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December 15, 1986

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Dr. Dan Conlon  
4212 Grines Avenue S.  
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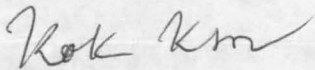
Dear Dr. Conlon:

On behalf of the Montagnards who have immigrated to the United States and the Montagnard people in general, please accept my very deep appreciation and thanks for what you have done for the more than two hundred Montagnard refugees.

There is nothing that I can give you in return for what you have done for the Montagnard refugees here in the United States, but I do pray that the Almighty God will richly bless you in every aspect of your daily life and protect you under His care.

Again, I would like to thank you very much for all of your assistance on behalf of the Montagnard people.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Kok Ksor', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kok Ksor

# MONTAGNARD NEWS



A Joint Publication of the Montagnard Dega Association and the  
ADF Foundation serving the Montagnard Community

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## In Search of The Flag

According to the research done by Mr. Y-Jut Buonto, the original Montagnard flag was developed in the 1940's. With the outbreak of World War II, the French government was concerned the unhappy Montagnards might side with the Japanese. In August of 1944 in the city of Dalat the French government and a delegation from the Vietnamese king met with about 70 Montagnard leaders at a special conference. At the end of the meeting the Montagnard leaders presented a Montagnard Flag and requested autonomy from both governments. The request was granted by the French government, but was not accepted by the Vietnamese.

The flag consists of three equal stripes of green, white, and green. Green - representing the mountain and forest and White - representing peace and honesty. A gold circle, representing justice and friendship symbolized by the bracelet. And the elephant, representing the Montagnard people whose brown skin matches the elephants, who can be gentle with a child, but has great power when angered. The elephant is the Montagnard's national symbol.

Currently, research is being done in French archives through Mr. Y-Pen Louis Bing to find additional historical documentation. Should anyone have documentation or information to help confirm Mr. Buonto's research, please contact the Association's office.



*Don Scott, Jim Morris, Y-Pen Bing, and Pierre K'Briuh place Montagnard bracelets made by Hadoi on the wrists of new arrivals Y-Bhim Nie and Y-Ngon Mlo who arrived the day before the festival.*

## New Arrivals Welcome to the United States!

Ka Bep, K Ton, K'Tos, K Kris

Siu Hendy, Siu Dery

Siu H'Meyel, Siu H'Dina,  
Siu Honey, Siu Huong

Don, Thoi H, Du, Diyzo,  
Gyur, Gyom, Nuay, Noao

These Montagnards have been granted refugee status under the ODP (Orderly Departure Program) through the US Dept. of State, Bureau for Refugee Programs. Many thanks to those in the State Dept. who have helped make their entry a success.

## We've Moved!

Send all donations, membership dues, and correspondence to:

Montagnard Dega Association  
122 North Elm Street, Suite 516  
Greensboro, NC 27401  
(910) 230-0211 Fax(910) 230-0272

Lutheran Family Services is no longer taking care of the Montagnards needs. The Association has taken on this tremendous task, so all donations (tax deductible) and volunteer help will be greatly appreciated.

## How Does the MDA Help Montagnards?

In a few words...provide transportation to hospital...make doctors appointments...get them to the appointment...act as an intermediary with Dept. of HRS who doesn't understand the cultural differences and adjustment the newcomers have to deal with...help find jobs...fill out applications...move families from unlivable situations and resettle them...apply for food stamps...set up ESL and hygiene classes...find legal help when needed...to name just a few.



## Two Year Old Needs Bone Marrow Transplant

Julia Leinghot, daughter of Kin and Micki Leinghot of Rhode Island, was recently diagnosed with Leukemia. In November the American Red Cross and the Montagnard Dega Association teamed up in an effort to save her life. A bone marrow transplant is her possible life saving answer.

Doctors believe a match will only be found within the Montagnard community. Members of the community came out over two week-ends to give blood in search of a possible match. The Red Cross computer took in all the information, and four possible matches were found. Her final answer may still lie in her family back in Vietnam.

The Montagnard Dega Association has pulled off a huge miracle. Through its efforts the Vietnamese government has granted Kin's family permission to come to the United States on Humanitarian leave to test them for a possible bone marrow match, which could save her life.

The Association will be holding fund raising events to help raise the \$25,000. needed for the plane fair of the family members. Anyone wishing to donate towards the effort may send their checks to Montagnard Dega Association, 122 N. Elm St., Ste. 516, Greensboro, NC 27401. Please put "Julia Leinghot Fund" on the check for proper allocation.

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## Pattern of a Montagnard

In 1986 and 1992, 200, and 400 Montagnards sought refuge in the United States after finally giving up their struggle to change the fate of their people through fighting in the jungle against the Communist Vietnamese. Instead, they sought help through political and humanitarian assistance from their friends and allies of the Vietnam War, the Americans. What is this typical Montagnard like? Why did he go into the jungle? Where is his family? Why did he leave the jungle? Although this is the story of one member of the Rhade tribe, each refugee carries much the same story.

Born in 1942 in a small village in Buon Brieng on 21st Road to Natrang in the Darlat Province of the Central Highlands, he was part of the Rhade tribe with a family of two sisters and one brother. At 13 years of age, he began his education in school and remained there until 1964. Then he joined the resistance whose movement was negotiated to a peaceful ending with the help of the U.S. Army Special Forces. They realized the invaluable resource the Montagnards of the Central Highlands were to the war against the Communists. In 1969 he enrolled in the Vietnamese Army as a 2nd Lieutenant and served until the war ended.

In 1975 he was arrested and jailed for 6 months at Tang Bin Camp near the Vietnam and Cambodian borders. With five others he escaped into the jungle. Little did he expect that the jungle would be his home for 17 years. At first he and his friends joined the FULRO, then some were killed and others could not live with the strain of jungle life. They surrendered. With the help of the United States and the United Nations, today he is the only one amongst his five friends who has reached the freedom of the United States.

But does this freedom fulfill his dream? He wants to see his relatives again. It is hard to accept happiness with his dream. It seems unrealistic. He thinks of his homeland, his culture. He misses it all. Because each Montagnard here has his own personal interests and goals, it is very hard to bring all the Montagnards together. But, he wants to see his people speak with one voice. He wants to seek help from his American friends. He wants the Americans to lead and train his people, just like we trained a toddler to walk. Hold them by the hand, guide them, so that they won't fall. With the Americans help the fate of his people and his culture both in Vietnam and scattered around the world can reverse from the bleak outlook their people see today.

Montagnard News is a product of the American Defenders of Freedom Foundation created as a service for the Montagnard Community. For additional copies of the newspaper and inquiries/correspondence should be directed to Y-Siu Hlong, Montagnard Dega Association, 122 N. Elm Street, Suite 516, Greensboro, NC 27401, Phone (910)230-0211

## Tax Help

If you need help with your first tax return in the United States, call the MDA offices and sign up for assistance.



# Montagnard Handicraft Company

All products are handcrafted by Montagnards. All blankets and bags are woven on looms which the Montagnards have been using for centuries. Because there is no machinery used, no product is exactly the same size with another. Each woven product is unique. Although many designs are similar, upon close scrutiny each will be different from the other. All products have a wide variety of colors with black being the predominant background. Veterans who received bracelets from Montagnards in Vietnam will find these bracelets different because there is design over the whole bracelets. Thaniel Ksa, the craftsman, wanted to make the bracelets artistic and beautiful demonstrating his talent. We call them "Bracelets of Hope".

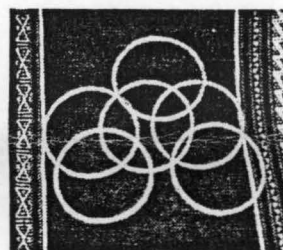
## Jackets (not shown)

All jackets must be special ordered. Please send sleeve length, distance between shoulders, circumference around torso just below arms and around waist, distance from neck to waist.

Extra Large	\$200
Large	\$175
Medium	\$150
Small	\$125

## Bracelets

1/8" Brass	\$25
3/8" Brass	\$35
1/8" Silver	\$50



## Bags\*

12"X12" with 40" Strap \$75



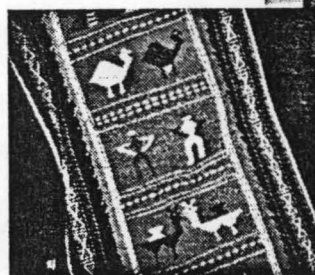
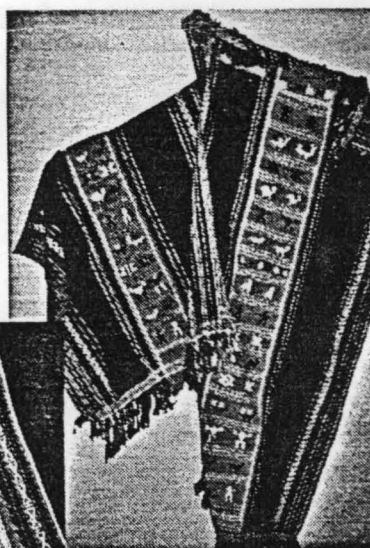
## Baskets

With design	5"X7"	\$20
Plain	5"X7"	\$15



## Blankets\*

	<b>Simple</b>	
Medium	36"X60"	\$135
Large	40"X70"	\$155
	<b>Fancy</b>	
Medium	36"X60"	\$175



\*Please note that all sizes will not be exact. There can be a 2"-3" variation.

## Our 'Gurkhas'

Recruited from mountainous Nepal, Gurkha soldiers became legendary for their fighting prowess and fierce loyalty to the British Crown. America had its Gurkhas, too: the Montagnards of Vietnam's Central Highlands. But in the gallery of glory their canvas hands tragedy-stained.

Return to the early 1960's. Green Berets and CIA agents working in South Vietnam enticed thousands of hill tribesmen, blood enemies of the lowland Vietnamese, to help U.S. Forces kill Viet Cong. Trading their crossbows for automatic rifles, the Montagnards beat the VC at their own ambush game, fighting without quarter and winning the undying respect of the GIs whom they faithfully served.

For Americans, the Vietnam War ended in April 1975 with Saigon's fall. Not for the Montagnards. Hopeful that their U.S. allies would return, about 10,000 tribesmen continued to wage a guerrilla war against Vietnamese communism. That war ended only last year, when the Montagnard remnants, operating out of Cambodia's tiger-infested jungles, surrendered to the United Nations. Official inventory of surviving men and arms: 389 guerrillas, a few AK-47 assault rifles and four grenade launchers with one round apiece.

Having foiled the best efforts of man and nature to exterminate them, the survivors were not about to return to Vietnam and probable execution by a regime that hated them on ethnic and political grounds. So they joined about 400 other Montagnards in America, where they have struggled to adapt to U.S. society.

Many refugees pine for the faintly remembered life of longhouse and village. But no homecoming is likely while Hanoi persecutes the 500,000 or more Montagnards still in Vietnam by breaking up villages, banning practice of the tribesmen's distinctive Christian/animist faith, and for extra spite, denying most Montagnard children a higher education.

Until lately, America has been in no position to stick up for the Montagnards. But if Hanoi wants normalized relations with the United States, the price should include fair treatment of the mountain people who fought so nobly beside us and after us.

Article published in "The Commercial Appeal", 12/28/93, Memphis, TN

## Local Meetings

Meetings with Pierre K'Briuh and Y'Siu Hlong are being held in Greensboro, Charlotte, and Raleigh to organize, begin the development of committees, and membership drives. Members and Associates are encouraged to attend the meeting in their area. See how you can participate in the success of MDA. Call the office to find out when the next meeting will be in your area.

## What's Been Happening?

We are settled in our downtown location which is in an old bank building renovated specifically for the use of non-profits. Many agencies with which we will interact either are or will be located in the building with us. Interaction with these other agencies will be very helpful now and in the future.

The Association has a case worker, Nancy Williams, who is tackling the task of day to day problems many Montagnards have. Y-Siu Hlong is working along with her as interpreter.

The Association has begun its initial fund raising campaign. It applied for a grant from the State of North Carolina. One goal is to set up a satellite office on Summit Avenue. This center will house the office of the case worker and have a room set aside for classes. Verbal commitment of the grant has been received by Don Scott. The official paperwork should be received in the next month. A complete update will be in the next newsletter.

During the spring a major fund raising campaign will begin. A brochure explaining who, what and where will be completed in the first stage. The funds from these efforts will be used for the Highland Assistance Project, the Scholarship Fund, the Business Development Fund, Family Reunification and the Social Assistance Fund. Don Scott and Chuck Woodson have made this fund raising campaign a top priority. Anyone wishing to help, please call the MDA offices.

# Montagnard Dega Association Inc.

First Year Initiation Fee

Annual Dues After 1st Year

## Montagnards

Single \$175  
Family 250  
Overseas 175

Single \$50  
Family 75  
Overseas 40

## Friends

Associate \$150  
Organization 1000

Associate \$ 40  
Organization 100

## Application / Shipping Label

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(City) (State) (Zip)

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I would like to help their efforts. I have interest in the following :

- \_\_\_\_ Refugee Sponsorship    \_\_\_\_ Advisory Committee    \_\_\_\_ Fund Raising  
\_\_\_\_ I would be willing to show a video to organizations in my town about the Montagnards.  
\_\_\_\_ Please send information to the following list attached.



# MONTAGNARD DEGA ASSOCIATION

Festival '93 Video \$29.95      September 25, 1993 Montagnard Festival with singing, dancing, speeches, handicrafts and more!

Shattered World by Gerald Hickey \$ 20.00      Adaptation and Survival among Vietnam's Highland Peoples during the Vietnam War

Short Sleeve T-Shirt \$15.00      White T-shirt with pictures of Montagnards during Vietnam War on back

Long Sleeve T-Shirt \$20.00      Red or white long sleeve T-shirt with simple MDA '93 logo on front

MDA Coffee Mug \$5.00  
MDA Lighter /Bumper Sticker \$3.00

Qty.	Item	Cost/Item	Total
_____	Shattered World by Gerald Hickey	\$20.00	_____
_____	Festival '93 Video	29.95	_____
_____	Short Sleeve T-Shirt	15.00	_____
_____	Long Sleeve T-Shirt, Red	20.00	_____
_____	Long Sleeve T-Shirt, White	20.00	_____
_____	Mug	5.00	_____
_____	Lighter	3.00	_____
_____	Bumper Sticker	3.00	_____
_____	Newsletter Subscription (1 Yr.)	7.00	_____
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\* MDA Members receive a 10% discount.  
\*\* Make checks payable to "Montagnard Dega Assosociation". Mail check and order form to Montagnard Dega Association, 122 N. Elm Stree, Suite 516, Greensboro, NC 27401. Fill out shipping information on reverse side.

Name		
Address		
City	ST	Zip

Qty.	Item	Cost	Total

Shipping and Handling  
Purchase <\$50    \$3.00  
Purchase >\$50    \$5.00

Send check or money order to:  
Montagnard Handicraft Company,  
Address... Please allow four to six weeks  
for delivery. Jackets may take longer.

THE MONTAGNARD HANDICRAFT CO.  
P.O. Box 568795  
Orlando, FL 32856-8795

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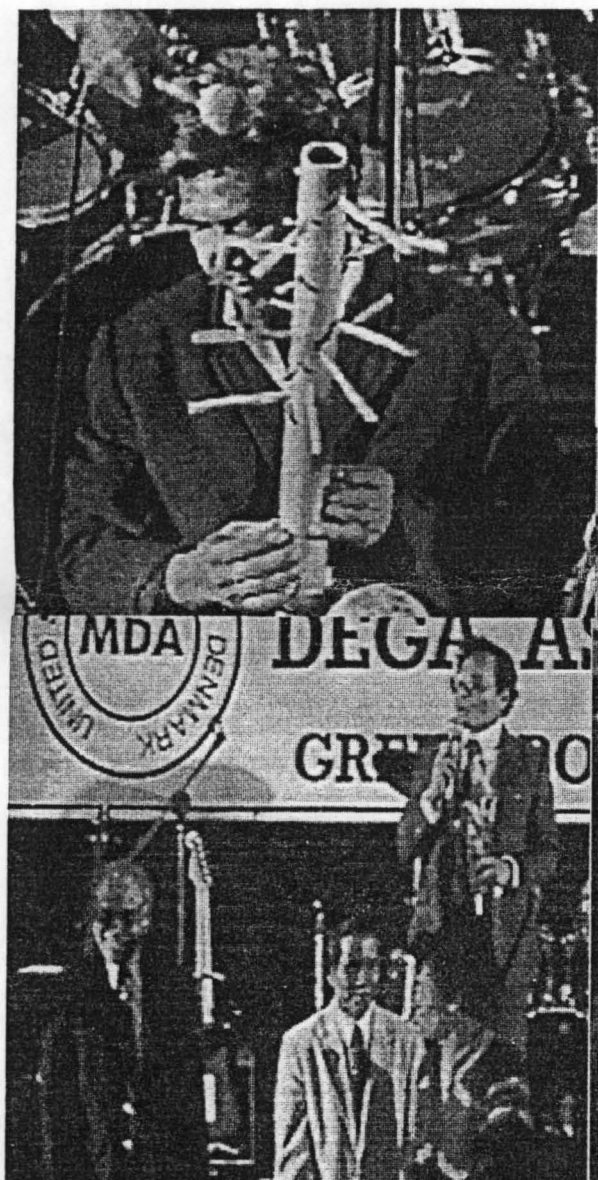
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**Total**


## September Festival

On September 25, 1993 the 1993 Montagnard Festival was held in Greensboro, NC. What a great success it was! The largest number of Montagnards outside of the Central Highlands of Vietnam came together to celebrate. Representatives were present from all around North Carolina. Louis Y-Pen Bing and Y Suai Eban traveled from Paris, France and Y-Jut Buonto came from Seattle, Washington, representing Washington Montagnard Association and its 30 plus members.



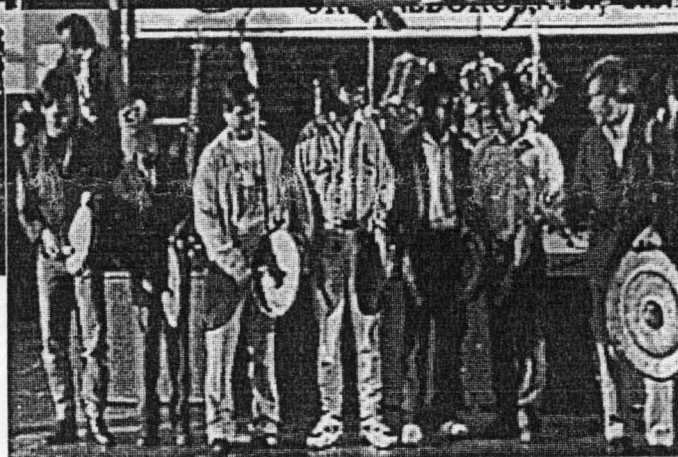


The evening was filled with speeches, great food, cultural music presentations, weaving and bracelet making presentations. The Association sold T-Shirts, mugs, and bumper stickers. In addition, Dr. Gerald Hickey's latest book, Shattered World, was also available.

For those who missed this year's very successful event, keep in mind next September when you are planning your 1994 calendar.



**PRECEDING PAGE:** *Top Left* - Nhu Dam Hoang plays one of the Montagnard traditional instruments. *Middle Left* - Mpung Bunur, Y-Ngong Knul and Rmah Dock sing Montagnard traditional chants for the celebration. *Top Right* - Y-Pen Ayun and Y-Pen Louis Bing from France speak with one of the Americans joining in the celebration. *Bottom Left* - Sa Jimmy Cil Pam and Pastor John gave a Montagnard and English Benediction at the opening of the celebration to the right of Pastor John is Master of Ceremony



Chuck Woodson and right of Sa Jimmy is Y-Hin Nie. *Bottom Right* - Y-Guk Cil gives a welcome speech to the gathered Montagnards and friends at the celebration.

**THIS PAGE:** *Top Right* - Led by Nhu Dam Hoang several Montagnards play

the gong and dance to traditional Montagnard music. *Top Left* - Y-Pen Ayun gives a speech to the 700 plus attendees at the 1993 Montagnard Celebration. *Middle Middle* - Rmah Dock sings the American National Anthem. *Middle Right* - Montagnards sing their National Anthem.

*Bottom Left* - New arrivals Y-Bhim Nie and Y-Ngen Mlo are introduced and welcomed by the attendees of the 1993 Celebration. *Bottom Right* - Nhu Dam Hoang and several of the Montagnards play the traditional gongs for the celebration attendees.

## Refugees Seek American Help in Germany

Three Montagnards who escaped from Czechoslovakia at the end of the cold war and made their way to Germany are now seeking refugee status in Germany. After completing their education in Vietnam they were rewarded by what they thought to be advanced education in Czechoslovakia. What they discovered was they were sent to Czechoslovakia not for an education but to help Communist Vietnam pay off its war debt. Their salaries were only of small percentage of what other workers were paid. The major portion of their earnings were applied to the debt Vietnam owed Czechoslovakia. When the Cold War ended, they found the opportunity to escape and took it.

Now they are on trial in Germany and their lives are on the line. They have professed association with the FULRO, which means automatic imprisonment and possible death should the German Courts not grant them refugee status. Both Y Nang Nie and Y-Thoan Niekdam are both married and have a child. Nay Hot is single.

In the spring of '92 Don Scott traveled to Germany to verify their story. In June, Chuck Woodson, Sherry Thomas, and Y Jut Buonto traveled to Hagen, Germany to see what could be done to help them. In meeting with their attorney, Dagmar Henninger-Jaber, it was learned that the Montagnards are not differentiated from the Vietnamese, of which there are many in Germany. Also, the current atmosphere and attitude towards any type of refugee is not encouraging. The attorney was educated on the fact that Montagnards are not Vietnamese and that both their people and their culture are in grave danger. Upon their return to the US, information following up these facts was forwarded to Dagmar.

The first trial is the middle of January and the outcome of that may set the precedent for the other two. Mr. Y Siu Hlong and Nancy Williams traveled to Germany and represented the Montagnard Dega Association and expressed our concern for the welfare of these three Montagnards, the only ones in Germany.

If you would like to help, please fax a letter of concern and support to: Ms. Dagmar Henninger-Jaber, WEGMAN, BRUNNER & HENNIN-GER-JABER, Hansastabe 7 - 11 Dortmund, 44137 Germany; Fax # 011 2-31 7-21-49-26. Send a copy to the MDA office c/o Chuck Woodson.

Update: Nancy Williams and Y Siu Hlong traveled to Germany on January 16, 1994 to represent the Association at the court hearing on Monday, January 17. Nancy called immediately after the hearing to report that the court would postpone any decision for six months. This is a short reprieve granted us to continue our efforts to help bring them to the United States with their other countrymen.

## Vietnam Highlands Assistance Project

Kay Riebold, Director of the project has announced projected dates of February 20th through March 10, 1994 for the next Highlands Trip. The delegation plans to visit leprosy communities in Tay Nguyen as well as 6 districts in Daklak and 12 districts in Gialai-Kontum.

The delegation consists of 5 people: Kay Riebold, Project Director; Chuck Woodson, Project Donor and Co-Chairman of Montagnard Dega Association Advisory Board, Mrs. Lib Hutchby, Project Caseworker; Joseph De Priest, journalist and his wife, Janet Crawley.

Joseph De Priest is doing a new article on leprosy in the Central Highlands. He will also highlight what the Highland Assistance Project has done which will help bring to the forefront the efforts underway to bring desperately needed help and supplies to the Highlands lepers.

## US Citizenship Class

Beginning Saturday, February 19, 1994 at 10 a.m., classes to help prepare for U.S. Citizenship will begin. Classes will be four weeks long and will be held at the Montagnard Dega Association Office at 122 N. Elm Street, Suite 516, Greensboro, NC. To sign up please call (910) 230-0211 or come by the office Monday-Friday between 9 am and 4 pm. All necessary documents, brochures, etc. will be free to Association members in good standing. Required fingerprinting will also be free to members. Non-members shall be charged a fee of \$25 per person. Fees required by the US government and photographic fees must be paid by the applicant.



# Association Report Card

## Membership:

Montagnard Families	95
Montagnard Single Members	76
Friend Associate	13
Donations to date for Julia Lieng Hot Medical Fund:	\$1,388.91
Pledges to Scholarship Fund:	
146 Donors	\$3,658.00

## Balance Sheet As of December 31, 1993

### Assets

Bank Accounts	\$ 6,882.00
Accounts Receivable	29,653.00
Scholarship Fund (Collected)	475.00
Inventory of Sale Items	8,267.33
Utility Deposits	1,223.97
Office Petty Cash	100.00
Furniture & Equipment	2,434.57
Loans to Members	3,000.00
Banners/Flags/Books	554.66
Total Assets	\$ 52,590.70

### Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$ 402.05
Julia Lieng Hot Medical Fund	1,145.00
Scott Loan	4,698.26
Woodson/Thomas Loan	13,864.98
Total Liabilities	\$ 20,110.29
Equity	32,480.41
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$ 52,590.70

## Advertising Rates

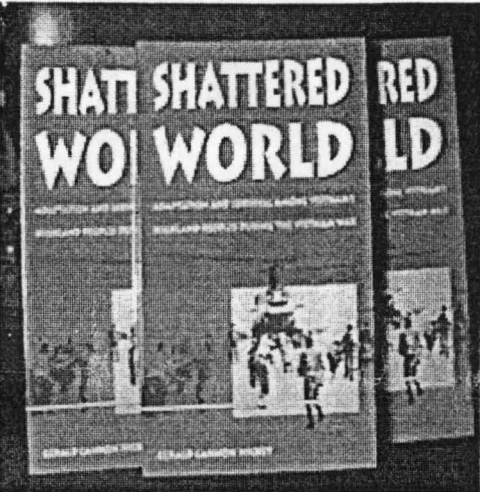
Business Card	\$ 50
1/4 Page	\$100
1/2 Page	\$150
Full Page	\$250

# Montagnard Dega Assosiation

Shattered World	\$20
Short Sleeve T-Shirt	\$15
Long Sleeve T-Shirt (Red or White)	\$20

Orders under \$50 add \$5.00 for Shipping and Handling, over \$50 add \$3.00.

Send Check or Money Order to MDA, 122 N. Elm Street, Suite 516, Greensboro, NC 27401



"Shattered World", Gerald Hickey's most recent works on the adaption and survival among Vietnam's Highland Peoples during the Vietnam War.



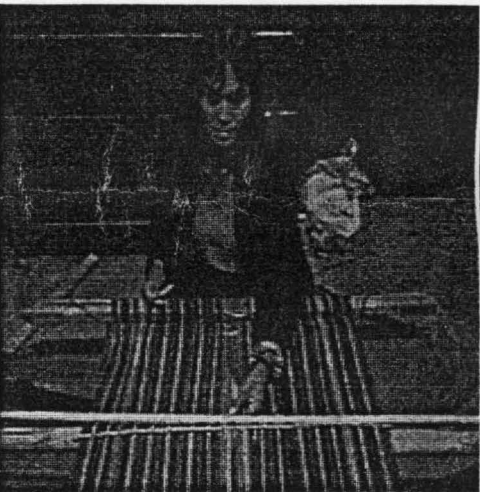
Tshirts, Coffee Mugs, Lighters, Decals, Video Tape of 1993 Celebration, and other items are being sold to raise money for the Montagnard Dega Association.

# Montagnard Handicraft Company

For information on purchasing authentic Montagnard bracelets, blankets call the Montagnard Handicraft Company at (407)872-1211 and leave Name, Address and Phone number.



Hadoi, Thaniel Ksa is the Montagnard Bracelet maker shown here making one of his hand made bracelets at the 1993 Celebration.



Three of the Montagnard women H'linh Arul and K'Thuon and Ami Gru were at the 1993 Celebration demonstrating how they weave their traditional blankets.

**SunWood Entertainment is looking for stories. If you have a story contact Chuck Woodson at (408)688-5622.**



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## MEMORIALS PLANNED FOR THE MONTAGNARDS

The newest project being undertaken by the Association under the leadership of Charlie Crum, member of the Advisory Board, are two complimenting memorials for Montagnards. One Montagnard Memorial would be placed at Ft. Bragg, NC to honor the Montagnard Special Forces Members and their service to the U.S. Special Forces soldiers in Vietnam. Many Special Forces soldiers owe their lives to the care and education they received from their counterparts while in the jungles of Vietnam. Young and old soldiers alike were taught how to survive in jungle warfare, something not easily taught in the backwoods of North Carolina. Others who were novices to the whole idea of war and bullets flying that could hit you, can't say enough thank you's to those Montagnards who pushed them to the ground and lay on top of them for protection from a bullet.

The other Montagnard memorial will be to the Montagnard people as a whole for their sacrifices in supporting the U.S. effort in Vietnam. This memorial will be placed at a public park for one and all to appreciate the important role the Montagnard people have played in their service to our efforts in Vietnam. Once the memorial is in place, the Montagnards will have a place to have get togethers and be proud of their history with their American friends. Although it is in a small corner of America, it says "Thank you so much for helping us."

Requests have been sent out to Art Department Heads in the local school districts for help from students in the memorial design. Ideas are welcome from anyone and everyone from design, materials, source of materials, foundries, or anything else. Send ideas to Charlie Crum, Montagnard Dega Association.

## RSVP

- ☐ YES. I will attend. Here is my membership.  
☐ NO. I am unable to attend. Here is my membership.  
☐ Enclosed is additional \$7 for annual subscription quarterly Dega newsletter.  
☐ I wish to order \_\_\_\_\_ copies of the September 25th Dega Day Celebration video, enclosed my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_.  
(\$18.95 before 9/25/93; \$28.00 after 9/25/93)

### THE MONTAGNARD (DEGA) ASSOCIATION, INC. - ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP (Friends)

(One-time Associate Individual Membership Fee - \$150; Annual Dues - \$40)

(One-time Organization Membership Fee - \$1000; Annual Dues - \$100)

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(City) (State) (Zip)  
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COMPANY/WORK NAME \_\_\_\_\_

COMPANY ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State) (Zip)  
WORK POSITION/TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to help their efforts. I have checked the following areas in which I have interest:

☐ Family Sponsoring ☐ Youth ☐ Advisory Committee ☐ Administration  
☐ MDA Charitable Scholarship/Fund Raising ☐ Highland Assistance Project  
☐ Film/Documentary ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

I am willing to spend \_\_\_\_ Hours per Week / Month

Please accept my donation of \$ \_\_\_\_ to be applied to \_\_\_\_\_ area in which I have interest.

Other ways in which I can help:

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Below are the names & addresses of others who may have an interest in this Association.

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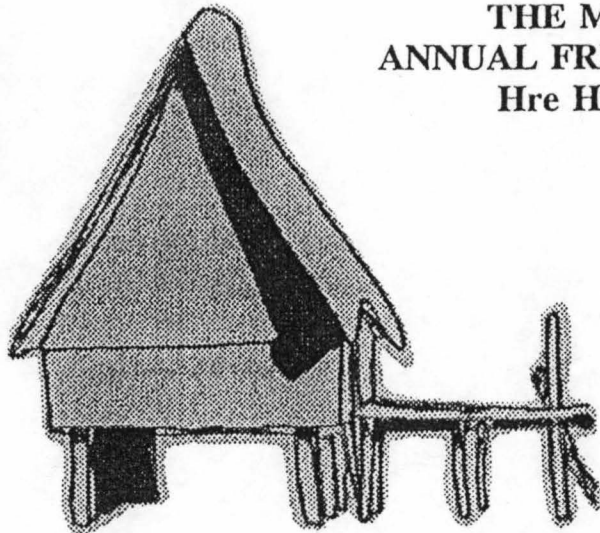
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Please send additional information about:

☐ Purchasing Montagnard Products ☐ ADF Foundation  
(Bracelets, blankets, crossbows, baskets, etc.)

## THE MONTAGNARD DEGA ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP FESTIVAL Hre Hua Mnam Anak DEGA Greensboro, NC



Saturday  
September 25, 1993  
5 P.M.  
Hrue 25 mlan 9 thun 1993  
Hrue nam 5 mmong Tlam

### Evening's Events (KDREC HUA MNAM-CHUN DHING)

Reception/Refreshments 5pm - 6pm  
(Tu Drong, kkuh alum 5-6 mmong)

Invocation 6pm  
(Kcum klei kbin 6 mmong)  
Dega Anthem  
(Kkuh Chiam Gru)  
Dinner  
(Bong hua)  
Welcome 7:15pm  
(Hun mthao Khua emua bi kbin)

Award Presentations 7:45pm  
(Jao myor 7:45)  
Cultural Entertainment 8pm  
(Kdo mmuin klei bhian Dega 8)  
Dancing 8:30pm - ???  
(Kdu mmuin, hdra mrao mrang 8:30)

Event Sponsored by (Klei bi kbin anei mao klei tu-u hgum mguop mong):  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, BOARD OF ADVISORS MONTAGNARD/DEGA ASSOCIATION OF THE  
UNITED STATES AND EUROPE AND GENEROUSLY FUNDED BY AMERICA'S DEFENDERS  
OF FREEDOM FOUNDATION  
(DJAP KO- BAO HLAO-YAP LEH ANAN DJAP KHUA EMUA SANG BRUA ANAK CHU-CHIANG  
MGUOP MONG CAR MY, MONG CAR AE NGO WAT LEH ANAN MONG KLEI DRU HONG  
NGAN LUI MONG SANG BRUA KDONG MGANG KLEI ENGIE AMERICA.)

### WHAT TO BRING

Montagnards and friends bring photos, documents, stories, artifacts to help document the history of the Montagnard people. Bring lists of old friends you'd like to find. Montagnards and friends bring stories and story ideas for future articles in the quarterly newsletter.

Camera crew will document this very important event for ADF and the Montagnard/Dega Association in a 45 minute video available for purchase for \$18.95 each on or before the 25th of September, or \$28.00 after the 25th of September. Fill order form on next page to purchase your copy of the September 25th Dega Day Celebration video. A camera crew will also be available to interview Montagnards and their friends to capture stories for the permanent record of the ADF Foundation and the Montagnard Dega Association.

### LET US KNOW

RSVP. Fill out application/response on next pages. Also, let us know if you would like to find someone and we'll let the word out. Both Americans and Montagnards are looking for lost friends, too. We are here to help where we can.

#### **The Montagnard (Dega) Association, Inc.**

Post Office Box 13147

Greensboro, North Carolina 27403

Questions: (919) 632-0863 Y-Sui Hlong

ADF (407) 872-1211 Chuck Woodson

### DIRECTIONS TO EVENT

National Guard Armory, 110 Franklin Street, Greensboro

From Route 85 & 40, Take Wendover Exit, Go East; From Wendover Blvd. take Huffine Mill Rd Exit; Turn Rt;  
From Huffine Mill Rd Turn Lt on Burlington Rd; From Burlington Rd, Turn Rt on Franklin Blvd.; Armory is on left.

### AT THE EVENT

See authentic Montagnard bracelets and blankets being carved and hand woven. These items will also be available for purchase. Orders will be taken for products not available. T-Shirts, coffee mugs and other items will also be available for sale to promote awareness of the Montagnard/Dega peoples plight. The Association needs your help in expanding the awareness of their needs to all friends.

### MEMBERSHIP

#### One Time Membership Fees:

MONTAGNARDS - Family \$250, Single \$175, Overseas \$175

FRIENDS - Associate \$150, Organization \$1,000

#### Annual Membership Dues:

MONTAGNARDS - Family \$75, Single \$50, Overseas \$40

FRIENDS - Associate \$40, Organization \$100

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- \_\_\_ Yes. I will attend the Festival.  
(O, Kao sorang nao kbin. Ne anei don kao mut hiue.)  
\_\_\_ No. I am not able to attend. Here is my membership  
(O-oh, kao amao hmao nao oh, ne anei don kao mut hlue.)  
\_\_\_ No. I don't wish to be a member. Remove my name from the list.  
(O-oh, Kao ka ciang mut hlue oh. Sue he anna kao mong List.)  
\_\_\_ Enclosed is \$7 for annual subscription quarterly Dega newsletter  
(Mbit anei \$7 blei hduom hra brua Dega, mao grap bliu tlaio mlan.)  
\_\_\_ I wish to order \_\_\_\_\_ copies of the September 25th Dega Day  
Celebration video, enclosed my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_.  
(\$18.95 before 9/25/93; \$28.00 after 9/25/93)  
(Kao ciang blei \_\_\_\_\_ hduom hrue bi kbin Dega, hrue 25 mlan 9 Video,  
mbit anei check\$ \_\_\_\_\_. \$18.95 elao ko 9/25. \$28.00 egao hrue 9/25)

### MONTAGNARD (DEGA) ASSOCIATION INC. MEMBERSHIP

(Montagnards)

SANG BRUA DEGA HGUM: Epul Hlue (ko Dega)

1. Name (Anan) \_\_\_\_\_
2. Address (Anok dok) \_\_\_\_\_
3. Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Arrival Date U.S. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Hrue kkieng) (Hrue truh ko USA)
5. Age (Thun) \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Married/Single (Mao mo /Kok Hlie) \_\_\_\_\_
7. Spouse Name (Anamo) \_\_\_\_\_
8. Children(s) Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Anan anak)
9. Occupation (Brua Ma) \_\_\_\_\_
10. Employer Name/Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Anan, anok ma brua)
11. Family Members' Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
(Gap djue, Brua ma)
12. Home Vietnam, Village, District & Province \_\_\_\_\_  
(Ti Vietnam, Buon, Kdiek Alu, Kdiek Car)
13. Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
(Anok kkieng)
14. Immediate Family, Mother \_\_\_\_\_  
(Gap djue, anan Ami)
15. Father \_\_\_\_\_  
(Anan Ama)
16. Brother/Sister(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Anan Ayong/Amai adei)
17. Last Known Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Anok dok mrao)
18. U.S. Sponsor Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Anan US Sponsor)
19. Sponsor Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Anan Sponsor dok)
20. Comments (Kleimkam) \_\_\_\_\_



YA MTA MNONG BA MBIT

Dega leh anan bing gap ba rup, hra moar, djap mta klel djo hong anak Chu-Chiang ba enum ciang dru ko klei tui lo cih pioh klei hdip anak Chu-Chiang. Ba dum anan bing gap diih ciang hui duah. Cih ba dum klei diih thao, knhao min ploh cih mdah grap bliu tlao mlan ko brua anak Chu-Chiang.

Epul knua ma rup sorang ma rup, cih pioh dum mta klei yuom bhan hrue bi kbin anei hlam ding ma asap, ma rup dlong hlam bro 45 mnit mmong: sorang chi ko klei po clang blei pioh, enoh US \$18.95 ko hiel blei elao amao dah hiam hrue 25 mlan; enoh di ko US \$28.00 leh egao hrue 25 mian 9.

Cih anan diih hlam don mbit anei hlei ciang blei, rup asap hrue yuom bhan ko anak Chu-Chiang Dega, hrue 25 mlan 9 anei. Phung knua ma rup ma asap mse moh sorang emuh eih anan blu hram hong diih ciang bi mao ku klei tui cih, mdung mblang klei hdip anak Chu-Chiang leh anan sorang dung pioh la lar hlam Sang Brua ADF wat sang brua Dega Hgum.

BHEI HMEI THAO:

WIT MTHAO: Cih anan diih hlam moar ti gu anei, brei hmei thao dah diih mao bing kna diih ciang hlu dush amao dah ya mta diih ciang brei blu thao ko dinu. Ko phung MY tui duah bing Dega amao dah ko Dega hlu duah bing kna MY dinu dum. Hmei sorang hdra dru tui si dui.

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ELAN NAO KO ANOK BI KBIN

National Guard Armory  
110 Franklin Street, Greensboro

Mong elan 85 & 40 weh ko Exit Wendover, Di ngo; mong Wendover Blvd, weh ko Exit Huffine Mill Road, Weh ko hnua.

ti elan Franklin Blvd, Armory ting ko diao elan Ti ANOK BI KBIN

Diih sorang buh lu mla mnong mnhua Dega mse si Kong, Aban Ede leh anan lu mila mnong mnam. Mnong anei chi soai. Diih dui cih anan amuh akao blei ya mnong amao mao ti nan. Ao kok. To mnam kphe leh anan lu mto mnong mkan chi, dum ngan pok sorang mao pioh ko brua anak Chu-Chiang. Sang Brua Dega Hgum cang hmang tu drong klei dru mong jih jang bing gap.

EPUL HLUE:

Diih dui mut hlue epul pia Sang Brua Dega Hgum.

1. Enoh dup myor sa bliu mtam jih klei hdip:

Ko anak De-Ga - Sa boh go esei \$250. Sa co hlie \$175. Tac engao \$175.

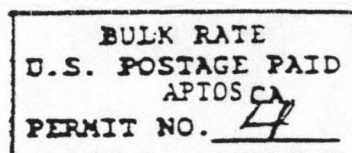
Ko bing gap - Hjan \$150 Mao sang brua \$1,000

2. Enoh dup myor dah tia grap thun:

Ko anak De-Ga - Sa boh go esei \$75. Sa co hlie \$50. CarTac Engao \$40 Ko bing gap

- Hjan \$40 Mao sang brua \$100.

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