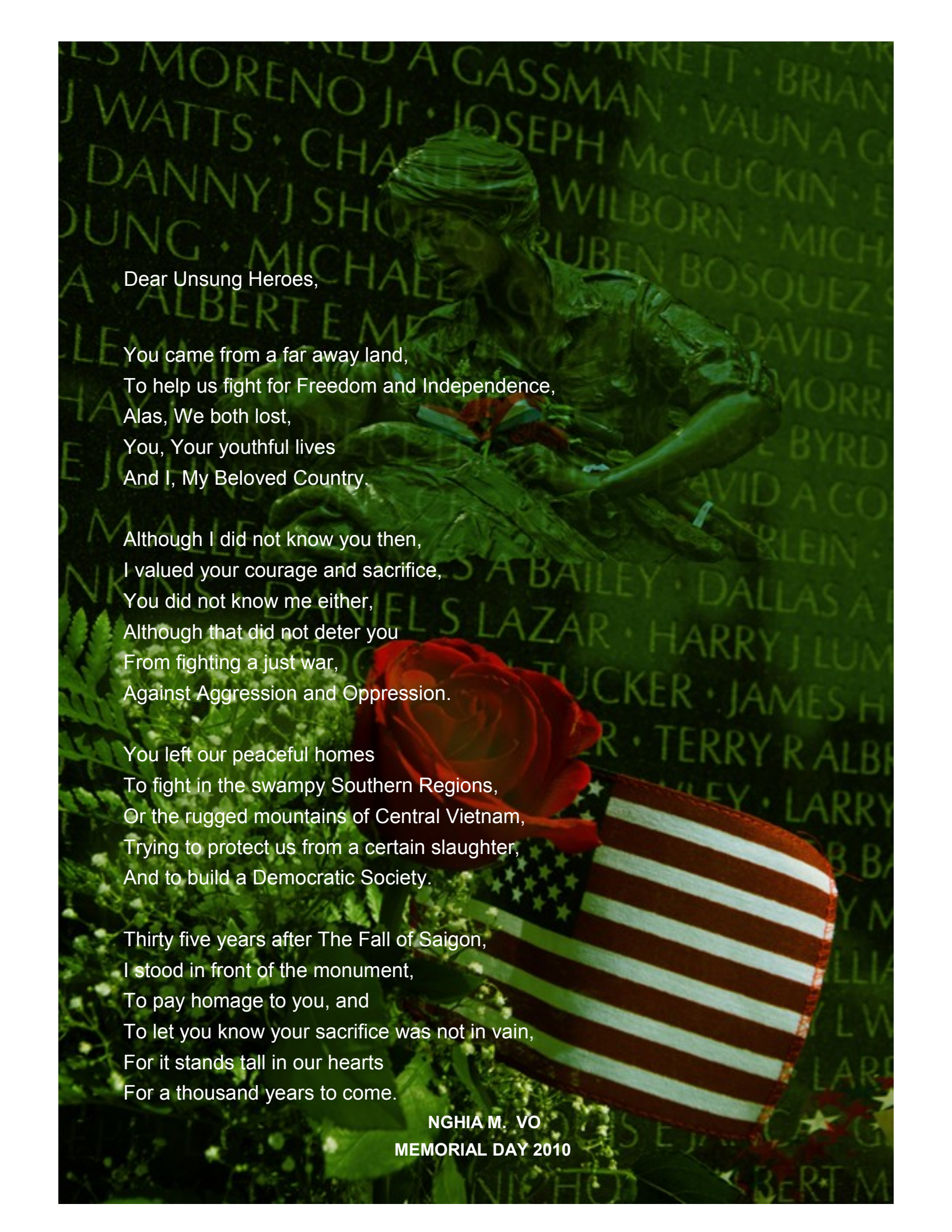
You fought in the mountain and the delta,
You won and lost many battles,
You resisted despite pain and misery,
Rain or shine, day or night.

A bullet tore you apart,
A youthful and promising life cut short
With honor, the nation laid you to rest.
Taking turns, we fought on but lost.
Many ended up in concentration camps,
While others escaped abroad.

Rest in peace, Dear Heroes,
Our Countrymen will continue the fight,
For the cause is not lost
Until the last of us dies.

NGHIA M. VO

MEMORIAL DAY 2010



Dear Unsung Heroes,

You came from a far away land,
To help us fight for Freedom and Independence,
Alas, We both lost,
You, Your youthful lives
And I, My Beloved Country.

Although I did not know you then,
I valued your courage and sacrifice,
You did not know me either,
Although that did not deter you
From fighting a just war,
Against Aggression and Oppression.

You left our peaceful homes
To fight in the swampy Southern Regions,
Or the rugged mountains of Central Vietnam,
Trying to protect us from a certain slaughter,
And to build a Democratic Society.

Thirty five years after The Fall of Saigon,
I stood in front of the monument,
To pay homage to you, and
To let you know your sacrifice was not in vain,
For it stands tall in our hearts
For a thousand years to come.

NGHIA M. VO
MEMORIAL DAY 2010