



# COUNTERPARTS

Túóng Hũu Đông Nam Á\*

**COUNTERPARTS/THDNA** is a Veterans' Association of US Military and Civilian Advisors who served in the Second Indochina War, and their indigenous Counterparts.

**ADVISORS** -- Served with Vietnamese military and civilian units throughout Vietnam, in cities in remote hamlets, in the countryside and on the water, living and fighting at the side of their Vietnamese counterparts from 1954 to 1973.

**ADVISORS** -- Were The **first** Americans to fight in Vietnam and the **last** to leave.

**ADVISORS** -- Were awarded the **first** Congressional Medal of Honor given in Vietnam (Captain Roger Donlon, US Army, 6 July 1964) and the **last** (Petty Officer Michael Thornton, US Navy, 30 October, 1972).

**COUNTERPARTS/THDNA--Who We Are**

## Membership

Military, civilian Advisors and Counterparts. Members from US, Vietnam, Laos, Thailand, Australia, Canada, France.

## Purposes

- Study, Analyze, Record and Preserve the history and promote appreciation and understanding of the Advisory Effort.
- Promote Comradeship among former Advisors and Counterparts.
- Assist former comrades-in-arms and allies in the US and SEA, especially former comrades of the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces (RVNAF), and Montagnard and Lao/Hmong fighters
- Commemorate the service and sacrifices of American Advisors and their Vietnamese and Lao/Hmong Counterparts

## Continuing Initiatives

A Locator Service: We assist former Advisors and their Counterparts, and the families of former Advisors and their Counterparts in locating one another and renewing contacts.

The "Counterparts Scholar": We provide full funding support for a college/graduate level student from the Montagnard refugee community in Cambodia in cooperation with Cambodia Corps, Inc. and support other orphanages and humanitarian aid programs in Vietnam.

SITREP: The COUNTERPARTS newsletter provides a forum for discussion and analysis of the Advisory effort, and encourages written accounts of members' Advisory experiences and lessons learned, Reports on current events in Southeast Asia.

The Advisor Symposium: In 2009 we developed a program which a COUNTERPARTS team presented at Ft. Benning, GA to US Army Advisors en route to Iraq and Afghanistan. Five former Advisors and one former Vietnamese Army Officer discussed their experiences and lessons learned.

Lao/Hmong Memorial: COUNTERPARTS sponsors a living Memorial Tree and Plaque in Arlington National Cemetery honoring Lao/Hmong veterans and their American Advisors (<http://www.arlingtoncemetery.net/laosmem.htm>)



American Advisor and Vietnamese Counterpart  
Vietnam/American Monument  
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