

# VECONAC

**VETERANS CONFEDERATION OF ASEAN COUNTRIES**



VIETNAM



BRUNEI DARUSSALAM



THAILAND



CAMBODIA



SINGAPORE



INDONESIA



PHILIPPINES



MALAYSIA

PROCEEDINGS  
**24<sup>TH</sup> EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**  
DISCOVERY KARTIKA PLAZA HOTEL,  
KUTA, BALI  
25 – 27 SEPTEMBER 2011







**24<sup>TH</sup> VECONAC**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

**25-27 SEPTEMBER 2011**

**REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS**



# AIMS

The aims of VECONAC are:

**Section 1 :** The Confederation shall have the following objectives :

To promote and improve the quality of life and evaluate fully the influence of aging and the effects of war on the health and social conditions of war victims (disabled by war).

To promote better understanding among people in order to intensify cooperation in the endeavors to attain prosperity, social justice and peace.

To promote a better universal understanding of the aspirations, sentiments, appreciation and interests of the countries of this region.

**Section 2 :** The Confederation shall initiate and / or undertake the following activities :

To safeguard the legitimate pursuit of the common interests by war veterans and war victims (disabled) within the lawfully recognized national veterans association as member of the Confederation and in harmony with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

To promote the exchange of veterans and war victims (disabled) in the region by arranging development program, seminars, distribution of information and technical knowledge and such other activities that may be useful and beneficial to the members of the Confederation.

**Section 3 :** The Confederation shall likewise encourage the involvement of the national leaders of the respective countries, to safeguard the respect for and the promotion of the rights of the individual to life, liberty and personal security.



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# **RECORDS OF PROCEEDINGS**



## **Record of Proceedings**

### **Place and Time**

1. The 24<sup>th</sup> VECONAC Executive Board Meeting was held at Discovery Kartika Plaza Hotel Kuta, Bali from 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

### **Attendance**

2. There are 57 delegates and observers from 8 member countries including Laos and Myanmar as follows : (Details Attached as Annex A)
  - a. VECONAC Officials 4 delegates lead by Lt.Gen. Ret Rais Abin, VECONAC President.
  - b. Ex-Soldiers Association of Brunei Darussalam (ESAB) with 3 delegates lead by Maj.Gen (Retd) Pehin Dato' Hj Shari bin Ahmad, Vice President of ESAB.
  - c. Cambodia Veteran Association (CVA) represented by H.E. Keo Borent, Deputy Secretary General CVA.
  - d. Veterans Legion of the Republic of Indonesia (LVRI) consist of 5 delegates lead by VADM (Ret) Gatot Suwardi.
  - e. Ex Services Association of Malaysia with 3 delegates and 18 observers lead by Dato' Muhammad Abd Ghani, President ESAM.
  - f. Veterans Federation of the Philippines (VFP) with 4 delegates lead by Lt.Gen. Ernesto G. Carolina AFP (Ret), Administrator from Department of National Defense.
  - g. Singapore Armed Forces Veterans Leagues (SAFVL) with 2 delegates lead by SAFVL new President BG (VOL) Winston Toh Bee Chew.
  - h. War Veterans Organization of Thailand (WVOT) 3 delegates lead by Lt. General Noppadon Kungamut, Deputy Director General of War Veterans of Thailand.
  - i. Veterans Association of Vietnam (VAVN) 3 delegates lead by Lt General Tran Hanh, President of VAVN.
  - j. Lao National Veterans Federation (LNVF) 3 observers lead by its President, Brig. Gen. Somphone KEOMIXAY.
  - k. Myanmar War Veterans Organization (MWVO) 2 observers lead by Col. Myo Win

## **Agenda**

### **3. The agenda of the meeting were as follows:**

- a. Official Opening Session by Hon. Governor of Bali
- b. Roll Call of Delegates
- c. Adoption of Agenda/Program
- d. Confirmation of Report of 13<sup>th</sup> VECONAC General Assembly
- e. Matters Arising.
- f. Report by Secretary General
- g. Report by Treasurer General
- h. Country Reports
- i. Drafts Resolution.
- j. Tour/Orientation
- k. Date and place 14<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, to be hosted by Malaysia in 2012
- j. Closing of 24<sup>th</sup> VECONAC Executive Meeting.

### **Day-1 : 26<sup>th</sup> September 2011**

#### **4. Preliminary Meeting** of the 24<sup>th</sup> VECONAC Executive Board Meeting at a specific area of Kharisma Ballroom.

- a. At 07.00 President VECONAC Lt.Gen. (Ret) Rais Abin opened the Preliminary Meeting.
- b. Roll call of the Delegate was conducted by Secretary General. The list of delegates and observers by countries who attended this executive board meeting is attached as Annex A.
- c. According to the Constitution, the Quorum is achieved for the Board to proceed with the Agenda and Programs of the meeting.
- d. Secretary General went through the amended agenda and programs, followed by the adoption of the agenda and programs by the Heads of Delegates.

#### **5. Opening Ceremony**

- a. All delegates assembled at the Kharisma Ballroom by 08.45 hours. (A video clip on ASEAN was screened).



- b. The Executive Board Meeting was honored with the presence of Governor of Bali to officially open the Executive Board Meeting.
- c. Balinese welcome dance was performed.
- d. A one minute silence was observed in remembrance of the fallen comrades.
- e. Video clip “Welcome Indonesia/Bali” was shown
- f. Lt. Gen. (Ret) Rais Abin, President of VECONAC delivered his welcome address (Attached as Annex B).
- g. The Hon. Made Mangku Pastika Governor of Bali delivered his address and officially opened the 24<sup>th</sup> VECONAC Executive Board Meeting followed by striking the Gong. (Attached as Annex C)
- h. An official Group Photo taking session was organized followed by a standing reception.

**Plenary Session I** opened at 11.00 hours at Shinta Room.

- 6. Confirmation of Report of 13<sup>th</sup> VECONAC General Assembly.  
The 13<sup>th</sup> General Assembly Report (Proceedings) was confirmed and accepted.

- 7. Matters arising:

- a. STATUS OF VECONAC VICE PRESIDENT

General Assembly decisions are stated through a VECONAC Joint Communiqué which includes the appointments of VECONAC Vice-Presidents. It is noted that a number of appointed Vice-Presidents are merely the heads of the delegations attending and not the Chief Executive (President/Chairman) of the Veterans Organization they represent.

The issue arises of who should be invited to a VECONAC meeting: the appointed Vice President or the Chief Executive of the VECONAC member organization? Seniority problems could arise if both are attending.

The Executive Board agreed to solve the matter by any head of delegate to the next GA to carry a letter of authority, if they are not the CEO/Chairman of their Veterans Organization.

- b. MWVO application.

MWVO application for VECONAC membership had been unanimously accepted and warmly welcomed. (MWVO application letter attached as Annex H)

8. Secretary General reports – Annex D
9. Treasurer General reports – Annex E

**Plenary session II** opened at 13.00 hours at Shinta Room.

10. Each of the Heads of Delegation delivered their Country Report, (Detail Report attached as Annex F).

**The summary of the country reports are as follows:**

**a. BRUNEI**

ESAB objective to move forward notably in the area of wellbeing and caring to their members, e.g. gave wheel chairs in effort to assist their mobility and comfort.

ESAB were given the honor and privilege to take part in Armed Forces anniversary day by joining the contingents in march-pass.

There are significant number of ESAB retirees and members affected by 3 top killer diseases particularly in Brunei – diabetes, heart attack, high blood pressure and cancer. To accomplished the objective for giving a comfortable home, numerous family members whom having home in a sorrow state been repaired.

ESAB has invested (US \$ 2000) in VECONAC through the Philippines Veterans Federation some years ago (2003) and has asked the progress in the last General Assembly (13<sup>th</sup> GA) and would like to know its outcome at this juncture.

**b. CAMBODIA**

The CVA strongly supports the application of Myanmar membership to be in VECONAC and hope that it will contribute to strengthening of friendships and cooperation between the veterans of ASEAN countries.

The CVA structure has already extended in order other members can apply for membership of the CVA.

The Permanent Board has developed the Statute of the Death Relief Fund and that of the Loan Credit Fund of the CVA to help the families of the deceased veterans and those families in need of credits for making their living.

Even though the national economy has still met some difficulty, veteran pension has increase by 195% and veteran Development Centers have been created to help landless veterans mainly with agricultural production.

**c. INDONESIA**

The main issues at the Veterans Legion of the Republic of Indonesia or **LVRI** (abbreviation in Indonesian) Interim Working Assembly in 2010 are to solidify the organization by regeneration at all levels. The Assembly also discussed how to improve member's rights for medical treatment and family allowance.

Minister of Defense has established a Directorate of Veterans in order to enhance solving Veterans problems (e.g. Revising the Veterans Act No.7/1967).

LVRI veterans are now enjoying 75% discount of property tax, 30% fare discount by State owned transportation Agencies, improves health care benefits for veterans and their families in the Government Hospital.

LVRI organized WVF International Day of Peace event in Surabaya (September 2010) attended by more 1000 veterans, military personnel, cadets, students and supporters.

The main task of the current LVRI Chairman as the VECONAC President is trying to persuade Laos and Myanmar joining as permanent members and preparing the 14<sup>th</sup> General Assembly. On the capacity as the VECONAC President, Lt Gen Ret Rais Abin met the ESAM Deputy President who visited LVRI in Jakarta on 26-28 April 2011 to coordinate the hosting on the next 14<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.

**d. MALAYSIA**

ESAM has successfully organized gigantic gathering with Prime Minister on the 10 October 2010. More than 20.000 of able and disable members have attended. In this event the Prime Minister had announced that the Burial Aid was increase from RM 500-00 to 3,000-00 for all ex-services, RM 500-00 to RM 1, 500-00 for the wife and RM 300-00 to RM 1, 500-00 for children below 18 years old.

With the help from Defense Minister ESAM had successfully collected more than RM 6,000,000-00 during our Rayuan Hari Pahlawan (Poppy Day campaign). The collection supports the under-privilege members and families.

ESAM will at all time subscribe and support all the decisions and resolutions made by the VECONAC's General Assembly and its Executive Board Meeting. ESAM priorities are solidarity and cooperation since that would bring stability and peaceful environment in the region.

**e. PHILIPPINES**

Veterans of the Republic of the Philippines enjoy the benefits and facilities as follows:

**FILIPINO VETERANS EQUITY COMPENSATION (FVEC).** These benefits came from the United States of America giving World War II Veterans a

lump sum payment of \$15,000.00 to eligible veterans with US citizenship and \$9,000.00 to eligible non-US citizen veterans.

Disabled veterans in line of duty are hospitalized and paid disability pension by the Philippine Veterans Affairs Office (PVAO).

Veterans receive old age pension upon reaching age 65 and his family is paid death Benefit upon the death of the veteran by the Philippine Veterans Affairs Office (PVAO).

TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE DISABILITY (TAD) PENSION. TAD is paid World War II Veterans by the Philippines Veterans Affairs Office (PVAO) upon reaching 70.

PENSION OF SURVIVING SPOUSE. The law provides that the surviving spouse of deceased veterans shall receive a pension veterans receive.

PHILHEALTH BENEFIT. The program provides free health insurance to World War Veterans and their families.

FILIPINO WAR VETERANS FOUNDATION (FILVETS), INC. FILVETS play a significant role in ensuring that war veterans are afforded the privilege a dignified and decent way of life. FILVETS is established to maintain and make available service and assistance to veterans, medical, health, socio economic and related services.

PHILIPPINE VETERANS BANK. The Philippine Veteran Bank, whose share holders are exclusively World War II Veterans, is an advocate of modern day heroes who strive to make a difference in the lives of their fellowmen.

#### **f. SINGAPORE**

The objective of the SAFVL is to foster a close link between the active and the ex-regular of the Singapore Armed Forces. It also has the duty to foster patriotism of ex-servicemen to the country and support the concept of Total Defense.

The SAFVL has achieved much in the last 20 years. The members also involved in the Schools' National Education programs and they conduct battlefield to tours for our NCC.

The SAFVL regularly organized social events for bring the members together to foster closer relationship. They regularly invited for SAF and state function. They also provide welfare support to our needy members.

#### **g. THAILAND**

Over the past 60 year WVOT has given assistance to war veterans and their families (2,5 million veterans) on welfare assistance, vocational assistance, agriculture services, credits of loan, medical assistance and promotion of rights and privileges.

The vocational training focuses on local knowledge and community unique by promoting occupation that meets the war veteran's requirement so that they can adjust to the community life.

It is also help to upgrade the quality of life of the veterans and their families including to build vocational network as a work innovation as well as help create cooperation among each other on the theme of "friend help friends".

The veteran's general hospital was fulfilled by the harmonious and preserves collaboration of the doctors, nurses, and employees. The veterans and their families received the benefits from this hospital.

The WVOT strongly determined to develop aid and assistance to war veterans and their families in order to upgrade their quality of life and better living.

#### **h. VIETNAM**

VAVN's organizations constantly grow in both quantity and quality (over 2.5 million members). There are nearly 30.000 clubs of liaison offices with more than one million ex-servicemen attendance.

The VAVN is going in the social-politics of the country and always support the education of the young generation to improve their patriotism, actively study and work hard to build and defense the country.

To improve better economy many localities and veteran businessmen have been making innovations and creations for increasing economic efficiency-9,000 dilapidated housed, reduced more than 7000 poor households (60% of veterans families alleviated from poor to become well-off).

The VAVN's international relations have been continuously growing both in width and depth in associate with the neighboring countries. The Viet Nam Friendship Village in Hanoi still thrives and operates effectively. At present the VAVN is in cooperation with the Vietnam Union Friendship Organizations preparing Vietnam-US Veterans Business Forum for the first time (scheduled in November 2011).

In order to maintain stability and peaceful environment VAVN would like to propose:

- To strengthen the voice of the VECONAC in preserving peace and stability in the region, especially in the East Sea.
- To increase exchange of visits of veterans delegation to promote friendship, mutual understanding and exchange of operational experience.
- To promote cooperation, joint venture doing business
- To enhance bilateral and multilateral cultural and sport exchange.

VAVN hopes to welcome Lao National Veterans Federation and Myanmar War Veterans Organization as official members of VECONAC.

## **i. LAOS**

LNVF actively worked to protect rights and benefits of the Lao war veterans, to improve their livelihood in agriculture and livestock activities. The Lao National Veterans Federation has taken a key role in allocation of land for agriculture production and builds houses for the war veterans who have not yet permanent shelter.

The Lao Government has basically agreed on becoming the member of the VECONAC. However, the government has assigned us to make further preparation, particularly the English speaking staff since the VECONAC has identified English as the working language.

Therefore, as President of the Lao National Veterans Federation, have high confidence that in the coming 14<sup>th</sup> VECONAC meeting will officially apply to become the member of VECONAC and hope to receive support from the other members.

In February 2011 LNVF had an opportunity to welcome the visit of the President of the VECONAC and his delegations, and had consultation on the issue of becoming membership of the VECONAC.

LNVF also welcome and work with Vietnam Veterans Association to consult about the issue to become VECONAC member.

## **j. MYANMAR**

Myanmar War Veterans Organization have applied for membership to VECONAC and believe that the application will be formally approved at the forthcoming 14<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of VECONAC in Malaysia.

As a prospective member of the organization, MWVO pledge to abide by the Constitution and will fulfill the aims and objectives of the confederation.

The Myanmar War Veterans Organization came into existence as a result of the endeavors made to gain independence.

The objectives of MWVO are as follows:

- (a) Non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity.
- (b) Participation in the national defense and security tasks as an ancillary force of the Tamadaw (Myanmar Defense Forces).
- (c) Consolidate mutual assistance among members of the War Veterans Organization.
- (d) Participation in unison in the welfare activities of the State.

The MWVO is also very active in the National Political, Defense and Security, Economic, Social and Welfare, and National development sector.

MWVO have applied for membership to VECONAC and believe that the application will be formally approved at the 14<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of VECONAC.

11. **Draft Recommendation.** Three Recommendations had been agreed with a few amendment of spelling and were put forward to be adopted as resolution at the next General Assembly in Kuala Lumpur. - Annex G

12. **CLOSING REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT OF VECONAC**

The 24<sup>th</sup> VECONAC EBM Closing remarks by the President of VECONAC as follows :

- a. Expressed his appreciation to all the delegates for their participation and noted the MWVO application to join VECONAC as the best news in the meeting.
- b. Brought up Brunei's pending matter concerning investment of US \$ 6000 (US \$ 2000 each from Brunei, Thailand and the Philippines) in VECONAC through the Philippines Veterans Federation in 2003. Brunei wanted to know the progress of and the President asked the Philippines delegate to find a way to explain some time later. The President asked the Filipinos Colleagues to find ways to solve the issue.
- c. Invited the Malaysian delegation to present the latest 14<sup>th</sup> VECONAC General Assembly preparation.

13. **ESAM PRELIMINARY STATEMENT OF THE 14<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

ESAM is honored and privileged to be chosen as the next VECONAC Secretariat and hosting the 14<sup>th</sup> General Assembly and 25<sup>th</sup> Executive Board Meeting.

ESAM is pleased to inform that the 14<sup>th</sup> General Assembly will be held either in the month of August or September 2012 in Kuala Lumpur .

Apart from the standard and normal agendas and programme, the delegates will be visiting some important places around Kuala Lumpur, among others are Federal Government Administration, Putrajaya; National Museum and the Twin Tower at KLCC.

ESAM will inform about the actual programme after the month of April 2012.

14. President VECONAC closed the 24<sup>th</sup> VECONAC Executive Board Meeting at 15.45



## **15. WELCOME DINNER**

At 19.30 welcome dinner hosted by the Governor of Bali, The Hon. Made Mangku Pastika at Governor's Residence. The Dinner preceded by presenting LVRI MEDAL to the Governor of Bali, delivered by the President of LVRI.

## **Day-2 : 27<sup>th</sup> September 2011.**

16. From 08.00 up to 16.00 Tour /orientation around the city and Tanah Lot.

## **17. FAREWELL DINNER.**

From 19.00 – 21.30 Farewell dinner for the VECONAC delegates was hosted by the President of VECONAC at the La CUCINA sea side restaurant, Discovery Hotel. The President of VECONAC in his speech exclaimed that the 24th VECONAC Executive Board Meeting concluded successfully due to the active participation and full support of the delegates. The EBM has done its best to prepare the next General Assembly in Kuala Lumpur hosted by ESAM and to welcome MWVO to join the association. The President expressed his gratitude to the Steering and Organizing Committee so that all the agendas and programs can be completed. In his closing speech the President bid farewell to all delegates, and hope to meet again in Kuala Lumpur next year.

On behalf of all members of delegations, Lt. Gen. Tran Hanh, President VAVN in his speech suggested that the meeting is a good opportunity to exchange feelings, opinions and experiences. The EBM is a good occasion and time to promote the solidarity, friendship, understanding and cooperation among the members. VECONAC has contributed to some extent to the development and prosperity of all nations in ASEAN community. He extended a special thanks to the governor of Bali, Made Mangku Pastika, the President of VECONAC, officials of Veterans Legion of the Republic of Indonesia and chair collaborates, who have done whatever they could with great efforts for the success of the 24th EBM on the lovely, hospital and beautiful Bali Island.

Farewell dinner which were entertained with ASEAN songs, and closed with exchange of gifts between the delegates.

## **Day-3 : 28<sup>th</sup> September 2011.**

Dispersal of Delegates.





# **ANNEXES**



## List Delegates and Observers

### **VECONAC**

1. Let. Gen. (Ret) Rais Abin, President of VECONAC, President LVRI.
2. Maj. Gen. (Ret) Bantu Hardjijo, Secretary General of VECONAC.
3. Maj. Gen. Marine (Ret) Nono Sukarno, Vice Secretary General of VECONAC.
4. Col. AF (Ret) Arifin Razak, Treasure General of VECONAC.

### **BRUNEI DARUSSALAM**

EX-SOLDIERS ASSOCIATION OF BRUNEI DARUSSALAM (ESAB)

Delegates :

1. Maj. Gen. (Ret) Pehin Dato Hj Shari bin Ahmad, Head of Delegate.
2. Col (Ret) Hj Mahaleh bin Haji Abdul Majid
3. Lt. Col (Ret) Haji Hashim bin Hj Zainal Abidin

Observer :

4. Datin Hjh Hazizah binti Adam
5. Hjh Khadijah binti Hj Abdul Rahman

### **CAMBODIA**

CAMBODIA VETERAN ASSOCIATION (CVA)

Delegates :

1. H.E. Mr. Keo Borent.

### **INDONESIA**

VETERANS LEGION OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA (LVRI)

Delegates :

1. VADM (Ret) Gatot Suwardi. Head of Delegate
2. Maj.Gen. (Ret) Sukotjo Tjokroatmodjo
3. Lt.Gen. (Ret) HBL Mantiri.
4. RADM (Ret) Wahyono SK.
5. AVM (Ret) IGN Danendra.

Observers :

6. CDRE. (Ret) Maryono.

## **MALAYSIA**

### **EX-SERVICES ASSOCIATION OF MALAYSIA (ESAM)**

#### **Delegates :**

1. Dato' Muhammad Abd Ghani. Head of Delegate
2. Hon Dato' Dr. Mohamad Shahrum b. Osman.
3. Lt.Col. Tajul Ariffin b. Chu Johari (Rtd)

#### **Observers:**

4. Brig.Gen Dato' Tunku Izham b. Tunku Jusoh, RMAF (Rtd)
5. Capt. Suznan Hj. Saad (B)
6. Datin Tazimah bt Omar
7. Lt Col Tajul Ariffin b.Chu Johari (Rtd)
8. Puan Shamsiah bt Salleh
9. Major Ma'amin b.Hj.Ahmad(Rtd)
10. Puan Noraini bt Ali
11. Major Hassan Sabri b. Salleh (Rtd)
12. Capt Asmah bt Abd Kadir (Rtd)
13. Mr Shamsul Bahri b. Mohd Akhir
14. Mr. Roszaidy b. Fadzilah
15. Major Mohd Nazi b.Deraman (Rtd)
16. Mr. Iberahim b. Konok
17. Mr. Moh Jusoh b. Awang Besar
18. Mr. Mohamad b. Bakar
19. Mr Ab Azis b. Awang Lah
20. Mr Che Musa b. Abu Bakar
21. Mr. Mohd Nawawi b. Yahya

## **PHILIPPINES**

### **NS FEDERATION OF THE PHILIPPINES (VFP)**

#### **Delegates :**

1. Lt. Gen. Ernesto G. Carolina AFP (Ret), Head of Delegate
2. Col. Melosino L. Respicio
3. Col. Felix M. Migue
4. Col. Leandro T. Pacio

## **SINGAPORE**

### **SINGAPORE ARMED FORCES VETERANS LEAGUE (SAVFL)**

#### **Delegates :**

1. BG (VOL) Winston Toh Bee Chew, Head of Delegate
2. LTC (Ret) Andrew Tan Chee Seng

## **THAILAND**

### **WAR VETERANS ORGANIZATION OF THAILAND (WVO)**

Delegates :

1. Lt.Gen. Noppadon Kungamut, Head of Delegates
2. Ms. Tiptida Pakdisupapol
3. Mrs. Narissara Chokvanitphong

## **VIETNAM**

### **VETERANS ASSOCIATION OF VIETNAM (VAVN)**

Delegates :

1. Lt. Gen. (Rtd) Tran Hanh , Head of Delegates
2. Sen. Col. Dinh Van Binh
3. Sen. Col. Luu Van Hop

## **LAOS**

### **LAO NATIONAL VETERANS FEDERATION (LNVF)**

1. Brig.Gen. Somphone KEOMIXAY, Head of Observer
2. Lt. Col. Khamsing SOSENG INH
3. Mr. Bouala PHOMMAXAY

## **MYANMAR**

### **MYANMAR WAR VETERANS ORGANIZATION (MWVO)**

1. Col. Myo Win, Head of Observer
2. May. Thein Myint

## **ORGANIZING & STEERING COMMITTEE (LVRI)**

1. Maj.Gen MAR (Retd) Nono Sukarno
2. AFM (Retd) H. Kamto Soetirto
3. Mr. R. M. Soerachman K
4. AFM (Ret) Poengky Poernomodjati
5. BG. POL (Ret) Johanis Papalangi
6. Kolonel (Retd) Iskandar Alamsjah
7. Kolonel (Retd) Abdul Aziz Muhammad
8. Kolonel (Ret) Eddy Tartiono
9. Ms. Dian Noviarsih Sudarsono, Bsc
10. Mr. Wahyudono
11. Ms. Jatu Rachmawati, S. Sos
12. Mr. Drs. Zaini Saleh



**WELCOME ADDRESS BY  
PRESIDENT, VECONAC  
LT. GEN (RET) RAIS ABIN**

Assalamu'alaikum,  
May Peace be with us all

The Honorable Made Mangku Pastika Governor of Bali,  
Honorable Members of the Executive Board,  
Distinguished Guests, and Invitees,

We are blessed to have our Executive Board Meeting today in Bali, the world famous island considered to be jewel of the Indonesian Archipelago.

We are able to organize this with the gracious support of our esteemed Guest of Honor, His Excellency the Governor of Bali, who will officially open this important meeting.

This will be our 24<sup>th</sup> Executive Board Meeting the first one in my term of presidency as directed by the VECONAC Constitution. For the next two days we will strive to implement the wishes of last year's General Assembly and more importantly to prepare for our next General Assembly in Malaysia.

I am most happy to note the presence of virtually all member countries' delegates and observers showing our strong belief in the aims of VECONAC. May I extend my deep appreciation for your attendance and share with me the hope for this Executive Board Meeting to have a successful end.

Finally may I now bid you welcome and plead for your understanding of any shortcomings in the set-up of this memorable event.

**VECONAC FOREVER – FOREVER VECONAC**



**ADDRESS OF  
GOVERNOR OF BALI  
HONORABLE MADE MANGKU PASTIKA**

- Excellencies, Head of the Delegations of the Executive Board of the Veterans Confederation of Asean Countries,
- Distinguished delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

***Om Swastyastu (May the Almighty God, bless us all)***

**Good morning.**

It is indeed a great honor for me to attend the 24<sup>th</sup> “Executive Board Meeting Veterans Confederation of Asean Countries)” today and meet all of the distinguished delegations.

On behalf of the Government of Bali and my people, I would like to welcome you all to the Paradise Island. Consequently, I would like to express my appreciation to the President of VECONAC for choosing Bali as the venue of this program. It does support our image as a tourist destination in the international community that Bali is still a safe destination to be visited.

Surely, the beautiful landscape, peace and spiritual atmosphere in Bali will give inspiration so that you can contribute brilliant ideas to the meeting. I think, this meeting is a good gathering to meet old friends, recall those great days and share your great experience. Not just about battle, your dedication to the nation but also about what you can do more for the nation’s development to embrace a better future.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to inform you, that these days, we, the Bali Provincial Government and Balinese people are working together in preparing the event of ASEAN SUMMIT in the mid November 2011. I kindly asking VECONAC’s support for us

so the summit will be successful and can reach its purpose that is increasing welfare and life of South Asian people.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Historically, ASEAN countries have similar historical experience, geopolitically considered as brothers to enhance people's welfare in the same region. For that reason, strong corporation and relationship among nation's is a condition to create regional friendship. Boards in each country, like LVRI in Indonesia is still needed to support national development.

The development issues in this global era becomes more complex, are demanding participation and people's responsibility, including veterans. In Indonesia, the implementation of regional autonomy with participative paradigm has opened opportunities for the community to take role in the development.

I think, LVRI and Veterans involvement in Indonesia has been carried out by giving us ideas, sharing those wise thoughts and great experience with their special knowledge and skill as "Nation's respected people". The advices, views, critics and suggestions are all needed and can be made use by each country through VECONAC in creating relationship among South Asian countries.

I have an expectation that the development experience in each of our friendly country will become reference for the meeting, make a consolidation and functions the organization. So that, we the next generations will be able to learn how to dedicate our life to people's welfare, particularly Balinese people.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I do hope you will have a fruitful result from this meeting. With blessing of Ida Sang Hyang Widhi Wasa/ the Almighty God, I declare the 24th Executive Board Meeting, Veterans Confederation of ASEAN Countries Monday, 26th September 2011 is officially opened.

Thank you.

*Om Shanti, Shanti, Shanti, Om.*

THE GOVERNOR OF BALI

MADE MANGKU PASTIKA





## **REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL**

**Submitted by:**  
**M.G. (Ret) Bantu Hardjijo**  
**Secretary General**

Mr. President, Vice President, Head of Delegates,  
Dear Colleagues.

### **ATTENDANCE**

I am pleased to report that eight VECONAC member countries and observers from Laos and Myanmar send their delegations and have arrived safely in Bali for attending the 24<sup>th</sup> EBM.

### **OFFICE BEARERS**

The following are the office bearers for the period of 2010 -2012 elected at the 13<sup>th</sup> General Assembly held in Jakarta 25 – 28 April 2010:

President:

LT.GEN (RET) RAIS ABIN,

President Veterans Legion of the Republic of Indonesia.

Vice Presidents:

YDM PEHIN DATU INDERA NEGARA LT. COL (RET) DATO PADUKA HJ MOHD  
ARIFIN BIN DATO PADUKA HAJI ABDUL WAHAB

President Ex-Soldiers' Association of Brunei Darussalam

H.E. KEO BORENTR

Permanent Committee Member of Cambodia Veteran Association Central  
Committee.

VADM (RET) GATOT SOEWARDI  
Vice President Veterans Legion of the Republic of Indonesia

HON. DATO' MOHAMMAD SHAHRUM BIN OSMAN  
Vice President Ex-Services Association of Malaysia

COL. (RET) EMMANUEL V. DE OCAMPO  
President Veterans Federation of the Philippines

COL. (RET) JOHN MORRICE PPA  
President Singapore Armed Forces Veterans League

GENERAL CHOOSILP KUNATHAI  
Director General the War Veterans Organization of Thailand

LT. GEN (RET) TRAN HANH  
President Veterans Association of Vietnam

Secretary General  
MG (RET) BANTU HARDJIJO  
Veterans Legion of the Republic of Indonesia

Deputy Secretary General  
MG MAR (RET) NONO SUKARNO  
Veterans Legion of the Republic of Indonesia

Treasurer General  
COL NAV (RET) ARIFIN RAZAK  
Veterans Legion of the Republic of Indonesia

## ACTIVITIES

- a. VECONAC activities since the 13<sup>th</sup> General Assembly focused on the implementation of the Resolution on extending the VECONAC membership. For this purpose VECONAC President made a trip to Laos on the invitation of LNVF President Brigadier General Somphone KEOMIXAY.
- b. The President made extensive correspondences with MWVO from Myanmar on our request for them to join VECONAC membership.
- c. The President received and held friendly discussion with ESAM delegates who visited Jakarta to discuss the plan of the next 14<sup>th</sup> General Assembly in Kuala Lumpur in 2012.
- d. Since the 13<sup>th</sup> General Assembly there are some changing in some Veterans organization while most of the rest remain unchanged. Changing in the Presidency of Veterans Organization
  - The Director General of Thailand War Veterans Organization from

- General CHOOSILP KUNATHAI to General SUCHEEP KITWAREE
  - The President of SAFVL from Col. (Ret) JOHN MORRICE PPA to BG (VOL) WINSTON TOH BEE CHEW
- e. The President has tried to invite the ASEAN Secretary General to attend VECONAC activities including the 13<sup>th</sup> General Assembly and 24<sup>th</sup> EBM, but due to his busy schedules he regrets and sent his regards. (His reply attached as Annex I)

## **24<sup>th</sup> EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

This 24<sup>th</sup> Executive Board Meeting start from today the 25 until 27 September in Discovery Kartika Plaza Hotel with Agenda and Program that have been approved by the Board early this morning.

There are two Matters Arising presented to be considered and need the approval to be brought to the General Asssembly. The most important one is the Myanmar War Veterans Organization application to join VECONAC membership.

Recommendation of Resolution for 14<sup>th</sup> General Assembly are presented:

- a. VECONAC medal of Honor
- b. VECONAC honorary Presidency
- c. CVA appreciation for joining VECONAC.

## **CONCLUSION**

We have prepared our best to be a good host. If there is anything we should do to improve succesful meeting, we would be glad to undertake it. Hopefully, with all the limitations this Executive Board Meeting will gain its best goals, especially preparing for the next General Assembly in Kuala Lumpur.

Thank you.



## REPORT BY TREASURER GENERAL

**Submitted by:**  
**Col. AF (Ret) Arifin Razak**  
**Treasurer General**

### **STATE OF THE VECONAC ACCOUNT** **From 29 April 2010 TO 31 December 2010**

	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Received bank draft from Treasurer General VECONAC XIII		
a. Bank draft	\$ 21,736.95	
b. Less for Bank commission, telex and Bank administration in Singapore	\$ (50.73)	
c. Bank charge/Inkasso in Jakarta	\$ (29.85)	
		<b>\$ 21,656.37</b>
2. Received due payment 2010 from The War Organization of Thailand April 9th, 2010	\$ 275.00	
		<b>\$ 21,931.37</b>
3. Add receipt during 13th General Assembly 25-28 April 2010		
a. Add receipt from The WVO of Thailand	\$ 25.00	
b. Ex-Services Association of Malaysia	\$ 300.00	
c. Veterans Federation of the Philippines	\$ 300.00	
d. Veterans Association of Vietnam	\$ 300.00	
e. The Cambodian Veterans Association	\$ 300.00	
	\$ 1,225.00	
4. Total receipt as December 31st, 2010		<b>\$ 23,156.37</b>
5. Less expenses from April 28th to December 31st, 2010		
Cost printing VECONAC Proceeding 13th GA	\$ (3,788.29)	
Mail & postage charge	\$ (127.64)	
Cost closing bank account	\$ (10.00)	
	<b>\$ (3,925.93)</b>	

6. Others :

a. Bank interest

\$ 17.10

b. Bank administration and tax

\$ (34.25)

\$ (17.15)

Balance in bank as at December 31st, 2010

**\$ 19,213.29**

Approved by:  
Lt.Gen (Ret) Rais Abin  
President VECONAC

Prepared by :  
Col AF (Ret) Arifin Razak  
Treasurer General VECONAC

**VECONAC ANNUAL DUES REPORT  
as at December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010**

No.	Name of Association	Arrears	Year 2011	Total	Amount Paid	Amount S/Fall	Plus 2% x 3 months	Balance due	Remarks
1	Ex-Soldiers Association of Brunei Darussalam	Nil	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	nil	nil	nil	Paid in full Receipt no.12/TG-VI/2011
2	The Cambodian Veterans Association	Nil	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00		\$ 300.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 318.00	
3	Veterans Legion of the Republic of Indonesia	Nil	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	nil	nil	nil	Paid in full Receipt no.14/TG-VI/2011
4	Ex-Service Association of Malaysia	Nil	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00		\$ 300.00	\$18.00	\$ 318.00	
5	Veterans Federation of the Philippines	Nil	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00		\$ 300.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 318.00	
6	SAF Veterans' League (Singapore)	Nil	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 283.00	\$ 17.00	\$ 1.02	\$ 18.02	Paid \$.283.00 Receipt no.13/TG-VI/2011
7	The War Veterans Organization Thailand	Nil	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	nil	nil	nil	Paid in full Receipt no.11/TG-VI/2011
8	Veterans Association of Vietnam	Nil	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00		\$ 300.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 318.00	

Approved by:  
Lt.Gen (Ret) Rais Abin  
President VECONAC

Prepared by :  
Col AF (Ret) Arifin Razak  
Treasurer General VECONAC

**VECONAC ACCOUNT REPORT**  
**From January 1<sup>st</sup> , 2011 to September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011 (in US \$ )**

	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Balance in Bank as December 31st, 2010		<b>\$ 19,213.29</b>
2. Add receipt from payment of dues for year 2011		
a. Ex- Soldiers Association of Brunei Darussalam	\$ 300.00	
b. The War Veterans Organization of Thailand	\$ 300.00	
c. SAF Veterans' League (Singapore)	\$ 283.00	
d. Legion of Veterans Republic of Indonesia	\$ 300.00	
	<b>\$ 1,183.00</b>	
		<b>\$ 20,396.29</b>
3. Others		
a. Bank interest	\$ 25.07	
b. Less Bank Administration	\$ (13.01)	
	<b>\$ 12.06</b>	
		<b>\$ 20,408.35</b>
4. Less expenses		
Cost of airfare Jkt - Laos & Cambodia for President VECONAC	\$ (839.00)	
		<b>\$ 19,569.35</b>
5. Outstanding arrears of :		
a. SAF Veterans ' League (Singapore)	\$ 18.02	
b. The Cambodian Veterans Association	\$ 318.00	
c. Ex-Service Association of Malaysia	\$ 318.00	
d. Veterans Federation of The Philippines	\$ 318.00	
e. Veterans Association of Vietnam	\$ 318.00	
	<b>\$ 1,290.02</b>	
		<b>\$ 20,859.37</b>
Balance in bank as at September 25th, 2011		<b>\$ 20,859.37</b>

Approved by:  
Lt.Gen (Ret) Rais Abin  
President VECONAC

Prepared by :  
Col AF (Ret) Arifin Razak  
Treasurer General VECONAC

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4	Ex-Service Association of Malaysia	nil	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 318.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 18.00	nil	Receipt no. 15/TG-IX/2011
5	Veterans Federation of the Philippines	nil	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00		\$ 300.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 318.00	
6	SAF Veterans' League (Singapore)	nil	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 318.02	\$ 17.00	\$ 1.02	nil	Paid \$.318.02 Receipt no.19/TG-IX/2011
7	The War Veterans Organization Thailand	nil	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	nil	nil	nil	Paid in full Receipt no.11/TG-VI/2011
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Approved by:  
Lt.Gen (Ret) Rais Abin  
President VECONAC

Prepared by :  
Col AF (Ret) Arifin Razak  
Treasurer General VECONAC





**EX-SOLDIERS ASSOCIATION OF BRUNEI DARUSSALAM  
COUNTRY REPORT**

**Presented by  
YDM Pehin Datu Padukaraja Mej.Gen (Retd) Pehin  
Dato Hj Shari bin Ahmad  
Deputy President Ex-Soldiers Association of Brunei Darussalam**

Bismillahir Rahmannir Rahim,

Lt General Rais Abin, VECONAC President  
Vice Presidents, Heads of delegate, fellow veterans, Ladies and Gentlemen.  
Assalamualaikum and good morning.

May I, on behalf of our President and members of the association extend our sincere and warmest greeting to all VECONAC Executive Board delegates. It is nice to be here in Bali, naturally most popular destination for visitors. Since we last met in Jakarta April last year, our association continues to move forward notably in the area of wellbeing and caring. As our members getting older, we intensify our caring campaign. Significant numbers were given wheel chair in our effort to assist their mobility and comfort. With this effort, they were able to move elsewhere in their daily lives.

May the 31<sup>st</sup> this year they were given the honour and privilege to take part in our Armed Forces anniversary this year, joining the contingents in march-pass. Although our region now relatively peaceful undoubtedly, health-risk is becoming a major concern. It would not be surprise to hear that significant numbers of our retirees and members affected by 3 top killer disease particularly in our country. Namely: diabetes, heart attack, high blood pressure and cancer. Nevertheless, our association continues to do our best in rendering caring and assistance.

Ladies and gentleman,  
There are other aspect of live which is heartening. It was realize that there

are numerous members of ex-soldiers who do not own a house. Some still renting, whilst others living together with their parent. Obviously there are many contributing factors hindering them from acquiring or building their home. However, our association took the initiative to make recommendation to the authority for assistance.

A comfortable home is our dream. But not all able to enjoy such dream. Our association found out that numerous family members having home in a sorrow state. These houses in need of repair. Some pose hazard to wellbeing. Our efforts focus on economical repair and recondition to basic utility standard required.

On the aspect of internal economy, individual effort is an ongoing activity. Some are active in rice plantation and others involve as small entrepreneur. On external economy, our association has invested in VECONAC some years ago. We did ask the progress in the last general assembly, and would like know its outcome at this juncture. Hope to hear a positive step forward.

In a nut shell, that's briefly our country report that we could share. We are looking forward to hear VECONAC progress in the future.

Thank you very much.



## **CAMBODIA VETERAN ASSOCIATION COUNTRY REPORT**

**Presented by  
H.E. Keo Borent  
Deputy Secretary General of Cambodia Veteran Association**

HE Lt.Gen. (Ret) Rais Abin, President of Veterans Legion of The Republic of Indonesia and President of VECONAC.

Distinguished members of VECONAC's Executive Board.

HE Brig Gen Somphon KEONMIXAY, President of Lao National Veteran Federation.

HE Lt.Gen KHIN ZAW OO, President of Myanmar War Veterans.

Ladies and Gentlemen.

First of all, on behalf of the Cambodia Veteran Association (CVA), I would like to express my deepest thanks to Lt Gen Rais Abin, President of VECONAC for inviting me to attend the 24<sup>th</sup> Executive Board Meeting in Bali, a city well-known for beautiful beach.

On this solemn occasion, allow me to convey the kind regards of Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techa HUN SEN, Top-ranking Five-Golden Star General, CVA's President and Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, to all members of VECONAC'S Executive Board and to the Presidents of Lao National Veterans Federations and Myanmar War Veterans Organization as well as his best wishes for the splendid results of the Meeting.

Excellency President of VECONAC

Distinguished members of VECONAC's Executive Board

Ladies and Gentlemen.

The 24<sup>th</sup> Executive Board Meeting is indeed an important one as it prepares all of us for the upcoming 14<sup>th</sup> General Assembly. On behalf of the CVA, I would like to express my high appreciation to the VECONAC's Secretariat for developing this comprehensive program and to all concerned VECONAC's members who have drafted Resolution to be discussed after this session.

I am very delighted to know that the Myanmar War Veterans Organization has

recently applied for membership of the VECONAC. The CVA strongly support this decision and firmly hopes that Myanmar membership of VECONAC will contribute to the strengthening of friendship and cooperation between the veterans and association of ASEAN countries in general and between those of Myanmar and Cambodia in particular.

As required by the Executive Board, I have the pleasure to present to all of you the main achievements recorded by the CVA since it has been accepted as regular member of VECONAC by the 13<sup>th</sup> VECONAC General Assembly in Jakarta last year.

From 20-21 June 2010, the CVA held its Extraordinary National Representative General Assembly to discuss and approve the 3-year report (2008-2010) and next direction of the CVA, amend the CVA's Statute and elect new members of the CVA's Central Committee.

According to the new Statute, the CVA structure is extended to Government Ministries, Institutions, Departments and Offices at the Central level, Capital/ Provincial level, District level and Commune level. Besides, other members of Veterans family and civil servants as well as their family members can apply for membership of the CVA.

The General Assembly additionally appointed 66 members of the Central Committee, 10 members of the Permanent Board of the Central Committee, 2 Vice-President and 3 Deputy Secretaries-General, thereby increasing the number of members of the Central Committee and members of Permanent Board to 161 and 17, respectively.

In implementing the Resolution of the General Assembly, the Permanent Board has developed the Statue of the Death Relief Fund and that of the Loan Credit Fund of the CVA to help the families of the deceased veterans and those families in need of credits for making their living.

In September 2010, the CVA has applied for membership of the World Veterans Federation and in November the same year, the CVA sent its representative to attend the 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Legislation Concerning Veterans and Victims of War in Paris as observer at the invitation of the World Veterans Federation.

On the occasion of its Fourth Anniversary on 21 June 2011, a big Meeting of Veterans was organized by the CVA's Permanent Board under the supreme presidency of Samdech **HUN SEN**, CVA's President. As usual, in addition to commemorating the heroic deeds of the Veterans, the Meeting continued to inspire the veterans to implement the **Three- Good Movement** namely *Good at raising family*, *Good at participating in the development of the grassroots* and *Good at participating in realizing the tasks entrusted by the CVA*. On the same occasion, a number of meritorious veterans were awarded decoration/ certificate of appreciation accompanied by monetary prize or other benefit in kind (e.g. housing) according to their degrees of achievements.

Excellency President of VECONAC  
Distinguished members of VECONAC's Executive Board  
Ladies and Gentlemen

The Royal Government of Cambodia has paid great attention to raising the living condition of the veterans and their families by setting forth the National Policy on Veterans. By implementing this Policy, the veterans and their families have continuously received pension and other benefits from the state according to their merits and the ability of the State.

Up to now, even though the national economy has still met some difficulty, veteran pension has increased by 195% and Veteran Development Centers have been created to help landless veterans mainly with agricultural production.

Since its creation on 21 June 2007, thanks to the strong support from the Government and the veterans themselves, the CVA has developed from day to day. Presently, the CVA has 93,603 members.

The CVA will continue to cooperate with relevant Ministries, Institutions and authorities in helping the veterans to receive public services such as vocational training, concession land, housing, physical rehabilitation and emergency assistance, and to take part in cultural performance, sport activities, etc.

On the international arena, the CVA will continue to strengthen and extend its ties of friendship and cooperation with the Veterans Association of Viet Nam, the Lao National Veterans Federation and other Veterans Associations members of VECONAC and of other countries in the region and in the world.

On behalf of the CVA, I would like to reiterate our profound thanks to the VECONAC for their continued support to the Cambodian veterans, especially for drafting Resolution of Appreciation to the Cambodia Veteran Association for consideration in the upcoming 14<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.

In conclusion, I would like to express my high appreciation and deepest thanks to the Veterans Legion of the Republic of Indonesia for hosting this important Meeting and for cordially receiving Cambodian participant during its stay in Bali.

I wish the Meeting good results.

Thank you



## **VETERANS LEGION OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA COUNTRY REPORT**

**Presented by  
VADM (Ret) Gatot Suwardi  
Vice President of the Veterans Legion of The Republic of Indonesia**

Honorable President, Vice Presidents of VECONAC  
Heads of Delegates and Observers,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of Indonesian Veterans, may I extend our warmest greeting to all delegates and observers attending this 24<sup>th</sup> VECONAC Executive Board Meeting here in Bali. We extend our appreciation for trusting us to hold the 13<sup>th</sup> VECONAC General Assembly, attended by all ASEAN Countries Veterans.

We are proud to NOTE the historical event when Cambodia Veterans Association joined the Confederation in Jakarta. Since we hosted the 13<sup>th</sup> VECONAC General Assembly in Jakarta last year,

Since we hosted the 13<sup>th</sup> VECONAC General Assembly in Jakarta last year, we participated in some domestic and international activities.

### **Implementing the National Congress Decisions.**

Internally, we review the National Congress RESOLUTION OF 2007, by holding an Interim Working Assembly in 2010 attended by members of the Central Executive Board and all Regional Executives. The Interim Assembly provided general supervisions in implementing the decisions of the National Congress. The main issues discussed are:

1. How to solidify the organization by regeneration at all levels.
2. How to improve members rights for medical treatment and family allowances.
3. Coordination with the Directorate of Veteran, to improve data processing.

The next 10<sup>th</sup> National Congress will be held in June 2012 and we would to express our deep appreciation to our Malaysian Colleagues of ESAM, if they would host the next 14<sup>th</sup> General Assembly in 2012, three month ahead of our scheduled Congress to enable Let.Gen. Rais Abin to concentrate on this important national event.

#### **Revision of Veterans Act.**

We appreciate the Government's efforts for the benefits of Veterans despite of economic problems. Early this year the Minister of Defense has established a Directorate of Veterans in order to enhance solving Veterans problems. The Directorate is currently revising the Veterans Act No.7 / 1967 to improve the Veterans quality of life. The Revision is also intended to accommodate personnel who served in Peace Keeping Operations of the United Nations (UN) to be accepted as Veterans.

Our Veterans are now enjoying:

1. 75% discount of property tax.
2. 30 % fare discount by State owned transportation Agencies.
3. Improved health care benefits for veterans and their families in the Government Hospital.

#### **Ladies and Gentlemen,**

To commemorate the WVF 2010 International Day of Peace, we organized the event in Surabaya in September 2010. The event took place at the Parade ground of the East Java Military Command in Surabaya. Lead by Maj. Gen. (Ret) Warsito, on behalf of the LVRI President, it was attended by more than 1000 veterans, Military personnel, cadets, students, and supporters.

On the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of WVF in September last year, we sent a delegate to Paris. We proposed a revision of the authority act Status of the WVF Executive Board, that contradicts with the spirit of the General Assembly as the Supreme authority. We also proposed a review on the status of the SCOW and considered the activities of the women committees could instead be better served in the Regional Standing Committees. On that occasion the late Lt. Gen Ret D. Ashari, a former SCAP Chairman from Indonesia was honored with the WVF Gold Medal of Honor.

In his capacity as VECONAC President, on 20-23 February this year, Lt Gen Ret Rais Abin visited Laos at the invitation of Lao National Veteran Federation (LNVF) President, Brig. Gen. Somphone Kiomixay. The LNVF President convinced him of LNVF intention to join VECONAC as soon the situation permitted. General Rais Abin made a courtesy call to the Laotian Deputy Defense Minister, H.E. Major General Chansamone Chaneyalah, who stated his support LNVF to join VECONAC. It was a most enjoyable visit to a beautiful country, meet gracious hosts that brought our two Veterans organizations closer.

Captain (Rtd) Sharuddin bin Haji Omar, ESAM Deputy President, and entourage on 26-28 April 2011 visited LVRI to coordinate the hosting of the next General Assembly. ESAM and LVRI noted that the main task for current and the next VECONAC President are to have Laos and Myanmar joining VECONAC as permanent members. Both agree to invite East Timor as observer and ESAM will host the 14th General Assembly in 2012.

We wish you good health and a pleasant stay in Bali.





## **EX-SERVICES ASSOCIATION OF MALAYSIA COUNTRY REPORT**

**Presented by  
Dato' Muhammad Abd Ghani  
President of Ex-Services Association of Malaysia**

HONOURABLE Lt. Gen. Ret. Rais Abin, President of VECONAC, President of LVRI  
Head of delegation and delegates from VECONAC's members countries.  
Ladies and Gentlemen.

On behalf of the leadership and members of the EX – SERVICES ASSOCIATION OF MALAYSIA, in short ESAM, that I represent, it is my privilege and honour to extend our warmest regards and gratitude to the distinguished members of VECONAC delegations attending the 24<sup>TH</sup> EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING in the city of heritage and beautiful Bali, Indonesia.

It is also my privilege to extend our sincerest appreciation and gratitude to the leadership of the Veterans Legion of the Republic of Indonesia (LVRI) for a very warm welcome and hospitality accorded to our delegates attending this significant occasion that we considered very paramount.

In this jubilant and excited atmosphere, I would like to share ESAM memorable moment happening in 2010/2011. *Firstly*, for the first time in our history ESAM has successfully organized a gigantic gathering with our dearest Prime Minister on 10 October 2010, we called it 10-10-10 gathering, where more than 20,000 of our able and disabled members had attended. More significantly was where our Prime Minister had made two important announcements; i.e. the Burial Aid for all ex-servicemen was increased from RM500-00 to RM3,000-00, while from RM300-00 to RM1,500-00 for the wife and RM200-00 to RM1,500-00 for children below 18 years old. And also the payment of one time ex-gratia and payment of monthly bonus to all ex-servicemen injured in line of duty during the emergency period fighting the insurgencies.

*Secondly*, also for the first time in our history, with the help from our Defence Minister we had successfully collected more than RM6.000.000-00 during our

Rayuan Hari Pahlawan or Poppy Day Campaign last year. The collection is so meaningful to us and it has made our life easier in our effort to support our under-privilege members and their families.

Ladies and Gentlemen

As a member to VECONAC, we will at all time subscribe and support all the decisions and resolution made by the VECONAC's General Assembly and its Executive Board Meeting. Our priorities are solidarity and cooperation because both would result in bringing stability and peaceful environment in this region. On the same note, let us not forget our warriors who had sacrificed their lives and blood in safeguarding our country sovereignty and security, which had in one way or another contributed in bringing peace and stability within the ASEAN region.

With that that note, ladies and gentlemen, once again on behalf of ESAM delegates I would like to express our sincere appreciation and thank you to the President of VECONAC and its Secretariat who has done tremendous efforts in making the 24<sup>th</sup> EBM a success. And to the rest of our brother delegates we hope to see you again in Kuala Lumpur during the 14<sup>th</sup> General Assembly next year, God Willing.

Well done and may God bless us all.

Thank you



## **VETERANS FEDERATION OF THE PHILIPPINES COUNTRY REPORT**

**Presented by  
Mr Melosino L. Respicio.  
Delegate the Veterans Federation of the Philippines**

VECONAC President Lt. Gen. (Ret) Rais Abin,  
Gen. (Ret) Ernesto Carolina, Philippines Veterans Administration Office  
Administrator.  
Officers of VECONAC, fellow delegates, guest, ladies and gentlemen.  
Good afternoon.

In behalf of Col. (Ret) Emmanuel de Ocampo, President of the Veterans  
Federation of the Philippines and VECONAC Vice President, may I extend to  
VECONAC warm greetings from the Republic of the Philippines.

I am appointed VECONAC Vice President, Melosino L. Respicio of the Republic  
of the Philippines, a World War II Veteran and a reserve office of the Armed  
Force of the Philippines and the two (2) other delegates from the VFP are:  
Comdr. Leoncio T. Pacio, a retiree from the Philippines Air Force and Comdr.  
Felix M. Miguel, Sr., army retiree who served in Vietnam. We are tasked to  
report about benefits and facilities, veterans of the Republic of the Philippines,  
enjoy in addition to existing benefits and facilities.

Veterans Federation of the Philippines (VFP) was chartered under Republic  
Act No. 2640 as a public corporation under the control and supervision of the  
Secretary of National Defense. It is organized and operated as a non-government  
organization, where membership dues to sustain the operations of the VFP.  
There are no funds appropriated by the government for its maintenance and  
operations including the salaries of its officers and employees.

As a public corporation, Veterans Federation of the Philippines is under the  
control and supervision of the Secretary of National Defense.

Veterans of the Republic of the Philippines enjoy these benefits in addition to the benefits and facilities already enjoy, as follows:

1. **FILIPINO VETERANS EQUITY COMPENSATION (FVEC).** These benefits came from USA giving World War II Veterans a lump sum payment of \$15,000.00 to eligible veterans with US citizenship and \$9,000.00 to eligible non-US citizen veterans.
2. Disabled veterans in line of duty are hospitalized and paid disability pension by the Philippines Veterans Affairs Office (PVAO).
3. Veterans receive old age pension upon reaching age 65 and his family is paid death benefit upon the death of the veteran by the Philippines Veterans Affairs Office (PVAO).
4. **TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE DISABILITY (TAD) PENSION.** TAD is paid World War II Veterans by the Philippines Veterans Affairs Office (PVAO) actually upon reaching 70.
5. **PENSION OF SURVIVING SPOUSE.** The law provides that the surviving spouse of a deceased veterans shall receive a pension veterans receive.
6. **PHILHEALTH BENEFIT.** The program provides free health insurance to World War Veterans and their families.
7. **FILIPINO WAR VETERANS FOUNDATION (FILVETS), INC.** FILVETS play a significant role in ensuring that war veterans are afforded the privilege a dignified and decent way of life. FILVETS is established to maintain and make available service and assistance to veterans, medical, health, socio economic and related services.
8. **PHILIPPINES VETERANS BANK.** The Philippines Veteran Bank whose share holders are exclusively World War II Veterans, is an advocate of modern day heroes who strive to make a difference in the lives of their fellowmen.



## **SINGAPORE ARMED FORCES VETERANS' LEAGUE (SAFVL) COUNTRY REPORT**

**Presented by BG (VOL) Winston Toh  
President of the Singapore Armed Forces Veterans League**

Honorable Lt Gen (Ret) Rais Abin, President VECONAC, President Veterans Legion of the Republic of Indonesia  
Fellow members of VECONAC.

Good Afternoon.

It gives me great pleasure to be here representing the Singapore Armed Forces Veterans League in the 24<sup>th</sup> VECONAC Executive Board Meeting. The SAFVL is proud to be a member in this ASEAN grouping to enhance the spirit of peace in our region.

The SAF Veterans League was formed in 1990 as a society within Singapore Armed Forces Reservist Association. There is a strong tripartite relationship between SAF, SAFRA and SAFVL. Last year we celebrated our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The objective of the SAFVL is to foster a close link between the active and the ex regular of the Singapore Armed Forces.

The league organized activities to foster and maintain the spirit of camaraderie among ex SAF service personal. It also has the duty to foster patriotism of ex-servicemen to the country and support the concept of Total Defence.

I am the 3<sup>rd</sup> President of the SAFVL since its formation. I took over from the Honorable Col. (Ret) John Morrice in May this year. He send his regards to all of you. The SAFVL has achieved much in the last 20 years. Members of the SAFVL regularly go back to share their experience with the younger members of the SAF. They also assisted in counseling soldiers who needed some help. The members are also involved in the Schools' National Education programme and they conduct battlefield tours for our NCC.

On Total Defence day on 15 Feb, we co-organized the remembrance ceremony with British High Commission in November. The SAFVL regularly organized social events to bring the members together to foster closer relationship. We are regularly invited for SAF and state functions. We also provide welfare support to our needy members. SAFVL will continue to work hard to foster close ties for our members and at the same time establish strong friendship with members of VECONAC.

I have a 5 minutes video to give you a glimpse of the SAFVL.

Thank you very much.



## **WAR VETERANS ORGANIZATION OF THAILAND COUNTRY REPORT**

**Presented by  
Lieutenant General Noppadon Kungamut  
Deputy Director-General of the  
War Veterans Organization of Thailand**

VECONAC President,  
VECONAC Vice Presidents,  
Distinguished Delegates,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Firstly, allow me on behalf of the Director-General of the War Veterans Organization of Thailand to extend our warmest greeting to all VECONAC Member Countries. General Sucheep Kitwaree can not attend the meeting today, please accept his apologize for the absent. May I take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation to Lt.Gen Rais Abin the President of the Veterans Legion of the Republic of Indonesia and his staff for the warmest hospitality extended to me and my party during our stay here.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Over the past 60 year, the War Veterans Organization of Thailand had established the policies and emphasis on providing aid and assistance to war veterans and their families under our responsibility approximately 2.5 million veterans. Our nature of assistance consists of Welfare Assistance, Vocational Assistance, Agricultural Service, Credit for Loans, Medical Assistance and Promotion of Rights and Privileges.

During the year 2010 and 2011 the War Veterans Organization of Thailand launched a project to promote vocational assistance nationwide. The project aims to help war veterans to start a career to increase income and has better living according to Royal Speech given for assistance guideline as "Help the veterans so that they can help themselves". The vocational training focuses on

local knowledge and community unique according to his Majesty the King's self – sufficiency economy theory. It is done by promoting occupation that meets the war veteran's requirement and can adjust to the community life in order to upgrade the quality of life of the veterans and their families including to build vocational network as a work innovation as well as help create cooperation among each other on the theme of "friends help friends". Sixty-five projects that have been implemented were the projects on agricultural to develop occupation effectiveness such as a training project on coffee plantation, rice plantation, mushroom farming, rubber tapping, meal worm farming, pig farming, organic fertilizer production, and machinery repair. Moreover, we also provide the vocational training program after the harvest time such as flower arrangement, patchwork bag, dish washing solution – liquid detergent – fabric softener production, resin frame, coconut milk ice cream – dessert – juice, cement brick, stump furniture making and Thai massage.

Besides providing training course, we also support their financial needs and marketing for those who wants to start the career. In 2012, vocational assistance project will be initiated to respond to the request of the veterans and their families on the arrangement of the training courses on natural-organic fertilizer production for their own farm. This can help reduce the families' expenditure and cost of investment. They will earn additional income by selling their product as well.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On the progress of the Veterans General Hospital, we are rapidly developed the capability of treatment with the standard of "Hospital Accreditation". The HA method of the hospital has been accredited in the second level from the Healthcare Accreditation Institute (Public Organization). The achievement of this development was fulfilled by the harmonious and preserves collaboration of the doctors, nurses, and employees under the vision "Veterans General Hospital is a center of excellent physical and mental health rehabilitation as well as vocational training for the war veterans". The development project was launched to expand the hospital building which enable to provide more space for all patients and most efficient medical equipment for the war veterans with permanent disability to better their quality of life. Besides, this is expected to give morale support to the war veterans and their families. They can be ensured that they will never be abandoned by the society. The Veterans General Hospital is always willing to develop and provide exceptional medical service for the war veterans, their families, and people.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The year of 2011 is an auspicious year for all Thai people and veterans because it is the year to celebrate the 84<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his Majesty the King on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2011. To honor his Majesty the King, the War Veterans Organization of Thailand had launched various projects which one of these is the Ordination of 84 monks at Rajapradittharam Temple. The Ordination takes place on 19



November 2011 and will be presided by Minister of Defence. The objectives of the ordination are to honor and express loyalty to His Majesty the King as well as to promote Buddhism and maintain Thai culture.

The War Veterans Organization of Thailand strongly determined to develop aid and assistance to war veterans and their families in order to upgrade their quality of life and better living. We set up a strategic for assistance development with the vision “Development in to high quality for outstanding assistance and honors the veterans for winning the heart of the people”.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere thanks to the host Association, Veterans Legion of the Republic of Indonesia, for their efforts to host the 24<sup>th</sup> Executive Board Meeting in the beautiful and charming city of Bali. I wish all of you good health, success and prosperity.

Thank you.



**VETERANS ASSOCIATION OF VIET NAM (VAVN)  
COUNTRY REPORT**

**Address by LT. GEN (RET) TRAN HANH,  
President of the Veterans Association of VIET NAM**

Excellency Lt.Gen (Ret) Rais Abin - VECONAC President,  
Distinguished guests,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Veterans Association of Viet Nam (VAVN) and my own, may I extend my warmest greeting to Mr. President, Vice Presidents, delegates and all observers attending the 24<sup>th</sup> VECONAC Executive Board Meeting. The delegation of VAVN would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks to the Veterans Legion of the Republic of Indonesia for the tremendous efforts in preparation for this meeting and their kind and wonderful hospitality rendered to us.

Distinguished delegates,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

In the past two years, the world situation has undergone change rapidly, complicatedly and unpredictably. On the one hand, peace, stability and cooperation for mutual development constitute major tendency. But on the other hand, armed conflicts, religious and ethnic unrests, territorial, island and natural resource dispute, intervention and terrorist operations are still going on in many places. The transnational non-traditional security threats, especially natural disasters and epidemics are still standing. The global economic and financial crisis adversely affected almost countries including Viet Nam.

The government and people of Viet Nam are trying their utmost to overcome difficulties, maintain political stability, ensure social security, control inflation, obtain a reasonable growth to sustainable development and strive to soon become industrialized and modernized country. Viet Nam is actively and proactively engaging into international and regional integration, a friend

reliable and responsible partner in the international community. Viet Nam has actively and positively participated in all political, economic and security activities of the ASEAN and almost major international and regional affairs. The implementation of the Chairmanship of ASEAN and especially successful organization of the ASEAN Defence Ministers Meeting in the year 2010 has been highly appreciated. With the success of the National Assembly election and formation of the new government recently, Viet Nam believes achieving the goals of her plan.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Despite many difficulties, the Veterans Association of Viet Nam continues to develop and achieve encouraging results. VAVN's organization constantly grows in both quantity and quality. Up to now, it has organizations at all four levels from the central to grassroots with over 2.5 million members, making up more than 85% of Viet Nam veterans. The Association's mobilization and gathering of ex-servicemen have been promoted. There are nearly 30,000 clubs or liaison offices with more than one million ex-servicemen attendance.

The prestige of VAVN is growing in the social politics of the country. The VAVN at all levels and their members are in the vanguard of the propaganda education of young generations to improve their patriotism, actively study and work hard to build and defend the country. Its members are enthusiastically involving in the major movements, such as Veterans of exemplary people, all people participate in the national defense, prevention of crime and social evils, protection of environment, ensuring orderly and safely traffic, operation of gratitude etc.

The activities to improve veterans' economy and help each other among veterans in reducing poverty have continuously been strengthening. Many localities and veterans businessmen have been making innovations and creations of increasing economic efficiency. VAVN has eliminated nearly 9,000 dilapidated houses, reduced more than 7,000 poor households. More than 60% of the veterans families alleviated from poor have become well-off or relatively wealthy.

The VAVN's international relations have been continuously growing both in width and depth. Friendship and cooperation relations with veterans and their children affected by Agent Orange / Dioxin – still thrive and operate effectively, attracting more attention of the public, individuals and organizations at home and abroad. The Korean-Vietnam Peace Village in Quang Nam (which will bring up the victims Agent Orange / Dioxin in the central region of Viet Nam with funding from the Korean Disabled Veterans Organization (KDVO) has been inaugurated and going in operation. We are looking forward to receiving help, sharing experience, financial and material supports more from other organizations and international friends.

At present, the VAVN is in co-operation with the Viet Nam Union of Friendship

Organizations in preparing Viet Nam-US Veterans Business Forum for the first time (scheduled in Nov. 2011). This activity is expected to help improving our veterans' economic efficiency and their quality of life, and promote understanding, friendship and cooperation between Vietnam Veterans and international friends.

Ladies and Gentlemen.

In order to maintain stability and peaceful environment in Southeast Asia, continue to implement the ASEAN Charter in contribution to build a developing ASEAN Community, VAVN would like to propose:

- To strengthen the voice of the VECONAC in preserving peace and stability in the region, especially in the East Sea (South China Sea), contributing to strictly follow the "Guidelines on the implementation of the Declaration on Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea", the 1982 United Nations Convention on Law of the Sea, resolve disputes through peaceful negotiations, no party uses force or threatens to use force, no party takes any action that makes the situation more complicated.
- To increase exchange of information, exchange of visits of veterans delegations to promote friendship, mutual understanding and exchange of operational experience to help veterans improving their material and spiritual life, protecting their legitimate and legal interest.
- To promote cooperation, joint venture doing business and encourage veterans enterprises to organize economic forums, exhibitions, trade show, looking for partners to cooperate.
- To enhance bilateral and multilateral cultural and sport exchange among veterans organizations in our region.
- The VAVN hopes to welcome the Lao National Veterans Federation and Myanmar War Veterans Organization as official members of VECONAC.

In conclusion, please accept my best wishes of success to this meeting, my best wishes of good health, happiness and prosperity to all of you.

Thank you.



## **LAO NATIONAL VETERANS FEDERATION' ADDRESS**

**Presented by  
Brig Gen Somphon KEOMIXAY  
President of Lao National Veterans Federation**

His Excellency Mr. President of VECONAC  
Ladies and Gentlemen

On behalf of Lao National Veterans Federation, I am very please to have an opportunity to participate the 24<sup>th</sup> VECONAC Executive Boards Meeting held in Bali, a beautiful and popular tourism destination in the world. On this occasion, I would like to give sincere thank to the President of VECONAC as well as the President of Veterans Legion of the Republic of Indonesia that invite and warmly welcome us. This is the first time we are officially invited to participate in VECONAC.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On this occasion, I would to make a brief report on what the Lao National Veterans Federation has been done so far after the 13<sup>th</sup> VECONAC in Jakarta. Following the role of the Lao National Veterans Federation, we have actively worked to protect right and benefits of the Lao war veterans, lead them in strengthening their household economy to improve their livelihood by supporting them in agriculture and livestock activities base on local conditions and our national potential. As you may know, the Lao war veterans had participated in our nation liberation, however Independence, the Lao war veterans are still in poverty and large numbers of innocent people who became war victims are not yet receive any justice from war wager. The Lao National Veterans Federation has taken a key role in allocation of land for agriculture production and builds houses for the war veterans who have not yet permanent shelter.

Regarding to the issue of preparation to become VECONAC membership, after the 13<sup>th</sup> VECONAC meeting, we have reported to our government and

to date, the Laos Government has basically agreed on becoming the member of the VECONAC. However, the Government has assigned us to make further preparation, particularly the English speaking staff since the VECONAC has identified English as the working language. Therefore, I, as the President of the Lao National Veterans Federation, have high confidence that in coming 14<sup>th</sup> VECONAC meeting, we will officially apply to become the member of the VECONAC and hopefully that we will receive supports from the VECONAC members.

In February this year we had an opportunity to welcome the visit of the President of the VECONAC and his delegations. On that occasion, we had consultation on the issue of becoming membership of the VECONAC of the Lao National Veterans Federation and the President of VECONAC had also met with the Deputy Minister of the Ministry of National Defense. However, it was a pity that at the time of the visit, the Minister of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is not present, any how we have reported the results of the meeting to the Minister. Yet, the visit had made the Lao leadership aware and understand more clearly about the role, goals and activities of the VECONAC which would be a sound conditions for us to become the VECONAC member in the future.

We have also welcome and work with Vietnam Veterans Association to consult about the issue of becoming VECONAC of Lao National Veterans Federation.

Finally, may I wish the President of the VECONAC and all participants in this meeting to be healthy and be successful in their works.

**VECONAC FOREVER !  
FOREVER VECONAC !**

**Thank You**



**STATEMENT DELIVERED BY COL. (Ret.) MYO WIN,  
Chief of Headquarters of  
THE MYANMAR WAR VETERANS ORGANIZATION**

Excellency Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Rais ABIN – VECONAC President,  
Members of the Executive Board,  
Delegates from Member States of VECONAC,  
Friends, Ladies and Gentlemen,

First, may I thank you Mr. President and the Board for inviting us to this meeting and for the excellent arrangements made for our delegation to be present here.

Second, on behalf of the President of the Myanmar War Veterans Organization and on my own behalf, it gives me great pleasure to inform all our friends gathered here that Myanmar War Veterans Organization have applied for membership to VECONAC and we believe our application will be formally approved at the forthcoming 14<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of VECONAC in Malaysia. As a prospective member of the organization, we pledge to abide by the Constitution and will fulfill the aims and objectives of the confederation.

The Myanmar War Veterans Organization came into existence as a result of the endeavors made to gain independence. A review and reorganization of the MWVO was done in 1973 and a new constitution and fundamental principles were adopted in 1975. A Central Organizing Committee of the MWVO was formed on 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2007 under notification (60/2007) of the State Peace and Development Council. A new Central Organizing Committee of the MWVO was again reorganized under notification (26/2011) of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar on 20 April 2011.

The objectives of MWVO are as follows:

- a. Non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity, perpetuation of national sovereignty and participation in parallel to socioeconomic development programmes for the people.
- b. Conscientious participation in the national defence and security tasks as

- an ancillary force of the Tamadaw (Myanmar Defence Forces).
- c. Consolidate mutual assistance among members of the War Veterans Organization.
- d. Participation in unison in the welfare activities of the State.

The MWVO is also very active in the following sectors of the society:

- a. National political sector,
- b. Economic sector,
- c. Social and Welfare sector, and
- d. National development sector.

Mr. President, Friends, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to reiterate that it is a great pleasure for our delegation to be present here and would again like to thank and congratulate the President, the Board Members of VECONAC and all concerned on the superb arrangements made, to the Veterans Legion of the Republic of Indonesia and also to the Government of the Republic of Indonesia and especially to the governor of this beautiful island of Bali, for the warm welcome and hospitality accorded us. Last but not least, it is a great honour to me to be able to inform all our friends and comrades present here of the accession of Myanmar into the ranks of VECONAC. On behalf of the MWVO and on my own behalf may I again express my heartfelt thanks to all for your kind support to our application to join VECONAC. We believe we will be able to fulfill all expectations as we will be working together hand-in-hand with friends.

Thank You.



## Recommendation 1

**Submitted by**  
**Veterans Confederation of ASEAN Countries (VECONAC)**

### VECONAC MEDAL

**Considering** VECONAC's existence and proven itself as a valuable organization of ASEAN.

**Acknowledging also** that VECONAC's progress has been made possible by the guidance and dedication of its founding fathers and respective Leaders / Chairmen.

**Recommending** these services to be given proper recognition and realized in the form of a citation and VECONAC Medal of Honor to be awarded to those who have contributed to the advancement of the organization.

**Calling on** VECONAC members to submit the concept and design of the Medal before the coming General Assembly. The citation and Medal could be presented in a ceremony at the General Assembly or other occasions determined by the Executive Board.

**Expecting** The Executive Board to have the list of prospective recipients presented at the 14<sup>th</sup> General Assembly in Kuala Lumpur for final approval.

## **Recommendation 2**

**Submitted by  
Veterans Confederation of ASEAN Countries  
(VECONAC)**

### **ESTABLISHMENT OF VECONAC HONORARY PRESIDENCIES**

**Considering** that VECONAC Presidents are definitely noted figures in his/her country as Chief Executive of the member organization, who has the experiences and visions required by VECONAC.

**Realizing** that after their tenure as VECONAC President, it can be ascertained they still have great attention to the developments of VECONAC.

**Realizing also** that after their tenure they could still be resource persons with rich historical backgrounds for the advancement of VECONAC's aims.

**Propose** that all former VECONAC Presidents be awarded the title VECONAC Honorary President to enable them to still contribute to the progress of VECONAC. The Honorary Presidents may be invited in honor of the General Assembly or other VECONAC activities.

**Consenting** the list of Honorary Presidents to be presented by the VECONAC Executive Board with the approval of member organizations concerned.

### **Recommendation 3**

**Submitted by  
Veterans Confederation of ASEAN Countries  
(VECONAC)**

#### **Resolution of Appreciation to the Cambodia Veteran Association (CVA)**

**Acknowledging** that since 28 April 2010 the Cambodia Veteran Association (CVA) has been accepted as a regular member of VECONAC and officially stated in the constitution of VECONAC.

**Considering** the full membership of Veterans Organizations in ASEAN into VECONAC will contribute to regional interests and the ASEAN Community in 2015.

**Noting** the membership of CVA provides a deeper solidarity of VECONAC to foster its effort for membership by non-member veterans organization.

**Recommend** to extend a Resolution of Appreciation to the CVA (Cambodia Veteran Association) for its entrance as a VECONAC member and to the Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia for their support to the CVA.



**PRELIMINARY STATEMENT BY  
ESAM HEAD OF DELEGATION  
ON THE NEXT 14<sup>TH</sup> VECONAC GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Honourable **LT.GEN. (RET) RAIS ABIN**, President of VECONAC cum President of LVRI

Head of Delegation and Delegates from VECONAC's member countries.

Ladies and Gentlemen

On behalf of ESAM leadership once again I wish to thank our Honourable VECONAC President and its Secretariat for allowing me to say a few words with regard to the next 14<sup>th</sup> VECONAC General Assembly. It is indeed an honour and privilege for ESAM to be chosen as the next VECONAC Secretariat and thereafter traditionally will be hosting the 14<sup>th</sup> General Assembly in 2012 and 25<sup>th</sup> Executive Board Meeting in 2013.

We are very pleased to inform that tentatively the 14<sup>th</sup> General Assembly will be held either in the month of August or September 2012 in our capital city Kuala Lumpur. Although initially we had planned to host it towards the end of March 2012, we have no choice but to reschedule it to either in August or September due to several foreseen important events taking place in Malaysia. The most notable one is our country 13<sup>th</sup> General Election, where it is anticipated to be held between the month of March and April next year. More often than not thereafter will be followed by a Cabinet reshuffle, and in the event the new Defence Minister is appointed then we will be required to interface with him and his staffs, and we believe it will take one or two months for things to settle down.

Ladies and Gentleman

Notwithstanding what I have said earlier, in fact we are ever ready to host the General Assembly in Kuala Lumpur, thus preliminary preparation has been made immediately after our team returned from a working visit to VECONAC Secretariat in Jakarta in April this year. Hence, we are eagerly waiting to play

host to our brother members of VECONAC and we hope we could be a good host to all of you when the time comes.

Apart from the standard and normal agendas and programme, we have planned to take the delegates to visit some important places around Kuala Lumpur, and among them are Federal Government Administration Centre, Putrajaya; National Museum and the Twin-Tower at KLCC (Kuala Lumpur City Centre) plus the air-bridge at the twin-tower. In principle, as in the past our government is fully committed and very supportive of the existence and the cause of the VECONAC. We are only able to inform about the actual date and programme of the 14<sup>th</sup> VECONAC General Assembly after the month of April 2012.

Honourable President of VECONAC, delegates, ladies and gentleman.

With that note, I end my preliminary briefing and hope to see you in Kuala Lumpur either in August or September next year.

Thank you and May God bless us all.

## Annex I



ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS  
SECRETARY-GENERAL

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22 September 2011

**Lt. Gen. (Ret) Rais Abin**

President

Veterans Confederation of ASEAN Countries (VECONAC)

Jakarta, Indonesia

Dear Lt. Gen. Rais Abin,

Thank you very much for your invitation to the 24<sup>th</sup> Executive Board Meeting of VECONAC in Bali on 25-28 September 2011.

Since VECONAC is identified in the Charter as one of the entities associated with ASEAN, I am always interested in knowing more about your activities and concerns. Thus, it is with great regret that I will not be able to participate in the said forum as I will be in New York, USA during that time for the Informal ASEAN Ministerial Meeting (IAMM) and all other related ASEAN Meetings.

Nevertheless, allow me to congratulate you for holding a successful Board Meeting.

I also look forward to receiving news and updates from your organization.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Surin Pitsuwan'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

**Surin Pitsuwan**

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**DENPASAR, BALI**  
**25 - 27 SEPTEMBER 2011**





## PRELIMINARY MEETING 26 September 2011





**THE OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY BY  
HON. MADE MANGKU PASTIKA , GOVERNOR OF BALI  
at Discovery Kartika Hotel, Bali.26 September 2011**

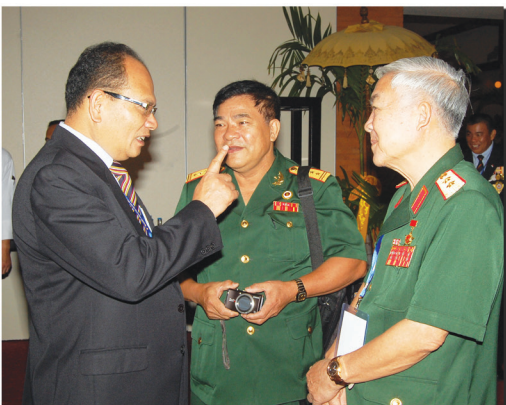








## OPENING CEREMONY RECEPTION





## PLENARY MEETING AT SHINTA ROOM







**WELCOME DINNER HOSTED BY GOVERNOR OF BALI  
AND CONFERING LVRI MEDAL  
TO HON. MADE MANGKU PASTIKA, GOVERNOR OF BALI**









## TOUR/SIGHTSEEING 27 SEPTEMBER 2011





## Farewell Dinner at the Discovery Hotel hosted by President VECONAC















**GOVERNOR OF BALI  
WITH THE 24<sup>TH</sup> VECONAC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HEAD OF DELEGATE**



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