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GAMEWARDENS OF VIETNAM ASSOCIATION
P. O. Box 5523
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23455

November 1968

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

First of all, I would like to apologize for the lateness of the first newsletter. As many of you know the Operation Gamewarden Veterans of the Vietnam War held its first reunion in Norfolk, Virginia, on August 24th, 1968, in the West Ball Room of the Golden Triangle Motor Hotel.

The participants in the first reunion were very enthusiastic and the reunion was a resounding success. Veterans and their wives and friends were represented from many parts of the United States, including California, Florida, Pennsylvania, and various other states. The participants enjoyed a delicious dinner and danced to the wonderful music of the orchestra from the Navy School of Music at Little Creek. Many familiar faces were recognized and broken acquaintances resumed.

Captain B. B. Witham, Jr., our first CTF 116, presently serving as Assistant Chief of Staff for Administration, COMPHIBLANT, presided at the business meeting of the first reunion and presented everyone with a plaque that marked the organization's first reunion. The 28 veterans present elected the following body of officers to hold these posts until the next reunion:

President:	LCDR Edward L. Schneider, USN
Vice President(East Coast):	SMC Glen A. Braden, USN
Vice President(West Coast):	LCDR R. R. Cosgrove, USN(Ret)
Secretary/Treasurer:	YN1 John C. Williams, USN
Board Member:	CAPT B. B. Witham, Jr., USN
Board Member:	LTJG Richard Marcinko, USN
Board Member:	CWO2 William E. Gambrell, USN
Board Member:	WO-1 John Lewis, USA (Ex QM1)

Other items of business discussed and approved by the organization were to establish the organization's constitution and by-laws and to take necessary steps to incorporate the organization as "Gamewardens of Vietnam Association, Incorporated" under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The annual dues for gamewarden's membership covering periods 1 July through 30 June of the following year were set at \$2.00. The annual dues for associate membership for the same period for Naval Support Activity personnel were set at \$1.50.

The purposes of the organization were discussed and the following objectives were approved:

a. Perpetuate the name of the Naval Task Force in Vietnam known as "Operation Gamewarden."

b. Continue those friendships commenced in Vietnam by those personnel who served in Task Force 116 (Operation Gamewarden).

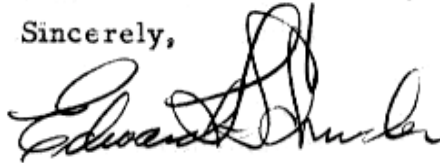
c. Foster the security of our Nation by supporting all measures calculated to strengthen the Armed Forces of the United States and to support the Constitution of the United States of America.

d. Reverse the memory of our shipmates who sacrificed their lives in Vietnam.

Last but not least, agreement was made to shoot for a World-Wide Reunion in 1971. In this regard, I will appoint a committee in the near future. Any veterans or wives interested in serving on this committee should write to me as soon as possible.

That is about all the news available at this time so I'll be closing for now but before I do, I would like to express to all of you my sincere appreciation for electing me as President. I will hold this office with great pride and try in every way to make this organization the success it deserves. I would also like to express my appreciation to Captain Witham, LT Clifton and YN1 Williams and all the persons that worked so hard to make our first reunion a success.

Sincerely,



EDWARD L. SCHNEIDER

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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Receipts:

Reunion:	\$418.45	
Memberships (12):	\$24.00	
	<u>\$442.45</u>	\$442.45

Expenses: (Reunion)

	<u>\$389.88</u>	
BALANCE:		\$52.57

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

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LCDR H. R. BRENNEMAN, USN	LTJG Richard MARCINKO, USN
LT C. J. CLIFTON, USN	CDR John R. MILLER, Jr., USN
LCDR Richard H. COUPE, USN	LT H. J. RHINEBOLT, USN
BMC Grant E. FUQUA, USN	LCDR Edward L. SCHNEIDER, USN
CWO2 William E. GAMBRELL, USN	LT Fernley R. WAGNER, Jr., USN
BMC Paul A. KILLEEN, USN	CAPT B. B. WITHAM, Jr., USN

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Do it now before you forget. Send in your Annual Membership Dues. We need your support. Only \$2.00 for members or \$1.50 associate members. An attractive certificate of membership, suitable for framing, will be forwarded to you when available. If you know of any former veterans of Gamewarden in your area, pass the word.

FILL IN -- TEAR OFF-- MAIL IN WITH MEMBERSHIP DUES

NAME: _____ RANK: _____
ADDRESS: _____

NOW ATTACHED TO: _____

UNIT SERVED WITH IN VIETNAM: _____

DATES SERVED IN VIETNAM: _____ TO _____

MEDALS EARNED: _____

CHECK ONE: Membership (\$2.00)

Associate Membership (\$1.50)

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