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SUBJECT: Vietnam Round Table - June, 2023 Speaker

Central Pennsylvania Vietnam Round Table will meet on Thursday, June 8, 2023 at Vietnam Veterans of America, Michael J. Novosel MOH Chapter 542, 8000 Derry Street, Harrisburg, Pa. 17111, at 7:30pm.

Following a brief business meeting, Russell "Doc" Walters, from Annville, will discuss his Army enlisted service, 1969-1975, which included consecutive tours in the Republic of Vietnam, with the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), the 23rd Infantry Division (Americal) and the 196th Light Infantry Brigade (Separate). During that time, he served as a 91T (Primary MOS) Veterinarian Specialist and as a 91B (Secondary MOS) Combat Medial Specialist, with five different infantry platoons utilizing specialized military working dogs, i.e. Scout Dogs and Combat Tracker Dogs. Walters is a 1969 graduate of Lewistown-Granville High School, a 1975 graduate of Penn State University (BSN) and a 1991 graduate of California Pacific University (Master of Arts in Management and Human Behavior). He enlisted in the service at age 17, attending BCT at Ft. Jackson, S.C., AIT at Walter Reed Medical Center, Washington, D.C. and the U.S. Army Scout Dog School at Ft. Benning, Georgia. Returning from Vietnam, he was recruited for the Army Student Nurse Program at Penn State, University Park, Pa. After graduation he was commissioned in the Army Nurse Corps, completing the Operating Room Nursing Course, Ft. Bliss, Texas, Airborne Training, Ft. Benning, Georgia and eventually attended Air Assault School with the 3rd Infantry Division (Old Guard) at Davison Army Airfield, Virginia. As an officer, he provided surgical support to the Marine survivors of the Beirut barracks bombing in 1983, deployed to Operation Just Cause in Panama in 1989-1990 and participated in Operation Desert Shield/Storm, 1990-1991. He retired in 1992 at Ft. Bragg, N.C. at the rank of Major. For his service to our Country, he was awarded 18 combat-related decorations and 19 additional decorations related to his military service. After military

retirement, he continued his civilian career in the Operating Room and Interventional Pain Management, in both staff and supervisory positions until his retirement in 2015. His civilian military honors include the George Washington Honor Medal, from the Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge for his essay "Proud to Serve," the Warriors Medal of Valor from the Vietnam Dog Handlers Association and more recently, a Quilt of Valor from the Quilt of Valor Foundation. In his spare time, he volunteers at the Lebanon Veterans Affairs Hospital and participates in the Patriot Guard Riders "Standing for those Veterans who stood for Us." He enjoys writing songs, at last count about 200 and novels which currently include: "Knights Blessing", "The Deepest Wounds of War," "Once in a Red Moon," and "Michael Gunn, the Autobiography of An M-1911 Colt .45 ACP". He recently celebrated his 50th anniversary with his wife, Sue. They have a son, Brian (USANG, Retired) and a daughter Melissa (USAF Veteran, Deceased) and three grandchildren, Olivia, Luke and Tehya, ages 6, 11 and 20 years old.

The meeting is open to the public and as a volunteer organization, we pass a Vietnam hat. All persons interested in the history of the Vietnam War are invited to attend. For additional information contact Richard Burton, 717-545-2336, email: [centralpavietnamrt@verizon.net](mailto:centralpavietnamrt@verizon.net). The website is: [www.centralpavietnamroundtable.com](http://www.centralpavietnamroundtable.com)