



THE WORLD VETERANS FEDERATION

NEWSLETTER

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Editorial

Dear members and friends,

We are now approaching the first quarter of year 2022 that we had not dreamed of leading into a dramatic war situation in eastern Europe. We at WWF have been and are concerned about the many veterans and families of our members organizations who have suffered heavy effects of the conflict. We have tried to keep in touch with most of you in other to main tend ours support. It's a miss for us who are a close- knit dedica- ted veteran gang that this conflict can even split the veteran society. The friendship we have built up over the years is being put on a test during this time.

At this time, the secretariat is keeping full pressure on simplifying the organization to become more effective. Right now we are now working on a proposal to make the constitution simpler and the operation more oriented at other types of conferences and operations. The new membership categories is well working and we do hope many of you will be able to upgrade your membership to secure the WWF for the future.

In this newsletter we will present a new strategy for future international veteran work. And then we hope to hold a World Veteran Congress where we can meet and hold a General Assembly during the fall of 2022.

Finally, I would like to thank you for the work you do for veterans and lets support all refugees from the war in Eastern Europe.



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.





STOP THE WAR! STOP THE WAR!



“Russian military operations inside the sovereign territory of Ukraine on a scale that Europe has not seen in decades, conflict directly with the United Nations Charter,” Secretary-General António Guterres said.

He further stated “It is wrong. It is against the UN Charter. It is unacceptable!”

“I call for an immediate ceasefire, de-escalation of tensions and a firm return to diplomacy and dialogue. The safe and unhindered access for humanitarian assistance to Ukraine and its people is a priority and the need of the hour.”

He further said to President Putin: “Stop the military operation. Bring the troops back to Russia!!”.

The World Veterans Federation (WVF) as “UN Peace Messenger” since 1987 supports the UN Secretary - General in his statements and calls for support from all our members to demand an immediate ceasefire to find a diplomatic solution to stop the war in Ukraine.

It is urgent action to be done before we end up in a further escalation of the war that could involve the entire world community.

WVF Secretary-General, Mr. Anders Ramnerup

WVF President, Mr. Dan Viggo Bergtun



The World Veterans Federation Strategic Plan

Strategic Vision: To be in 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.

Strategic Mission: To guide and advise our member organisations 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.

Motto: To encourage member organisations to forcefully strive for international peace and security and to influence and promote a veterans health and welfare culture in their communities.

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

The WVF is the largest international veteran organisation that actively promotes peace and security and champions health and wellbeing initiatives as its core activities. It recognises all those who have served whilst ensuring enduring remembrance for the fallen.

Priorities and Goals – The following priorities are supported by a set of goals.

Support our member organisations – create interest and give advice

- Provide the tools they need so that they can achieve their objectives and aspirations.
- Recognise their efforts and create awareness.
- Be there for members when they need leadership, guidance and advice.
- Generate templates as required.
- Reach out to individual members and allow them to voice their opinions.
- Connect and stimulate the exchange of expertise and information.

Advance the recognition and public image of WVF

- Bring the WVF in to the modern electronic age.
- Maximise social media.
- Recognise and promote the activities of member organisations.
- Need to attract new members.
- Develop trusted partnerships.

Get involved in meaningful projects

- Encourage and empower members to get involved in projects.
- Establish global projects that members can join in.
- Promote alliances with others to achieve our goals.
- Ensure maximum inter-activity at all times.



Correct the WVF model for future financial stability

- Deliver fundraising projects in a more “joined up” and collaborative way.
- Get involved in profitable projects.

Specials and discounts for individual members

- Create a database as a target market for vendors.
- Strive to get the best deals possible for our members.





The 80th anniversary of the fall of Singapore at Kranji War Memorial

Marking the 80th anniversary of the fall of Singapore during WWII, a remembrance service of a poignant and dark moment in Singapore History, was held at Kranji War Memorial on 15 Feb 2022. The memorial service was organized by the Commemoration Committee as a tribute to the thousands of men and women from different nationalities who fought and died. Guest-of-Honour, Mr Dileep Nair, a former diplomat also mentioned that the service also serves as an act of reconciliation to embrace peace and friendship.

The current events that are happening in the world is also a salutary lesson that we must never take peace for granted and the importance of strengthening Total Defence in Singapore to overcome any external or internal threat.





Nederlands Veteraneninstituut

More than 50 Indian veterans and their guests have attended the first walk-in meeting in Doorn . The Dutch Veterans Institute has invited the group of veterans to put a heart under their belt and give them the opportunity to share their story .

After a warm welcome word from our Director-General Paul Hoefsloot, guests received a presentation on the newly published India survey . There was room for asking questions after completion, and that space was made good use of . The emotions among the attendees were noticeable, but the conversation was held with mutual respect .

An extensive photography report appears in Checkpoint 03.



Gender equality checklist

(or what we need to achieve lasting peace)

- ✓ More women negotiators in peace processes
- ✓ More women signatories of peace agreements
- ✓ More women in politics
- ✓ More women in leadership
- ✓ More women in peacekeeping
- ✓ More women mediators
- ✓ More women implementing peace agreements
- ✓ More women in the security sector
- ✓ End sexual and gender-based violence in conflict
- ✓ Support for women's organizations
- ✓ Support for women peacebuilders



United Nations
Peacekeeping



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Grand Priory of Sweden**

**Ukraine – UR Not Alone – SHOSJ
URNA Donation Concept**

The Ukraine – UR Not Alone – SHOSJ Donation Concept is a humanitarian concept for Ukrainian refugees in and outside Ukraine and the coming rebuilding of orphanages and institutions for handicapped in Ukraine, regardless if you are a member of Order of Saint John, civilian, military or UN veteran.

Grand Priory of Sweden administrate the donation concept for SHOSJ and all other donors worldwide.

The URNA Donation Concept includes:

- 1 Relief medal plus 1 Miniature medal
- 1 Ribbon
- 1 Medal case
- 1 Certificate
- Postage fees



Donation

At least 135 euro or 150 USD and that means a minimum of 100 euro per medal set to Ukrainian refugees or the rebuilding program per medal. You can of course donate more than 135 euro/150 USD

Updates and transparency

We will update the result of the donations and relief medal set every week on the URNA FB site.

Questions and information

Chev. Mikael Hagansbo, GCOSJ Chancellor Grand Priory of Sweden, mikael@saint-ansgar.se

How to Order the URNA Donation relief medal set

Send an email to aidukraine@saint-ansgar.se

Write your: 1 Name and family name – 2 Delivery address – 3 Mobile number – 4 Email address – 5 The amount of your donation – 6 If you want further information – 7 If you are interested in the Order of Saint John

Banking information

International donors

Account 6494405 (Bank – Nordea)

Name of the account SHOSJ (Grand Priory of Sweden)

IBAN SE4095000099604206494405

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Swedish donors

PG 649440-5 (SHOSJ) (Nordea)

Swish 123 - 3256534

Ref – YOUR NAME - (Very important)

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At the 28th WVF General Assembly, the Executive Board was tasked to introduce an adjusted dues scale and at its 164th meeting a new scale was adopted. The dues scale has for many years not been aligned with the constitution but has now been corrected. The scale has been adjusted to ensure that any association can be a member, however, to become a full member with all rights members must pay their membership dues. We have already seen some members who are willing to become Honorary Lifetime member and we welcome all to study these terms and upgrade your membership. After all, we are a worldwide veteran organization and this year the WVF will celebrate its 70th Anniversary in the service of veterans.

WORLD VETERANS FEDERATION MEMBERSHIP SCALE FROM 2020

Honorary Lifetime Member of the WVF

Ordinary and Associated 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. (Members of the Honorary Members Club will also be on an advisory board for the WVF with a yearly meeting)

Honorary Member of the WVF

Ordinary and Associated Members of the WVF can become an Honorary member and member of the Honorary Members Club for a 5 000 Euro yearly fee. (Members of the Honorary Members Club will also be an advisory board for the WVF with a yearly meeting)

Ordinary Member (every member organization)

Ordinary Members shall pay a yearly fee of 1 800 Euro. This should be paid by 1st of January of the year in question at the latest.

Associate Member (nonpaying members)

This category is open to new applicants who are not able to contribute nancially to the Federation. Associate Members have no voting rights and can participate at WVF meetings as observers for a set fee.

Member organizations remain responsible for paying any outstanding dues prior to 2020.

Any association wishing to change its category of membership should contact the WVF Secretariat.



Who are we?

The World Veterans Federation (WVF) is an international non-profit, non-governmental 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.

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Glimpses from the past

The WWF began on Sunday, 9 June 1946 when six Belgian and French veterans of the First World War gathered around a table at the "Maison du Peuple" in Brussels, Belgium to discuss the possibility of setting up a world association of war veterans. Present at the gathering were two Belgians, Mr. Joseph Neves and Mr. Jules William from the Democratic Union of Veterans, Disabled and War Victims, and four Frenchmen, Mr. Albert Morel from the French Union of Veterans and War Victims Association (UFAC), Mr. G. Imbaud, Mr. G. Jerram and Mr. B. Meunier from the French Workers and Peasants Federation of Veterans.

Following the discussions in Brussels, veterans' organisations in other countries were contacted. On 23 October 1948, a congress attended by representatives from seven countries, namely Belgium, Brazil, France, Italy, the Netherlands, the Union of South Africa and Yugoslavia, adopted a resolution entitled "Setting up of a Provisional Body".

The resolution opened the way for the founding member associations to convene a constitutive assembly which was held at the UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, France, from 23 to 27 November 1950. Forty-three delegates and observers were present. The delegates were from Belgium (6), France (14), Italy (4), Turkey (2), the United States (9) and Yugoslavia (4), and the observers were from Denmark (1) and Finland (3). The founding member associations of the Netherlands and Luxembourg were unable to send their representatives but declared their agreement with the creation of the federation. There was no participation from countries from Africa, Asia and South America, although the Union of South Africa attended the congress in 1948 prior to the constitutive assembly in 1950.

On the final day of the assembly on 27 November 1950, the constitution of "The International Federation of War Veterans Organisations" was adopted. The name of the federation was changed to "The World Veterans Federation" at the 2nd General Assembly, held in Belgrade, Yugoslavia from 27 to 30 November 1951. It was the first amendment to the WWF Constitution.

The first elected President of the WWF was Mr. Albert Morel from France .





WE ARE COMBAT STRESS

THE UK'S LEADING CHARITY FOR VETERANS MENTAL HEALTH

For over a century we've been helping former servicemen and women deal with issues like post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), anxiety and depression. Today we provide specialist treatment and support for veterans from every service and conflict, focusing on those with complex mental health issues related to their military service.

We offer a range of treatment programmes, therapies and support to help you with your mental health problems. Everyone is unique and our highly skilled medical and clinical teams work with you individually to find the right support for you.

This could be attending a group workshop or individual session with one of our community teams, attending a programme at one of our treatment centres or being put in touch with another organisation who is more suitable to help you.

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