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## WHITAKER ANNOUNCES RUN

At the membership meeting Thursday, December 1, 2010 Bruce Whitaker, six time president of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 172 made it official, he will run for National President of the Vietnam Veterans of America. This came as a surprise to most of the members in attendance although; a few of us had predicted this move. When Bruce addressed the Chapter a year ago and spoke of some problems with National I asked him then if he was announcing the beginning of his campaign for National President. With just a hint of a smile he stated no that 18 years of various offices was enough. I have not a hint of what changed his mind but, I personally feel that this is good for the VVA.

Bruce has been a staunch advocate for all things veteran related and has spent countless hours and miles promoting veterans issues and the VVA. We wish him "good luck."

On a related issue Chapter President Bob Cook stated that we will be doing some fundraising in order to be able to send an entire slate of delegates to the National Convention in Reno in August.

## Reflecting

As I have gotten older and yes wiser from time to time I look to my future and not my past. I am 63 years old and a Vietnam veteran. Until this past summer I have enjoyed good health most of my life, at least nothing serious, but then in July I hit the wall as my NASCAR friends would say. It has caused me some serious apprehension and second guessing on my part. Where am I going? What is next? Is there a next? Is there anything left for me to achieve? What move should I make? After last winter's "Snowmageddon" I, like most of you had to have or do some work on my home. I was told I could get a new roof with a 20 year guarantee for about 6K. Like I said I am 63, I am already past my time here on Earth as a Vietnam Veteran so why should I pay for a new roof for my house? I also need a new kitchen floor. But, that floor does not affect the quality of cooking that is done in the kitchen, so why fix it? A lot of people will tell me it will look better than the way it is now. So what, who