

Ray W. Stubbe served as a chaplain for the 26TH Marine Regiment at the Khe Sanh Combat Base, from July of 1967 until the siege was lifted in 1968. When Ray returned to life in the United States he had never forgotten the men who fought and died during their tenure at Khe Sanh. He had a dream that all those brave men, from whichever branch of service they had served in at Khe Sanh, should always remain as a family, to maintain the bond which will always and forever keep them in each others hearts. Ray also felt that an organization was needed to promote renewed fellowship of those who survived the Khe Sanh and RVN experience. Ray's other goals included: collecting and preserving an accurate history of service in and around Khe Sanh, honoring and preserving the memory of those who were either lost at Khe Sanh, later killed in action, or later died of wounds received there, reaching out to the loved ones of those who died, so that they might better understand the nature of their loved ones service at Khe Sanh and also, to promote research and understanding of the Khe Sanh experience to help heal wounds both physical and mental, of our Khe Sanh experience.

On September 1, 1988, the Khe Sanh Veterans were legally incorporated. Through the continuing efforts of Ray Stubbe, we now have a membership of over 3,000. Ray had not only reached, but exceeded every goal he had set out to accomplish for our organization. He is, and will always be, the HEART & SOUL of the KHE SANH VETERANS.