

## Thank You Note from Cambodian Veterans (CV)

Dear Cambodian Veteran members, Veterans community, and Friends:

On behalf of Cambodian Veterans (CV), we want to thank to CV Reunion committees and families, guest speakers, master ceremony, co-master ceremony, Mrs. President of Khmer classical dancers, dancers, and their parents without you our CV reunion/picnic it would not be possible.

Thanks to executive board, chairman, board of directors, advisors, office administrator/public relation, my family, friends, community leaders, and veteran community/community for giving me a chance to serve.

**Below are the highlights of my speech:**

### REFLECTION

Veteran defines one who has served in the armed forces. Webster's new world page 684.

"The term "Veteran" conveys more than a rank held in the past. Military service forms priorities and commitments that last for a life time. Every person who has put on the uniform, whether in time of war or in time of peace, has also felt a new sense of responsibility." President George W. Bush

"To be Veterans one must know and determine one's price for freedom. We share the same value with U.S. is to protect our freedom, security, justice, human right, and free democracy here and at home."

"Speaking about the war it always comes down to the ones who **fly the airplanes, man the ships, and carry the rifles**, it does not matter the uniform they wear, the flag they carry they are always **represented the country and regime they served.**"

"They did not live to be called veterans, but Khmer nation will never forget their lives of service and all they did for us."

"The loss love one was terrible, they left families and children behind. The loves one left were hurt and lonely."

"Tonight, from bottom of my heart, I want these families to know your loved one served in a good cause to protect and secure our freedom."

"Tonight, we are honoring and showing our gratitude and respect to all Cambodian/Khmer Veterans and their families who got killed during the

war with Communist Khmer Rouge/its collaborators and the one who just passed away without any discrimination that included Cambodian Americans who served in U.S. military and got Killed at Afghanistan War and Iraq War.

"For leadership, Cambodian veterans, children, and families are still symbolize a good citizen to serve our community and country and you will find veterans in positions of service and leadership in difference sectors Private, Public, and Non-Profit; school and universities because of the influence of Cambodian/Khmer Veterans pride."

Cambodian Veterans Next Generation Leadership (CVNGL) and Cambodian Old Generation Leadership, how can we bridge this gap to a new frontier for our children?

Boundaries that give our choices and we must **CHANGE**, and our hope is on the way.

May Lord Buddha and God continue to bless our Cambodian/Khmer Veterans and Families.

Long live Cambodian Veterans.

Very respectfully yours,

Harrison Lee (Bunny), President