

State GI Bill Asked For Vietnam Veterans

In many ways, servicemen returning from Vietnam have become the unknown and forgotten soldiers of their day. But there's a college instructor who thinks they deserve better—and he's doing something about it.

Raymond L. Naslund teaches accounting at Schoolcraft College. He also serves as faculty advisor to the Michigan Association of College Veterans (MACV), with chapters on the Schoolcraft campus and 25 other colleges and universities across the state.

According to Naslund, the primary concern of MACV is to get a veteran into school following his return from service, or back into school if he was enrolled before his military tour.

ONE OF ITS originators when MACV was formed last May, Naslund says its potential membership is 23,000. That's the number of veterans currently taking classes on Michigan campuses.

"We are concerned about

these men," he said, "and the nearly 200,000 Vietnam veterans reading within the state." He cites Veterans' Administration estimates that 3,000 men a month are returning to civilian life in Michigan.

Raymond L. Naslund helps to the 35,000 who didn't complete high school before answering their country's call," Naslund continued, "and the 100,000 or so who are from economically depressed homes deserve special consideration."

The help Naslund and MACV propose for these veterans would be in the form of a state G.I. education bill. The bill would provide greatly expanded educational opportunity for returning servicemen by paying their tuition and book costs at any state-supported college of their choice.

NASLUND HAS been throughout the state enlisting support for the plan.

He met with and earned the endorsement of the Allied

Commanders Council in Lansing early in December. Not only did he win their support, the 14 state service organization commanders at the meeting adopted the education bill as their priority legislative item for 1971.

Naslund said Gov. William Milliken will be asked to provide funds for the bill in his budget requests for fiscal 1971-72. Its cost is estimated at \$23 million the first year.

Naslund points out that both World War II and Korean veterans have received lump sum bonuses from the state, but nothing has been done for those serving during the present conflict in Vietnam.

There is a national G.I. Bill which compensates veterans up to \$175 monthly if they are full-time students. "But this is far short of what it actually costs," according to Naslund.

"For example, a year at the University of Michigan costs a minimum of \$2,800. This means the returning veteran must come up with \$1,000 on his own if he's to go to school there."

"How," he asks, "can a young man from the inner city with a family to help or children to support go to school? He simply can not. Not without help from someone. We think the state

should provide this needed help."

OFFICERS and directors of MACV represent eight institutions of higher education. Its president is Jack Wacker of Wayne State University. Ramon Robinson, Highland Park Community College, is vice president. Dennis Bogue, Western Michigan University, is secretary, and Thom Miller, Ferris State University, is treasurer.

The board of directors includes the officers, and representatives from Schoolcraft, Michigan State University, Genesee Community College and Ferris.

Since helping to organize

MACV, Naslund has logged thousands of travel miles at his own expense in behalf of the association.

HE WAS AN Army ski trooper four years during WW II in the European Theater. Now married and in his 40s, he has a daughter in her sophomore year at Western Michigan University. The family resides on Golfview Drive in Livonia.

Naslund holds a bachelor degree from Ferris and a master's from Central Michigan University. He is in his fifth year on the Schoolcraft faculty. Before that he worked in private industry, as an accountant.

Besides his career commitment to education and his special interest in promoting better opportunity for veterans, Naslund sees a very real gain for the country through efforts like his.

"Studies have shown that WW II vets who went to school under the G.I. Bill have increased their earning power 38 times," he said. "This means they are supporting their families better, paying more taxes, and enjoying economic independence in their own behalf."

"Can we do less than provide equal opportunity for our men returning from Vietnam? I think not."



RAYMOND NASLUND
Viet Vets Forgotten

Ecology Writer Due At S'craft

Dr. Robert Rienow, a distinguished authority on the environmental crisis, will speak at Schoolcraft College Thursday evening, Jan. 14.

Dr. Rienow's announced topic is "The Politics of the Environment." He will discuss the political implications of our ecological problems, including the activities of pressure groups.

HE IS the author of "Moment In The Sun," a widely discussed book on ecology. Described as "angry" and "shocking," the book is an item-by-item account of the ways in which we have abused our environment under the pressures of overpopulation and a creed of exploitation.

Dr. Rienow will speak at 8 p.m. in the Waterman Campus Center. There is a \$2 general public admission

cost, and a \$1 student charge. There is no charge for Schoolcraft students and staff.

The speakers series will present Ralph Nader next month, and Dick Gregory in March. The programs are sponsored by the Cultural Affairs Committee.

DR. RIENOW has in progress another book on environmental problems, this time in their relation to government policies: "The Government's Your Enemy."

Professor of political science in the Graduate School of Public Affairs, State University of New York at Albany, Dr. Rienow has long practised the message he preaches.

He recently completed a series of 28 TV lectures touching on all of the problems of the environment.

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The special display will coincide in part with the Feb. 18-22 home, flower and furniture show in Detroit's Cobo Hall.

OF THE DISPLAY homes, five are in Farmington, two in Livonia and one in Westland. They are:

- Farmington: 33600 Old Timber Rd., Wedgewood Commons, Meyerson Building Co., \$58,900.
- Farmington: 25882 Kilreigh Drive, Lincolnshire East, Survey Homes, Inc., \$45,950.
- Farmington: 35701 Congress Rd., Independence Commons, Eldorado Homes, Inc., \$67,300.

- Farmington: Apt. 771 at 36701 Jefferson Court, Independence Green Apts, Duke Building Co., no rental listed.
- Farmington: 21582 Beauford Lane, Meadowbrook Hills, James D. Compo, Inc., \$69,500.
- Lathrup Village: 18151 Rainbow, Mark Builders, Inc., \$45,900.

- Southfield: 19210 Jeffrey Lane, Consolidated Development Co., \$37,990.
- Westland: 1301 Surrey Heights Dr., Surrey Heights, Forest City, Inc., \$31,500.

- Livonia: 35933 Vargo, Nottingham West, Curtis Building Co., \$42,900.
- Livonia: 36645 Six Mile, Judson Gardens, Binder & Lark Building Co., \$31,850.

- Livonia: 36371 Barkley, Levan Heights, James S. Bonadeo, \$33,900.
- Livonia: 14048 Ellen Dr., Shadowood, Bert L. Smoker & Co., \$35,900.
- Livonia: 36610 Elmira, Kenwood Park, Kenwood Homes, Inc., \$34,990.

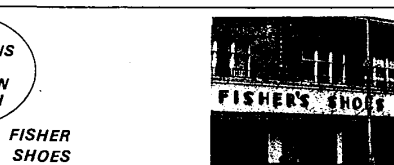


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