

Please join us for a House Reception and Discussion with the Vietnam Agent Orange Relief & Responsibility Campaign

An all-women delegation of Agent Orange victims from Vietnam is traveling across the country to advocate for compensation from the US government, Dow Chemical and Monsanto (the companies responsible for making the majority of Agent Orange) for both Vietnamese victims and US Veterans, as well as a commitment to clean up lands contaminated by Agent Orange.

Ms. ĐINH THỊ MINH HUYỀN, is an interpreter with Vietnam Peace & Development Foundation and Vietnam Association for Protection of Children's Rights. She served as an Ambassador to Canada and the Netherlands, and is now working with Mme Nguyen Thi Binh, who was a chief negotiator in the Paris Agreement. **Mrs. ĐẶNG HỒNG NHỰT**, from Ho Chi Minh City, suffers from cancer & had multiple miscarriages due to exposure to Agent Orange. **Ms. TRẦN THỊ HOÀN**, is a second generation victim of Agent Orange. Her mother was exposed to Agent Orange as a result of the war. She was born without two legs and one hand is seriously atrophied. Hoan is now a college student in computer science in Ho Chi Minh City.



What: A House Reception and Discussion with the delegation members. Light refreshments will be served.

Where: The Home of Curren Warf, M.D., Physicians for Social Responsibility-Los Angeles (PSR-LA) Board President, and Susan Rabinovitz

When: Sunday, Oct. 26, 7-9pm

How: Call PSR-LA at 213-689-9170 or email amascarenas@psrla.org.

This reception and discussion is hosted by Physicians for Social Responsibility-Los Angeles (PSR-LA). The tour is sponsored by the Vietnam Agent Orange Relief & Responsibility Campaign (VAORRC). National Co-sponsors include Veterans For Peace, Vietnam Veterans Against the War, National Lawyers Guild, and United For Peace & Justice.

Did you know...According to the American Public Health Association:

- Between 1961 and 1971, **approximately 77 million Liters of herbicides, including 49.3 million Liters of Agent Orange** containing more than 360 kg of dioxin-contaminated defoliants, were sprayed multiple times over 5.5 million acres in South Vietnam.
- Research studies show elevated 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (TCDD) from dioxin in the Vietnamese people, in sediment, in soil, in wildlife, and in food in some areas of South Vietnam only, thus showing Agent Orange contamination.
- Dioxins are known to be risk factors for **cancer, immune deficiency, reproductive and developmental disorders, and central nervous system and peripheral nervous system effects.**
- It has been estimated that at least **2.1 million, but perhaps as many as 4.8 million, people were present during the Agent Orange spraying** and many more were exposed through contact with the environment and food that was contaminated.
- **In spite of scientific studies that correlate the incidence of illness with Agent Orange, the involved chemical companies continue to maintain that there is no scientific proof that the Agent Orange causes disease.**

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After the Paris Agreement was signed in 1973, President Nixon had pledged 3.3 billion U.S. dollars "to contribute to healing the wounds of war and to postwar reconstruction in the Democratic Republic of Vietnam." None of these considerable funds were ever paid. In addition to 48,000 American soldiers that died during the Vietnam war, according to Secretary of Defense Robert MacNamara, about three million Vietnamese lost their lives. Over one fifth of the land area of Vietnam was aerially defoliated by American military forces, largely with Agent Orange.

Physicians for Social Responsibility-Los Angeles (PSR-LA) is working to bring together health professionals and the diverse communities of Southern California to reduce threats to public health related to war and environmental toxins.