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(Boston) **The Smedley D. Butler Brigade of Veterans for Peace** presents its **First Annual 5K Benefit Foot Race** at UMass Boston, sponsored by The William Joiner Center of UMass Boston <http://www.joinercenter.umb.edu/>.

The 5K race is Saturday, May 22, 2010, with registration at 8 a.m. and race beginning at 9 a.m. Runners are encouraged to submit pledges of a minimum of \$5/kilometer in addition to their \$20 entry fee. Veterans for Peace intends for this 5K run to be the first in an annual benefit event. Registration is online at <http://tinyurl.com/yjxjti>



Proceeds from the race will benefit two projects: the **The Mai Tam House of Hope** in **Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam**, a shelter for HIV/AIDS positive widows and orphans. Proceeds will support the expansion of the new facility and services to replace this overflowing shelter. Funds will also be raised for **The Iraq Water Project** where funds will supply ultraviolet filtration units to smaller projects,

such as schools, hospitals and even prisons. This program has existed since 1999.

More information about each of these projects can be found at <http://www.maitamhouseofhope.com/> and at <http://www.iraqwaterproject.org/>

About Veterans for Peace and the Smedley D. Butler Brigade

Veterans For Peace is a national organization founded in 1985 as a non-profit 501c3 educational organization and recognized as a United Nations Non-Governmental Organization in 1990. The organization includes men and women veterans of all eras and duty stations spanning the Spanish Civil War (1936-39), World War II, the Korean, Vietnam, Gulf and current Iraq wars as well as other conflicts. Our collective experience tells us wars are easy to start and hard to stop and that those hurt are often the innocent. Thus, other means of problem solving are necessary.

We draw on our personal experiences and perspectives gained as veterans to raise public awareness of the true costs and consequences of militarism and war - and to seek peaceful, effective alternatives.

Chapters and members are active in communities throughout the United States and Puerto Rico. National conventions are held annually and members communicate through quarterly newsletters as well as daily list-serve news, on line discussions groups and the national and many chapter websites.

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