



Veterans Association of Vietnam (VAVN)

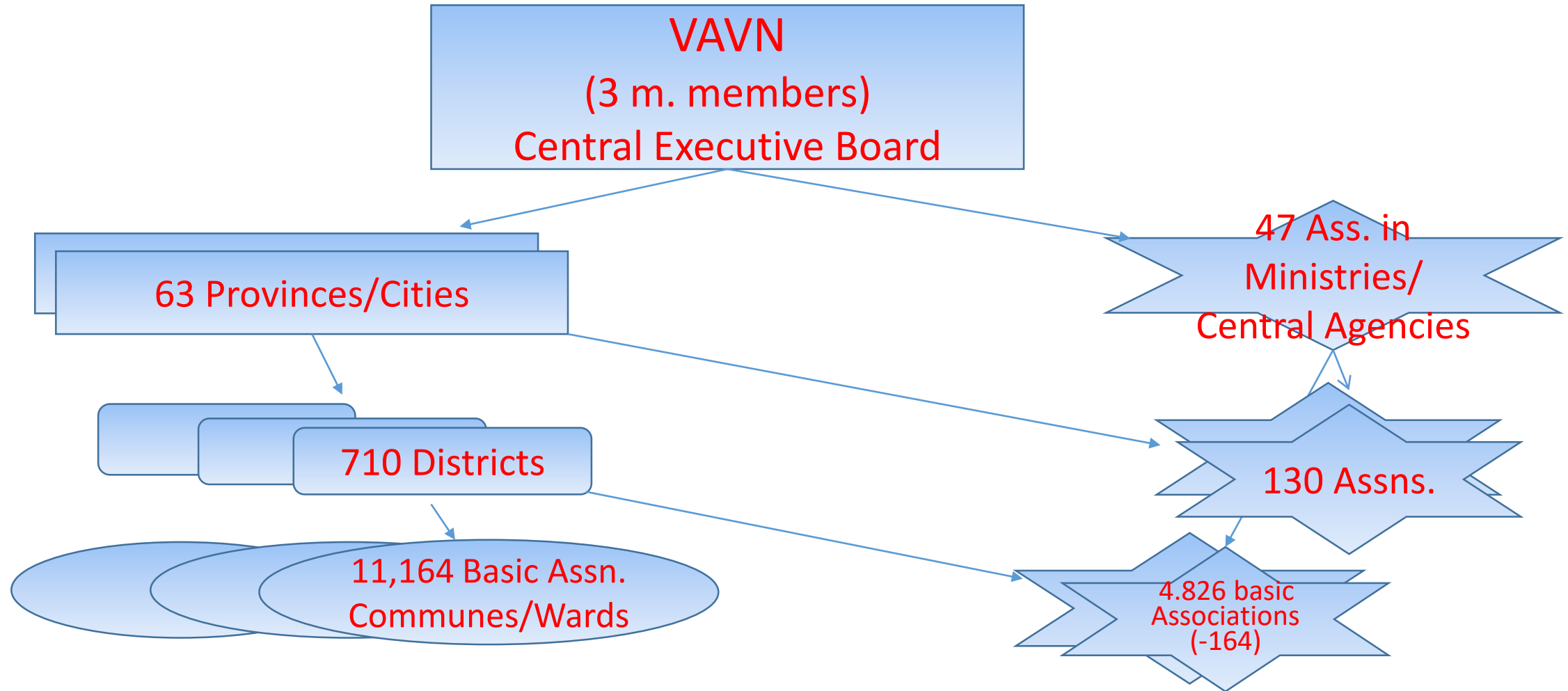
Warmest greetings and best wishes to the Excellency President of
VECONAC, Head of Delegations, Delegates and all Observers
from Sr. Lt. Gen. (ret.) **Nguyen Van Duoc**,
President & Head of Delegation of VAVN

VAVN Achievements in 2018

I. POLITICAL

- VAVN is a socio-political organization, member of the Vietnam Fatherland Front.
- VAVN carries out its tasks comprehensively in all fields:
 - + Contribution to stabilize social & political condition.
 - + Contribution to safeguard of the regime, country & People
 - + Deserved the trust of Administrations & People.

II. Organization structure



Organization structure (cont.)

1. Holding the **6th National Congress of VAVN in Dec. 2017**:

- Attended by: 550 Delegates/Representatives of all 110 Associations of 63 Provinces and 47 Ministries, State Agencies.
- Invited Guestes: Sec. Gen of Party, H.E. Nguyen Phu Trong; then State President Tran Dai Quang, Prime Minister: Nguyen Xuan Phuc, National Assembly: Mrs. Nguyen Thi Kim Ngan Defence Minister Gen. Ngo Xuan Lich, other Ministers
- Foreign Guests: H E. Maj. Gen (Ret.) Somphone Keo Mixay, President of LNVF
H.E. Gen. Kun Kim, Sec. Gen. of Cambodia Veterans Association.

2. Through this Congress to:

- + Review the results in past 5 years
- + Map out next term (2017-2022) direction & tasks
- + Elect new Executive Board, Adjust & revise Rule...etc.

3. These activities were very highly valued by our people and society

Party General Secretary Nguyen Phu Trong delivered speech applauding VAVN's activities and achievements in the past term, saying: Vietnamese veterans have been and for ever been Uncle Ho's Soldiers



Then State President presented
the First Class Labor Medal to VAVN at the 6th VAVN NC.



Gen. Ngo Xuan Lich, Defense Minister's speech:
MOD and Vietnam People's Army consider VAVN's works
as MOD & VPA works



Head of Delegations of CVA & LNVF delivered speeches



Newly elected 6th Executive Central Committee of VAVN



III. Economic Achievements

1. The Veterans movements assist each other to improve their economy and living conditions, strive for sustainable poverty reduction and enrichment in legal framework, actively and effectively participate in local socio-economic development programs.
2. Results in 2018:
Eliminated 5,100 dilapidated houses. Reduced 20,800 poor households. Develop more enterprises (8,700); cooperatives (3,830), farms (74,000) etc. with 604,000 labors.
There's no poor veteran household in 3,332/11,158 (28.97%)
Communes; 108/703 (15.36%) Distr.; 25/63 (39.68%) Provinces

Economic (cont.)

3. Veterans lend each other without or low interest rate or material, fertilizers, seeds...etc. valued USD 3 m.
4. Veterans Set up Business Association of Vietnam Veterans (BAV) in 41 provinces (+8).
5. Help BAV organize 2nd National Congress in August 2018 (2018-2023).
6. Veterans businesses always pay full taxes, protect the environment well and gratitude, Team spirit.
7. Some photos:

Visited a veteran's export garment factory & farm



IV. Participate in coordinated Programs

1. Actively participated in all movements and coordinated programs, campaigns... in localities with projects such as: “The entire people unite to build culture life in residential areas, smart towns”, “Preserve traffic safety and order” etc.
2. Organized training courses on: Environmental protection (255); exploit efficiently loans from the Vietnam Bank for Social Policies (327 classes); Training job for veterans etc.
3. Donations to support funds for disaster prevention or for the poor etc.
4. Summed up 5 year coordination programs with the Defense Ministry, Co-operative Alliance & other Ministries.

Coordinated Programs cont.

5. Signing coordinated Programs with Ministries and Organizations (such as Fatherland Front, the Interior, Justice etc.) on law education, improve the satisfaction index of the people, anti-corruption and social feedback/criticism.

6. Participating in the movement “contribution/donation of initiative, land, work, money...etc.”. In 2018, VAVN donated 1.23 m. of square meters of land, 479000 working-days & VNĐ 437 billion; built and upgraded 1,300 km of rural road; Build and dredge 3,250 km of interior field canals.

7. Some photos:

Signing MOUs with Gov., Ministries & Organizations



Signing MOU with the National Traffic Safety Committee



on Environmental protection, support the poor



V. Protection of legitimate rights and interests of veterans, Ex-servicemen

1. Signing coordinated program with the National 1237 (now 515) Steering Committee on improving the effectiveness of providing information about Martyrs.
2. Held symposiums on building new Veterans Law.
3. Held workshops on legal aid for veterans.
4. Mobilize social support for Veterans and their children.

Results in 2018:

- * Provided 386 information about martyrs' burial sites.
- * Coordinated with local authorities to bring martyrs' remains sets (265) to their home cemetery.
- * Participating in the certification process for 2,650 Vets to enjoy benefiting from the policy.
- * Cooperating with other org. to solve Vets' complaints & denunciations.

V. Protect rights and interests (cont.)

- * Cooperated with BAV and other groups in organizing a program of “The Veterans’ Gratitude Fund”, thereby in 2018, mobilizing VND 65 billion (USD 2.8 mil.) to support veterans facing special difficulty.
- * Built 831 houses (valued VND 49 bil. ~ USD 2.1 mil.) for poor vets.
- * Presented 103,000 gifts (~USD 1.7 mil.) to Vets and 2,385 scholarships for vets’ children.
- * The Vietnam Friendship Village nursed 540 Veterans infected with Agent Orange (rotation 1 month) and 112 disable children of Vets’ (for 2 years each).
- * Help Ex-Servicemen to organize their clubs (36.330 clubs with more than 1.12 million of Ex-servicemen participated).

With National 1237 (515) steering Committee on finding remains of MIA



Training to improve the capacity of staff



VI. The People's Diplomacy

1. Continued being developed in line with national objectives.

- **Signing MOU with LNVF in Dec. 2017.**
- **Sent 2 veterans groups visiting aboard** (except attending VECONAC):

Visit Svedlovsk/Russian and attending Parade in the Victory Day, May 9th, 2018.

- **Holding 17th International Meeting of Friendship Village** in March, attending by representatives from: German, USA, France, Japan, Canada.
- Receiving Foreign Guests (**26 groups with 441 guests**) to exchange experience and improve cooperation, such as:
 - + Lt. Gen. Brian, Vice Commander of US Pacific Command; USA Ambassador.
 - + Maj Gen. Lifeni Make, South African Deputy Secretary General in MOD to exchange views about veteran works.
 - + Veterans groups from: Russian, Chinese, Cuba, Korea, USA, etc.

2. Some photos:

Signing MOU between President Nguyen Van Duoc & LNVF President Somphone KeoMixay, Vientiane, Dec. 2017



Visited Laos in June 2018



Visited Russia in May 2018



Hold 17th International Meeting of Vietnam Friendship Village in Ha Noi, 3/2018 attended by German, US, French, Japan, Canada



Receiving Lt.Gen. Brian, Vice Commander of US PACOM, HaNoi, May 2018



Receiving USA Ambassador D. Kritenbrink, Ha Noi, Oct. 2018



Receiving Vet. from Russian, Ha Noi, 4/2018



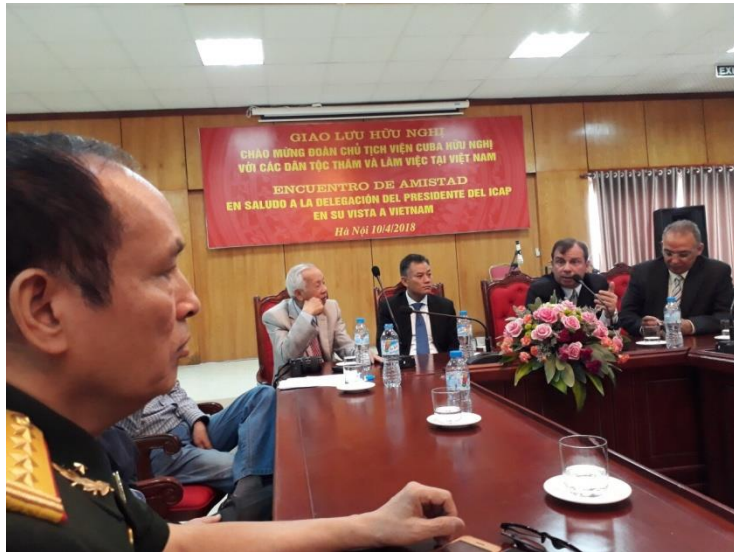
and Veterans from Russia, Sept. 2018



Receiving Chinese Vets. in Hanoi, Feb. Mar. Oct.18



With Cuban Veterans, Ha Noi, 3.2018



Working with South African Veterans, 4/2018



Next year 2019

- Celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the founding of the VAVN (06 Dec. 1989 – 06 Dec. 2019) and summing up 5 year patriotic emulation movement of VAVN (2014-2019) in all 4 levels.
- Making preparation to ready to organize 20th GA. VECONAC (Dec. 2020).
- Celebrating the 75th Day of founding of the Vietnam People's Army.

Conclusion

- Overall, VAVN has successfully fulfilled its objectives and tasks of the year 2018.
- Please accept our best wishes of success to this 18th G.A. of VECONAC
- and best wishes of good health, happiness and prosperity to you all.

Thank you for your kind attention

