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While I have your attention, please start looking for and signing up new members! Remember, we are all Vietnam Era Veterans, Some of us served in Nam and some of us didn't! We All Served Honorably! So don't let the Veterans that weren't in Nam get away! They need our Camaraderie and we need their Membership. Sign Them Up!

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In May of this year I wrote my first poem and read it at our Memorial Day Service in Owego. I was in a rage about a news report telling about a preacher and his congregation protesting Iraqi Vets funerals.

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For protecting their right, to say things that are wrong.

We served with honor, in a far off place.  
Where we won every battle, but still lost face

We were treated as though, we had asked for the war  
We were hated and yelled at and so much more

They chanted and ranted and talked of the war

They had love-ins and protests, and concerts and more

They professed to be scholars and gurus and the like

But we needed to talk, and have our thoughts see the light  
But they wouldn't listen to us, or give us their time

They called us Kid Killer's and Druggies and such  
This made us despair, and hurt us so much

But we still would be willing, to give up our lives  
For their God given right, to tell all of Their Lies  
So we dealt with our demons and dealt with our pain

But we never were able to deal with Their Shame

Some of our Brothers will never be right  
And some have decided to give up the fight

But now they decided to treat us so good  
Because they were wrong and because that they could

And now there are people that would do us great harm

So they've called on our daughters and sons to be gone

But still they say bad things,  
And say we are wrong

For protecting their right, to say things that are wrong.

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Our next meeting will be on August 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Owego VFW Post 1371, Upstairs Hall! We have an average of 10 members attending every meeting. We have lots of smiling faces. If you have a friend that's a Vietnam Era Vet please bring them!

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Since no one wants to send me any pictures to put in our newsletter, here is one of my A-gunner & I taking a break from a "Search & Destroy" operation in Quang Tri Province in 1967.



If one of you gentlemen have a picture that you'd like to share of your time in the service, e-mail it to me with a little info and I will insert it into our Newsletter!

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