

## VVAG - VIETNAM VETERANS ACTION GROUP



From the Desk of the Secretary/Treasurer

15<sup>th</sup> October 2008

**The membership for VVAG is now closed effective immediately.**

I take this opportunity on behalf of the Executive of VVAG to thank all the people who took the time to register with VVAG.

This for everyone whom I may not have personal contact with either by email or telephone. I have endeavoured to contact most of you that I have contact details of. I apologise if you feel that you have left been out but I personally do not have all the contact details.

The data base which the Ian Barnes & Freda Moffit are accumulating will be a paramount base for the proposed Class Action. This will be updated with all the latest registrations. This gives VVAG a decent base of honest statistics to help reinforce our claim for compensation.

*As soon as I have received from Counsel the written result of their investigation and their recommendations for the best way to proceed including the costs I will advise the membership of the decision and ask for ratification to proceed to the next step.*

For those of you that are sitting on the fence or have not bothered to register I am very surprised at your continuing attitude with the given situation. After putting up with 40 years of being treated like 3<sup>rd</sup> class citizens by not only the NZ Government but the public as well and losing a colleague now on a weekly basis it clearly shows to me that you have been brainwashed to accept this situation. What have you all done about helping the widows/families and members and your future generations that are and will be affected?? With only about 2% getting any significant help from the MOU/Trust this is the reason why VVAG was formed to fight the injustices and the discrimination put on to us by the Government/RNZRSA and the EVSA. All perpetrators of the "Failure of Duty of Care" will be exposed. The recent British High Court judgement states clearly that the Army has a covenant of "Duty of Care" for the life of the soldier. We are under British Law and thus the "August Bodies have "Failed in their Duty of Care" for all Veterans. Too many of us are being discriminated against. All forms of cancer in the Vietnam Veteran can be traced back to the Toxic environment which served in whilst in Vietnam. Cancer has proven to be a major cause of death in the Vietnam Veteran community all cancers including those of the blood/kidneys/lungs/heart and bowel should be treated the same. This is only one of the many issues that need to be addressed.

Bruce Weir Secretary VVAG