Inventory of the

VietNow National
Rockford, Illinois

Records

In the

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INTRODUCTION

Rich Sanders, President of VietNow National, donated the organization’s records to the Northern Illinois Regional History Center on August 4, 2000.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT

The VietNow National records date from 1986 to the present and contain an almost complete run of the newsletters published by the organization. The rest of the documents remain at the national headquarters in Rockford, Illinois.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

VietNow is for veterans who served the U.S. Armed Forces from 1957 to the present. The family-based organization includes Vietnam veterans, Gulf War veterans, veterans who were not in a war, parents of veterans, wives and children of veterans, and other people who just care about veterans issues.

Legend has it that in Vietnam, sometime in 1969, two soldiers from Rockford, Illinois met up with each other on a hilltop near Pleiku. They promised each other that if they ever made it back home, they would get together sometime for dinner and to talk over their wartime adventures. Sometime in the early 1980's a group of Vietnam veterans did come together to share their experiences, and talk about what Vietnam had meant to them.

“Veterans Helping Veterans” is VietNow’s motto. The organization’s many causes include keeping the POW/MIA issue alive in the public minds, helping families affected by Agent Orange, and helping the homeless veteran get jobs, get off the street, and get decent food.

[History taken from VietNow National homepage.]
SUBJECT TRACINGS

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