



THE WORLD VETERANS FEDERATION NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2022



*« None can speak more eloquently for peace than those who have fought in War »
Ralph Bunche, Nobel Peace Prize, 1950*

Editorial

In Northern Europe, we are now enjoying the summer after a long winter. We in the WVF are now looking ahead and want to make up for lost time after the pandemic.

The action of the conflict in Eastern Europe, has now effected the whole world, and it has indeed been more challenging for our work in many regions. The WVF condemn all actions that creates more war veterans.

In this newsletter you will find some of the activities that has occurred since our last update. the last newsletter.

We are currently working intensively to plan for the upcoming General Assembly (GA).

I am pleased to share that we have had some interest to host the World Veterans Congress, which may also include the GA, however nothing is set for now. If you have some ideas for hosting the Congress later this year or in the beginning of 2023, please contact me. A lot of work has been done of preparing for the GA, which includes a new updated constitution, a new strategic plan, election process and a action plan to reach the set goals. We would like to encourage you to share any new candidates for election to the board, and exactly how to do this will be shared later in this newsletter.

We hope that more member organizations decide to become Ordinary Members to participate in a process to safeguarding our tasks and finance our future by paying their dues. Wishing you a good time and remember to take care of yourself, and of course each other.



**Acting Secretary General,
Mr. Anders Ramnerup**

World Veteran Federation is a proud supporter of Global NGO Executive Committee and United Nations Department of Global Communications Civil Society Unit.

Who are we?

The World Veterans Federation (WVF) is an international non-profit, non-governmental humanitarian organization. Established in Paris, France in 1950 by founding members from 8 countries, namely: Belgium, France, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Turkey, USA and Yugoslavia, the WVF is now a Federation of 172 veteran organizations from 121 countries representing some 60 million veterans worldwide.

The WVF maintains its consultative status with the United Nations since 1951 and was conferred the title: "UN Peace Messenger" in 1987. The WVF has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize 8 times.

Our Vision is to be at the forefront of promoting and defending international peace and security and to be proactive in ensuring the health and wellbeing of all veterans and victims of war worldwide.

Our Mission is to guide and advise our Member Associations so that they can take the lead in supporting initiatives that foster peace and security and to campaign for health and welfare initiatives that will enhance the wellbeing and independence of their members.

Our Motto is to encourage Member Associations to forcefully strive for international peace and security and to influence and promote a veteran's health and welfare culture in their communities.

Our Core Values are to guide and inspire our members to be impartial, responsive, committed, accountable, collaborative, resourceful and act with respect, dignity, compassion and integrity.



Election Process

The WVF Secretary General welcomes applications from all suitably qualified persons regardless of their race, sex, disability, religion/belief, sexual orientation or age. The job description for Members of the WVF Executive Board can be obtained from the Secretary General.

Member Associations are therefore advised not to nominate a candidate unless it is certain that the proposed nominee has all of the attributes required to carry out the very duties involved in these high profile positions. Nominations are to be submitted to reach the Secretary General as fast as possible and not later than 2 months before the General Assembly. Nominations received after this date will not be considered. Each nomination must be accompanied by:

- o · A written and signed consent of the nominee.
- o · Curriculum Vitae
- o · A recent, passport-style photograph of the nominee.

The different qualities that the Secretary General will look for in candidates will be:

- They must be representative of many countries (not focused on only their own country)
- They must have the support of the Member Associations in the country that they represent
- Background, experience and qualifications relevant to the role
- They must be available (have time to commit to the Federation)
- They must be able to financially support their activities either through their own funding or the organisation that they represent.

Further information concerning the elections can be obtained by contacting the Secretary General.



Working visit program from the visit to the WVF Deputy President in Morocco.

Sunday, June 12, 2022:

13h05 : Welcoming Mr. President of the World Veterans Federation at the airport of Rabat Salé

14h00: Settling in at the FARAH hotel in Rabat;

21h00 : Dinner provided, in honor of Mr. President of the WVF, by the Community of former members of the Resistance and the Liberation Army in Sale.

Monday, June 13, 2022:

10h00 : Working session with Mr. the High Commissioner for Former Members of the Resistance Movement and the Liberation Army and Deputy President of the WVF at the headquarter of this structure.

12h00 : Visiting the MOHAMMED V Mausoleum in Rabat and wreath laying;

13h00 : Lunch offered, in honor of Mr. President of the WVF, by the Rabat Prefectural Council;

14h30 : A conference on the theme "WVF values and ideals of peace and understanding among nations" by Mr. President of WVF, at the headquarters of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO) in Rabat;

16h30 : Working session with the Secretary General of the National Association of Veterans;

17h30 : Visiting the Medina of Rabat, the street of Consuls and the historical site of Oudaya;

21h00 : Dinner offered, in honor of Mr. President of the WVF, by the National Association of Veterans.

Tuesday, June 14, 2022 :

10h00 : Visiting the National Historical Center of Memory of the Resistance and Liberation in Rabat.

11h00 : Visiting the Center for Historical Documents of the Resistance and Liberation in Rabat;

13h00 : Departure of Mr. President of the WVF to the airport of Rabat Sale to take flight AF 1259 to Paris Charles De Gaulle;

The President thanked for active and valuable times in Morocco and the wonderful hospitality given from the Deputy President of the WVF.



The president of The WVF calls for sharing values at the service of peace!

The president of The World Veterans Federation, Dan Viggo Bergtun, said in Rabat that it is time to work to put shared ideals and human values at the service of building peace in the world.

Everyone has a different perception of peacebuilding, hence it is necessary to emphasize and promote common values in order to protect themselves into the future and avoid the risks of war, noted Mr. Bergtun who was giving a lecture at the headquarters of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO) under the banner “WVF values and the ideals of peace and understanding among nations”.

The action of the Federation, he said, is based on highlighting the experiences of veterans by encouraging them to further promote peace and security among the leaders of their country, thus helping to defend the values of tolerance while drawing attention to the dangers of war.

In this regard, he insisted on the need to sensitize the younger generations about the history of the tragedies generated by armed conflicts throughout the world and to use it to make them aware of the regrettable repercussions of wars. In his eyes, initiating young people to improve their ability to make the right decisions can only ultimately serve the cause of peace and world security.



From the lecture held in Rabat, Morocco to the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO).

The community of the National Movement, Former Members of the Resistance Movement and the Liberation Army of the Kingdom of Morocco warmly welcomes the new position of Spain towards the issue of the southern Moroccan provinces

Moved by the painful experiences lived during the fights for the liberation of the southern Moroccan provinces, the community of the National Movement, Former members of the Resistance Movement and the Liberation Army of the Kingdom of Morocco in the southern Moroccan provinces, namely the cities of Laâyoune, Dakhla, Smara, Boujdour, Tarfaya, Guelmim, Sidi Ifni, Tan-Tan, Assa-Zag, and Agadir held a series of meetings, at the headquarters of the Spaces of Historical Memory of the Resistance and Liberation, and the different regional and provincial delegations of the High Commission for Former Members of the Resistance Movement and the Liberation Army of the Kingdom of Morocco, following the declaration of His Excellency the Head of the Spanish Government, Mr. PEDRO SANCHEZ, in a message addressed to the Moroccan Sovereign, HIS MAJESTY KING MOHAMMED VI, dated March 14, 2022, in which the Spanish Government recognizes the autonomy plan for the southern Moroccan provinces, initiated by the Kingdom of Morocco in 2007, as a serious, realistic and credible solution to resolve the dispute over the southern provinces of Morocco.



A meeting of members of the National Movement, Former Members of the Resistance Movement and the Liberation Army in the city of Laâyoune

In an impulse of deep patriotism and unwavering commitment to the values of peace, coexistence and good neighborliness, the community of the National Movement, Former Members of the Resistance Movement and the Liberation Army of the Kingdom of Morocco warmly welcomed the new position of Spain towards the issue of the southern Moroccan provinces and appreciated the importance of such repositioning, while rejoicing to see that their objectives and ideals for which they fought and struggled are realized between two countries and peoples neighbors and friends. As part of the objectives of the World Veterans Federation, a supporter and fervent defender of peace in the world, since its creation in Paris in 1950, the search for the peaceful settlement of territorial or border conflicts is clearly in keeping with the spirit and ideals of the United Nations Charter for the maintenance of peace and international security.



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Following this declaration, made by the Spanish Government, which calls for the opening of a new page in the relations between the two countries and the two friendly peoples, based on mutual respect, compliance with agreements, the absence of unilateral actions and transparency and permanent communication, the community of the National Movement, Former Members of the Resistance Movement and the Liberation Army of the Kingdom of Morocco supports the efforts that contribute to the dissemination of human values, to work together for the promotion of bilateral relations and to jointly carry out projects in favor of peace and prosperity of the neighboring and friendly peoples, to develop bilateral trade ties, and to strengthen cooperation and partnership in all sectors and in all branches of activity.

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In this regard, with this noble mission of preservation and enhancement of this shared historical memory, the High Commission for Former Members of the Resistance Movement and the Liberation Army of the Kingdom of Morocco welcomes this reconciliation between the two countries, and intends to continue working with the Spanish partner on this project of reappropriation of this common immaterial capital which is the foundation for the rapprochement and bilateral cooperation that the two friendly countries aim to achieve.

It is currently mobilizing to serve this noble cause of strengthening relations between the two countries and peoples at all levels in order to set them up as a lever of excellency and exemplarity, to honor the shared historical memory of identity and civilization. Furthermore, the High Commission for Former Members of the Resistance Movement and the Liberation Army of the Kingdom of Morocco is determined to continue its efforts and actions to build with the Spanish side bilateral relations worthy of the common past between the two Kingdoms for a radiant and bright present and for a better and promising future.

Visit to Dr. Hugh Milroy OBE PhD, CEO of Veterans-Aid.

The President visited one of our newest members, the Veterans Aid in London, England. A fantastic organization with a good concept to put the veterans at the center as a proud contributor to society.

Impressive!

www.veterans-aid.net

"First I want to thank you for a very nice and informative meeting during my visit to your HQ. The way you and your team look at veteran work is impressive. Putting the veteran at the center of bringing learning into one's world and making them strong is essential to bringing them forward to have success in life. It works and that is what they deserve as proud veterans who served the country.

Your model is absolutely recommended to other veteran organizations. Thanks again and I look forward to a good collaboration where your model can also be presented and used by our members internationally."

- President, The WVF

NO VETERAN NEEDS TO BE HOMELESS

Veterans Aid, working with the Metropolitan Police Service, can help stop former servicemen and women ending up on the streets. Help is available and it's free.

Call (ops team) **0800 012 6867**,
or e-mail info@veterans-aid.net

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Help support those who have protected us



Young creators of goodness and peace with a special mission and message to the world community!

Young peacekeepers from the Ukrainian city of Kharkov took a historic trip to the UN.

A group of students from schools and teachers with coordinators from the public movement of peacekeepers are in Brno, Czech Republic.

They also got support of the local head of the national branch of the International Association of UN Peacekeepers, "Soldiers of Peace" Czech Republic - Karel Chernoh.

They had a tight program:

Prague. Czech Republic.

Lyon, France.

UN Palace of Nations, Geneva, Switzerland.

UN Center in Vienna, Austria.

They represent Soldiers of Peace International Association (SPIA), companion of the WVF.



The WVF Membership scale of 2022



Honorary Lifetime Member of the WVF.

Ordinary and Affiliate Members of the WVF can become an Honorary Lifetime Member and member of the Board of the Honorary Members Club of the WVF for a total fee of 50 000,- Euro



Honorary Member of the WVF:

Ordinary and Affiliate Members of the WVF can become an Honorary member and member of the Honorary Members Club for a 5 000 Euro yearly fee.



Ordinary member (every member organization):

They should be paying a yearly fee of Euro 1 800. If they fail to pay this later than 1 month after due they will be reduced to Associate Member.



Associate Member (nonpaying members):

This category is open to new applicants who are not able to contribute financially to the Federation. Other members who have outstanding membership dues for the three preceeding years (2017-2019) will also see their status reduced to Associate Member, with membership rights revoked, until their outstanding dues for the membership dues are up to date.



Companion

International Organizations, companies and private persons who support or sponsor the WVF will have companion agreements, the terms of which will be drawn up on a case by case basis.

WVF Peace and Security Summit

"Veterans have experienced the horrors of war and have to live with the consequences for the rest of their lives. They deserve help, support and recognition from their society. On the basis of this understanding, the Peace and Security Summit in Stockholm opened a new dimension in the discussion of veteran affairs. Veterans can give a lot to their societies having served under severe circumstances worldwide and demonstrated skills that can be of benefit to all parts of their societies. The Summit demands that the countries represented within the WVF and the international community exploit and make best use of these experiences and capabilities, which should come to bear to prevent the use of force, during conflict and thereafter. Veterans should also be involved to prevent ethnic crises and in support of integration processes within their societies. The message of the veterans, voiced individually, through their organisations or the WVF should be listened to in all crisis situations."



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