



THE UNITED ROYAL LAO ARMED FORCES
& SPECIAL GUERRILLA UNITS VETERANS OF THE VIETNAM WAR

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The Honorable Timothy Waltz, *Governor of Minnesota*

The Honorable Melissa Hortman, *Speaker of the Minnesota House of Representative*

The Honorable Paul Gezelka, *Majority Leader Minnesota State Senate*

The Honorable Leon Lillie, *Chairman of the House Legacy Finance Committee*

The Honorable Andrew Lang, *Chairman of the Senate Legacy Finance, Senate*

The Honorable Steve Green, *Ranking member of the House Legacy Finance Committee*

The Honorable Fong Hawj, *Ranking Member of the Senate Legacy Finance Committee*

The Honorable Ruth Richardson, *Ranking member of the House Education Policy Committee*

The Honorable Sondra Erickson, *Ranking member of the House Education Policy Committee*

The Honorable Andrew Lang, *Chairman of the Senate Veterans & Military Affairs Committee*

The Honorable Rob Ecklund, *Chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee*

The Honorable Larry Herke, *Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs*

The Honorable Mary Cathryn Ricker, *Commissioner of Minnesota Department of Education*

Dear Minnesota State leaders,

The United Royal Lao Armed Forces & Special Guerrilla of Vietnam War in seeking to support HF 2428 that will secure the funding to create the Southeast Asian Vietnam War Documentary Series.

As the Lao veterans lost their country, there is no record available to proof that served as surrogate U.S. Army that fought during the Vietnam War and lost the equal number of the U.S. forces deployed in Vietnam. No History Book written by the Lao veterans or the Lao community in both English and the Lao language that reflects the true happening in Laos. No documentary film was made in the past to educate the Lao younger generation to use as a true resources.

I respectfully ask that a sound consideration toward providing us a financial support HF 2428, the Southeast Asian Vietnam War Documentary Series created by the Coalition of Allied Vietnam War Veterans to run this worthy project.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 763-355-2840 or send me an email:
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Sincerely,

Khao Insxiengmay

Former Colonel Royal Lao Armed Forces and SGU

Surrogate U.S. Army **ORGANIZATION BACKGROUND**

The United Royal Lao Armed Forces & Special Guerrilla Units Veterans of the Vietnam War is a group of Lao combat veterans of the Secret government's Secret War in Laos. We are a non-501c4 self-help organization comprised of all Lao people regardless of ethnicity, sex, age, and religious affiliation.

We have established a national organization Led by former Royal Lao Army officers and former Special Guerrilla Units officers with the advice of former CIA case officers and US military advisors in Laos.

Purposes of the corporation are as follows: Request

1. Conduct seminars on democratic ideals and principles and the fight for freedom especially related to the war effort in Indochina.
2. Create partnership with communities at large both at the local and national level.

After 45 years, we, a group of Lao veterans of the U. S. government's Secret War in Laos, part of the Vietnam War, and our families have made new homes away from our native land, but our spirit remains intact. We take pride in our heritage and the sacrifice of our forefathers while we take to the heart to the toll of the "Secret War" in Laos and the fall of our country. We will not allow these adverse catastrophic events to overcome our bravely and diminish our will. We want to transform the contribution of Lao veterans during the Americans led "Secret War" in Laos into a springboard to promote the welfare of Lao veterans and their families while heightening the level of awareness in the American public about the sacrifices we have made. Motivate the sen=ment of patriotism; the honor to serving our country as surrogate soldiers of the U.S. government; loyalty to the mother land and the U.S.; and unity among Lao people of all ethnicity, we shall built our fortress to our adopted homeland and have agreed to form the United Royal Lao Armed Forces and Special Guerrilla Units veterans for that purpose.

Who I am?

My name is Khao Insixiegmay, from Savannakhet, Laos. I was an officer in the Royal Lao Army and received my military in Laos, France and the United States. At Lacland Air Force Base, Texas I was introduced to technical training and orienta=on map courses. At Fort Knox, Kentucky I was trained in tank warfare and underwent a special leadership course which is similar to an officer basic training. I also aDended the officer advanced course at the Infantry School, Fort Benning Georgia.

I began fighting the North Vietnamese, Chinese, and Pathet Lao communists when I was 18 years old in 1962. Recruited in early 1968 from the Royal Lao Army, I served for six years with CIA case officers in CIA's Special Guerrilla Units (SGU), part of the "Secret Army" established by the CIA to conduct covert opera=ons in Laos where North Vietnamese Army (NVA) forces were opera=ng, but U.S. forces were forbidden by Congress to enter. I also served as a sort of case officers surrogate, an opera=ons assistant or extra brain and pair of eyes, and in effect an advisor to the advisor in Military Region3 (central Laos).

At great risk, my unit extracted down U.S. air crewmen, cut North Vietnamese lines of communication, killed or wounded around **FIVE THOUSAND** North Vietnamese soldiers. Destroyed many tanks and supplies trucks, captured anti-aircraft guns used against US aircraft, and saved hundreds of Thai troops under attack by NVA forces. I was twice seriously wounded, and was twice a prisoner of war, the last being 12 years in captivity near the Laos-Vietnam border. The unit I led suffered more than **ONE THOUSAND KILLED, TWO THOUSAND WOUNDED AND COUPLE OF HUNDRED MISSING.**

Memorable events:

- On August 6, 1968, LTC Wayne McNulty, the first CIA case officer killed in action by enemy gun fire in Laos was standing close to me where he got off the helicopter that supplying rice to my battalion in Military Region 3, in central Laos.
- On January 18, 1969, I secured one US Air Force CH-3, Jolly Green 67, a helicopter with a crew of five that landed due to the engine problems in Muang Phalane MR3 central part of Laos.
- On November 6, 1972, my unit rescued four Air America crew members of C-123 cargo plane shot down at Paksong in MR4 in South Laos while dropping supplied to Thai volunteers troops.

In the United States of America, I worked as a Social Worker at the Lao Lutheran Evangelical Church for two years and 18 years as an Executive Director of the Lao Parents and Teachers Association of Minnesota. I have extensive experience working for and with Lao veterans, Southeast Asian and U.S. veterans. I has had extensive training in nonprofit management and finance as well as community organizing and public relation. I was retired in 2012 due to my heart problem.