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REMARKS

Enclosed is the information you requested on
the National Association of Concerned Veterans.) *file*

Their membership figure is almost certainly
less than two or three hundred.

In addition, the National Veterans Law Center,
with whom they are closely allied, is funded
through the ACLU, with the main goal of
eliminating the Military Discharge system (every-
body gets an Honorable Discharge regardless of
Service record).

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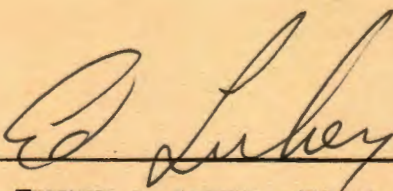
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SUBJ: National Association of Concerned Veterans

As requested, here is a brief report on NACV. We seem to have fairly limited information on the group.

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FROM


EDWARD J. LUKEY (022A)
Deputy Assistant General Counsel

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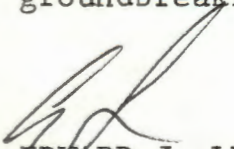
THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
CONCERNED VETERANS (NACV)

This organization was formed in the late 1960's, originally as the National Association of Campus Veterans. It has always been an activist Vietnam Era veterans' group. Former officers included Jim Mayer, who worked as an assistant to Administrators Roudebush and Cleland, and Tim Craig, assistant to former General Counsel McMichael. The group has provided recent information for the 1981-1982 Directory of Veterans Service Organizations prepared by the Administrator's office (copy attached). The group has never, according to our file sought VA recognition. Its most consistent interest from our correspondence files appears to have been education benefits.

It is not possible to verify the claimed figure of 15,000 members.

It also has a close working relationship with the National Veterans Law Center (NVLC) of Washington, D.C., a "public interest law clinic" concentrating on veterans' affairs and military discharge upgrading. We have seen frequent correspondence, and some lawsuits, by the NVLC ^{normally} ~~normally~~ on behalf of NACV, but we suspect that NVLC instigates much of this activity. NVLC's purpose is apparently to portray itself as counsel, rather than as a policy-making entity.

As a matter of general interest, Jeff Carey, current Legislative Liaison for NACV, participated in the Vietnam Veterans Memorial groundbreaking ceremonies.



EDWARD J. LUKEY

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Past President

PUBLICATION: The NACV New Vet News
Ms. Francis Dalton, Editor

MEMBERSHIP: Members - 15,000

ORGANIZATION DATE: Founded - 1968

CONVENTION INFORMATION: National Convention
June 17-20, 1982
Southern Connecticut State College
New Haven, Connecticut

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National Association of Concerned Veterans

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April 2, 1981

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Reagan:

I am writing to you to express my concerns about the proposed budget cuts, specifically as they affect Vietnam veterans. As we all are aware, the Vietnam War and its effects on the men and women who served as well as our nation have never truly been addressed. It is only in the past two years that programs (minimal in nature) have finally come about to provide Vietnam veterans realistic counseling and employment assistance, and we still have no answers while our ex-servicemembers are ill and dying from exposure to incredibly toxic chemicals and pharmaceuticals (Agent Orange, Dapsone, etc.).

I believe we are living a national disgrace that will continue to fester and plague us as a nation as long as we continue to deny the truth and deny our responsibility to confront the issues and needs of those who sacrificed their time, bodies and lives for America.

Through our refusal as a nation to face up to our Vietnam experience, we dishonor the lives and families of the 109,000 men and women killed during the war; as well as the almost 10 million returned veterans, many of which still suffer from festering wounds, both psychological and physical.

We have been told that everyone must share the burden of sacrifice to balance the budget; however, I must point out that Vietnam veterans (more than any other group of Americans) began their sacrificing on behalf of America more than 15 years ago and since that time have suffered disproportionately because of government inaction and because of the unwillingness of we, the American people, to assist in the transition and share the responsibility for that war.

Vietnam veterans are not being asked to sacrifice their share; but rather, once again, are arbitrarily targeted for destruction. Every program to assist them is being eliminated; every small effort (irregardless of its cost and human effectiveness) is proposed to be

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eliminated (see enclosed sheet), and the cuts go deeper than that. As we begin cutting away employees at Veterans Administration Regional Offices and hospitals and in employment and counseling programs, those most likely to be cut are Vietnam veterans working there because they have less seniority due to their military experience. This compounds the problem for the Vietnam veterans because the vast majority of Vietnam veterans who do seek assistance feel they receive the best and most effective help from a fellow Vietnam veteran.

As painful as Vietnam might be to us as a nation and a people, it is better to finally address and exorcise that pain with honest discussion and meaningful assistance than to, once again, turn our backs and continue to live the lies of Vietnam and its aftermath.

Sincerely,



William D. Elmore, President
National Association of Concerned Veterans

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ELIMINATE: Veterans Cost of Instruction Program (V.C.I.P.). Funding for Veterans Offices on Campuses to provide outreach, recruitment, counseling, work-study, tutorial assistance, financial aid, career guidance, and Veterans Administration paperwork processing.

ELIMINATE: Targeted Technical Assistance Program (T.T.A.). Department of Labor asked Veteran Community Based Organization to help other CETA Prime Sponsors to develop mandated programs to assist disabled and Vietnam Era veterans. Also, a clearinghouse of successful programs to support the program.

ELIMINATE: "Vet Centers" -- The Veteran Administration's Outreach Program to find, encourage and assist Vietnam Era veterans and their families in adjustment, counseling, and post-traumatic stress disorders (estimates are that 700,000 will need help by 1985). From April 1, 1980 through December 31, 1980, 39,000 veterans received services with 48% requesting help with jobs.

ELIMINATE: Incarcerated Veterans Project. Approximately 20 self-help programs assisting incarcerated and ex-offender veterans with counseling, discharge review, etc. (Approx. 30% of United States prison population is Vietnam Era veterans.)

ELIMINATE: White House Outreach Programs, Multi-service Programs in major cities: Detroit, Seattle, Baltimore, Minneapolis, Los Angeles, New York, Newark, etc.

ELIMINATE: Disabled Veterans Outreach Program (D.V.O.P.) and Employment Service program for disabled and Vietnam Era veterans lacks funding to operate now and will be functionally eliminated by 1983.

Additional cuts proposed that will affect all veterans include:

ELIMINATE: Legal Services Corporation, providing discharge review and other services for indigent and rural veterans across the nation. (There is an April 1 application deadline for some 2 million veterans.)

ELIMINATE: Ex-service member unemployment compensation. A person who honorably finishes their first term in the military and declines offer to re-enlist then loses their eligibility for Unemployment Insurance.

ELIMINATE: Vital Veterans Administration Medical Research.

ELIMINATE: Special Programs (i.e., kidney dialysis services)

ELIMINATE: 20,000 employees out of the Veterans Administration Department of Medicine and Surgery by 1986.

ELIMINATE: 3,200 employees from the Veterans Administration Department of Veterans Benefits by 1983.

ELIMINATE: 2 Veterans Administration Hospitals.

The total cost of Vietnam Veterans Programs is less than \$70 million a year or 1/100 of 1% of the total U.S. Budget.