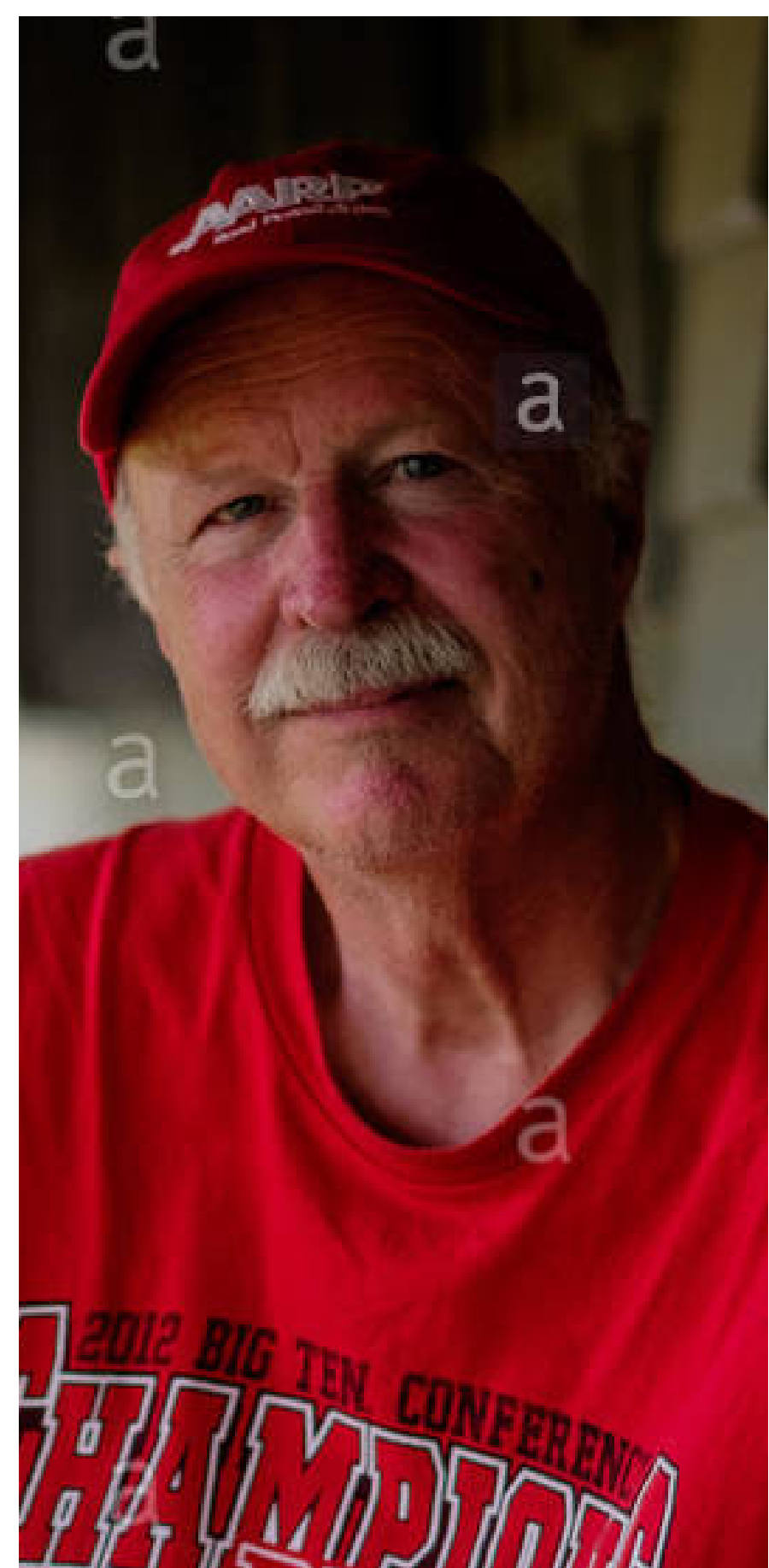


We Help War Victims .org

WHEN FIGHTING STOPS, THE CONSEQUENCES OF WAR GO ON.

About WHWV

We Help War Victims is an organization founded by an inspiring educator named Jim Harris. He focuses on the needs of an ethnic community, Hmong, who are a group of people located in Laos and here in the US. Most are refugees who fled from Laos in the aftermath of the Vietnam War and faced persecution because of their involvement (or presumed involvement) with the CIA.



Here's Jim!



Mission

The aims of WHWV include, but not limited to: Extracting unexploded ordinances in and around Laotian rural villages; Helping Lao villagers receive medical needs (birth defects, injuries, illnesses) ; Reconnecting Hmong refugees with missing relatives; and Educating the youth on Hmong culture thus preserving the culture.

Internship Project Goals and Tasks

Our team took on these tasks during our internship:

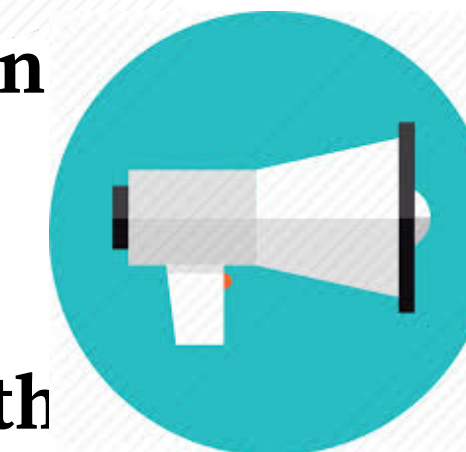
COFFEE

- Researched potential locations where we could sell Laotian coffee beans and contacted local businesses



SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Reached out to potential sources where Jim could speak on



MEDICAL MISSION

- Efforts made to get medical care for young Laotian girl with condition by:

1. Providing a medical report on the condition to assist Jim with taking the necessary steps
2. Contacting surgeons and physicians nationwide to find potential locations for surgery



TRANSCRIPTION

- Transcribed interviews with members about their experiences back in Laos, during the war, and their journey from their homes by:

1. Watching videos of these incredible people and transcribing their stories for future generations (these gave us a new perspective on the tragedies of the war and immense strength of the Hmong community).

CATALOG

- Established a database to digitally catalogue the artifacts, helping to organize the information and make the transition of the museum to a new location easier ; we also researched catalogues that Jim can utilize to make the museum accessible online to a wider audience



Impact

Our partnership with WHWV enabled us to appreciate:

- The impactful **mission** of WHWV
- The numerous **efforts** put forth to help war victims
- The profound **purpose** derived from finding small ways to impact the world
- How to work as a **team** toward a common, abstract goal
- **Commitment** and **persistence** as essential qualities when engaging in global problem solving

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