

# VVA 311 FRIENDLY FIRE

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Chapter 311, Vietnam Veterans of America was formed in late 1986. Our purpose in forming this organization was to provide the camaraderie that we felt in the Chicago parade to local Vietnam veterans and to become part of a national organization whose goals meet our special needs. Chapter 311 continues to meet the needs and wants of our veterans and have continued to keep the family spirit we all experience with our "brothers and sisters" in Vietnam. Today we work together to provide help for veterans, our communities and our families. We provide services to the community, and help for all veterans and many family social events.

## VVA Meeting

At the 19 May meeting we were honored to have Duong Mong Oanh & Hoang Bieu speak to us about their escape from South Vietnam and their settlement in the United States. They are both very active in the Vietnamese community here in Chicago and are involved in the Vietnam Memorial Project on Argyle Street in Uptown.



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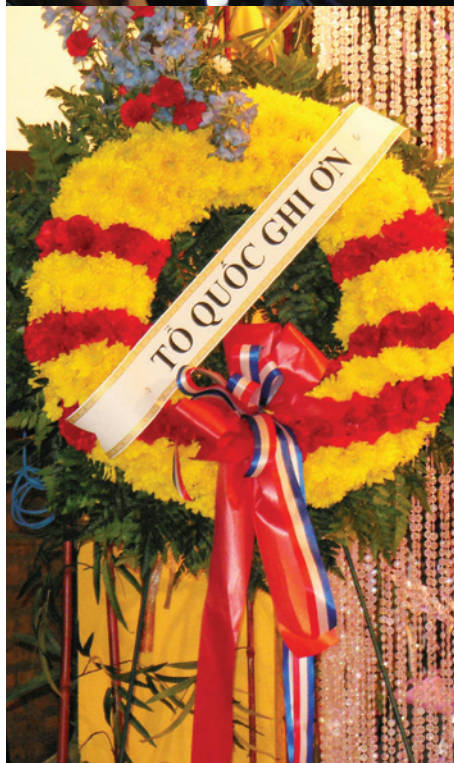
## 41st Anniversary of the Fall of Saigon

The Vietnamese Seniors Association of Illinois, the Vietnamese Seniors Association of Du Page, the Vietnamese Association of Illinois, the Hue-Quang Tri Mutual Aid Association of Illinois, the Vietnamese American Businesses Association of Illinois, the Vietnamese Navy Midwest Association, the Vietnamese Veterans Association of Illinois and Chicago Forum Magazine held a ceremony at the Viet Bowl Restaurant commemorating the 41st Anniversary of the fall of Saigon on March 24th 2016.

All members of Chapter 311 were invited to attend. Jack McCabe was there representing our Chapter. There was an excellent turn out at this annual event. American veterans, Vietnamese veterans, local politicians and members of the Vietnamese community were in attendance. There as an excellent turn out.

Roy L. Dolgos, former Director of Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs, 46th Ward Alderman James Cappleman and Dr Hoang Hien, former President of the VAI Board of Directors spoke at the event.

Lunch was served followed by karaoke after the ceremony.







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## Uptown Memorial Update

Chicago- The Vietnamese-American community with the active participation of VVA311 continues to move closer to a Vietnam War memorial in Uptown. Erecting a memorial on Argyle has been a big priority with the Vietnamese Veterans Association of Illinois for many years. As VVA 311 liaison, I first contacted the then alderman's office back in 2010. It was already an old proposal back then! The good news is that the current 48th Ward Alderman Harry Osterman, has followed up with us and is working on including the memorial with the Argyle street improvements currently underway. We are cautiously optimistic to get this done soon. The picture from our last meeting includes Vietnamese Veteran Dung Nguyen, Ald. Osterman, VVA311 News Editor Jack McCabe, Vietnamese community leader, Mong Duong and other committee members.



## Newsletter Editor for Chapter 311 needed

Jack McCabe is stepping down as editor of the Chapter 311 Newsletter. Jack has been working on our Newsletter since April of 2014. He is moving to North Carolina in a few months and has to give up these duties. A volunteer is needed.

\*footnote Special thanks to the couple of years I've worked with jack for all his work on the difficult job as editor from the chapter graphic artist.



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