



**LAO-HMONG
AMERICAN
COALITION, INC.**



2025 REPORT

MOVING FORWARD

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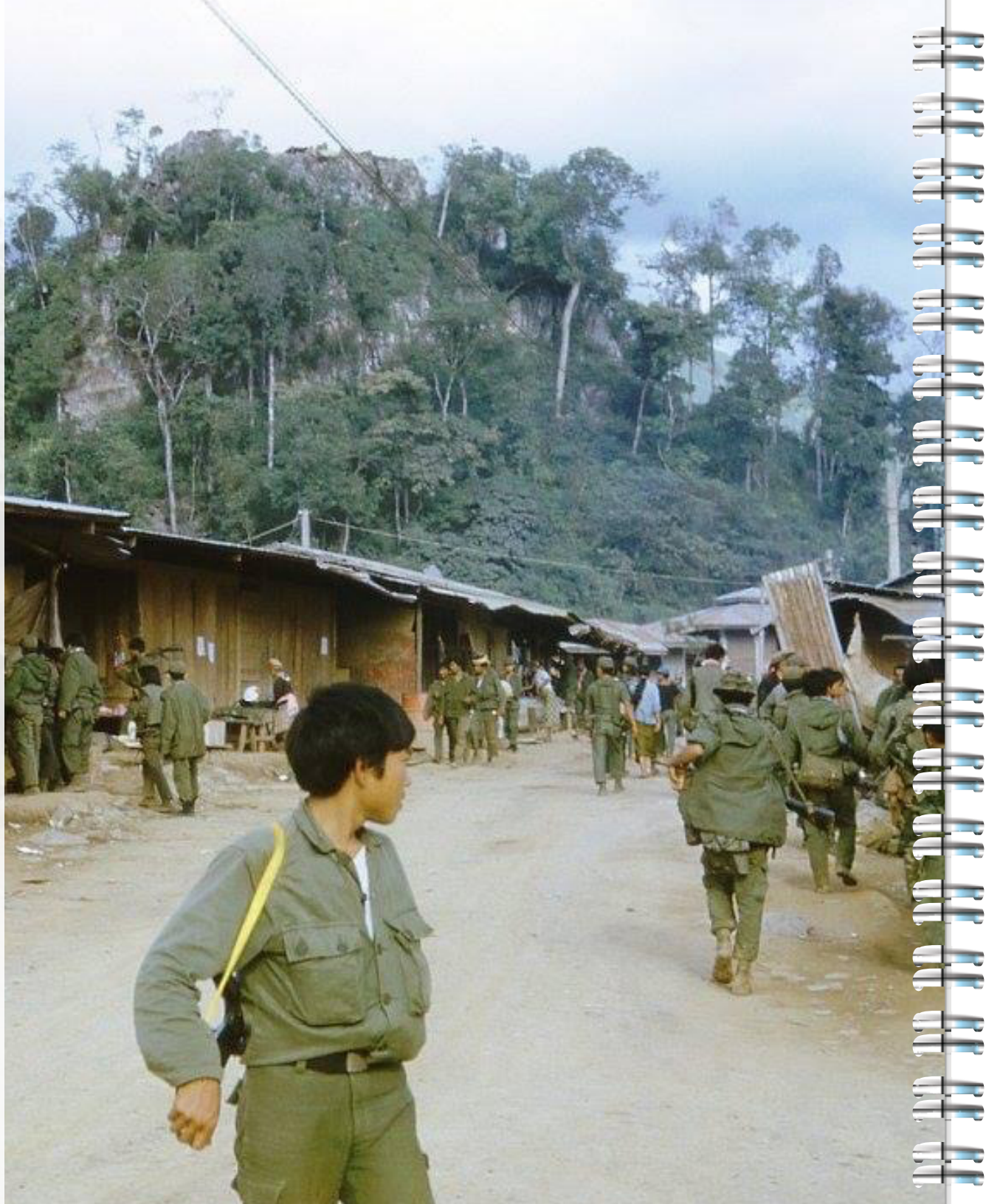
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■ Letter from Leadership

Dear Members, Supporters, and Friends,

As we step into 2025, we are reminded that while decades have passed, the mission of the Lao-Hmong American Coalition (LHAC) remains unfulfilled in many ways. Our history is rich, our sacrifices immense, yet the recognition and honor that the Lao-Hmong Special Guerrilla Units (SGU) and their families deserve remain incomplete. However, we stand at the threshold of change, and together, we have the power to build the future that our veterans and their families deserve.

For too long, efforts have been scattered, momentum lost, and critical initiatives stalled. But we are here today because we believe in the strength of unity. In 2025, our focus is clear: **to build membership, mobilize volunteers, secure funding, and forge partnerships that will make the long-awaited Lao-Hmong SGU Memorial in Washington, D.C. a reality.**

This is not a task for one organization alone. It requires collaboration — with individuals, families, and organizations that share our commitment to preserving and honoring our legacy. LHAC cannot move forward without **you**. Whether you contribute as a member, a volunteer, or a donor, your involvement is vital.

This year, we begin anew — not just by setting goals but by implementing real strategies to achieve them. We will increase transparency by opening a nonprofit business bank account, making financial accountability a priority. We will actively seek grants and funding opportunities, positioning ourselves where resources are more available. And most importantly, we will **work together** to make the SGU Memorial more than a distant dream.

We owe it to those who fought and sacrificed. We owe it to their families. And we owe it to the next generation — to ensure they inherit not just stories, but a lasting tribute that cements our place in history.

Let’s make 2025 a year of action. Together, we move forward.

With respect and determination,

Beatrice Vang Hazelton
President/Chief Executive Officer
Lao-Hmong American Coalition, Inc.

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■ About LHAC

■ Mission Statement

LHAC is dedicated to representing, serving, and defending the interests of Lao-Hmong Special Guerilla Unit (SGU) veterans of the Secret War in Laos, their families, and the broader community by advocating for recognition, memorialization, and policy advancements that honor their contributions and sacrifices.

■ Vision Statement

To ensure the legacy of the Lao-Hmong SGU veterans is permanently recognized in American history through memorialization, education, and community empowerment.

■ History & Background

The complex history of the U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War includes the CIA's collaboration with the Lao-Hmong from 1960 to 1975, which resulted in 35,000 casualties during what was known as the CIA's Secret War in Laos. 20 years later in 1995, the U.S. officially recognized the Lao-Hmong SGU, known as the U.S. "Secret Army" that fought alongside American forces during the Secret War.

The historic tribute took place on July 22, 1995, in Golden, Colorado, and led to the formation of LHAC on September 16, 1995. Founded by Mr. Yang Chee, LHAC has been a leading voice for Lao-Hmong SGU veterans and their families. Initially based in Colorado and later Minnesota, the organization is now working to relocate its headquarters to California to better access funding opportunities.

LHAC is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, relying solely on membership dues and private donations. Moving forward, the organization seeks greater financial sustainability through grants, partnerships, and structured fundraising efforts.

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2025 Goals & Initiatives

Membership & Community Engagement

An organization’s strength lies in its people—the members who support its mission and the community that benefits from its work. Building a strong, engaged membership base ensures long-term sustainability, increases advocacy power, and creates a network of individuals dedicated to making a difference. By fostering community engagement, we can amplify our impact, attract new supporters, and develop lasting partnerships. Prioritizing membership growth and volunteer participation not only strengthens LHAC but also empowers individuals to take an active role in driving meaningful change.

Increasing Membership

- Expand membership across generations, especially young Lao-Hmong professionals and students.
- Launch an outreach campaign using social media, community events, and university partnerships.
- Offer mentorship programs where veterans share their history with young members.
- Develop regional LHAC ambassadors to recruit new members locally.
- Implement a membership registration system and database (Google forms, CRM software, etc.).

Volunteer Participation

- Increase engagement through project-based volunteering (event planning, research, marketing, etc.).
- Establish a digital volunteer hub where members can sign up for specific tasks.
- Recognize volunteers publicly through annual awards and appreciation events.



Strategic Partnerships & Advocacy

No nonprofit can achieve its mission alone. Strategic partnerships and advocacy efforts are essential for expanding reach, strengthening influence, and driving meaningful change. By collaborating with like-minded organizations, we can pool resources, share expertise, and amplify its voice in advocating for the recognition and legacy of the Lao-Hmong SGU veterans. Advocacy ensures that the needs and contributions of the community are heard at local, state, and national levels, while partnerships create opportunities for joint initiatives, funding, and greater impact. Together, these efforts build momentum toward lasting progress.

Collaborations with Similar Organizations

- Partner with similar nonprofit organizations and groups to strengthen lobbying efforts.
- Co-host events with academic institutions, historical societies, and government agencies.
- Work with local Hmong cultural centers and national Asian American organizations to raise awareness.

SGU Memorial in Washington, D.C.

- Establish a Memorial Committee.
- Draft a formal proposal and secure congressional support.
- Identify a location and submit an application to the National Park Service or local agencies.
- Launch a capital fundraising campaign (grants, private donors, and crowdfunding).
- Work with historians, architects, and designers for the memorial’s development.

Financial Growth & Transparency

Financial stability and transparency are the foundation of a strong and trustworthy nonprofit. Growth in funding allows LHAC to expand its initiatives, support its members, and pursue long-term goals like the SGU Memorial in Washington, D.C. Transparency ensures accountability, builds trust with donors and members, and demonstrates responsible stewardship of resources. By securing diverse funding sources, including grants, donations, and memberships, LHAC can create a sustainable future while upholding its commitment to openness and integrity.

Nonprofit business bank account

- Essential for financial transparency, grant eligibility, and donor trust.
- Opens doors to corporate partnerships and government funding.

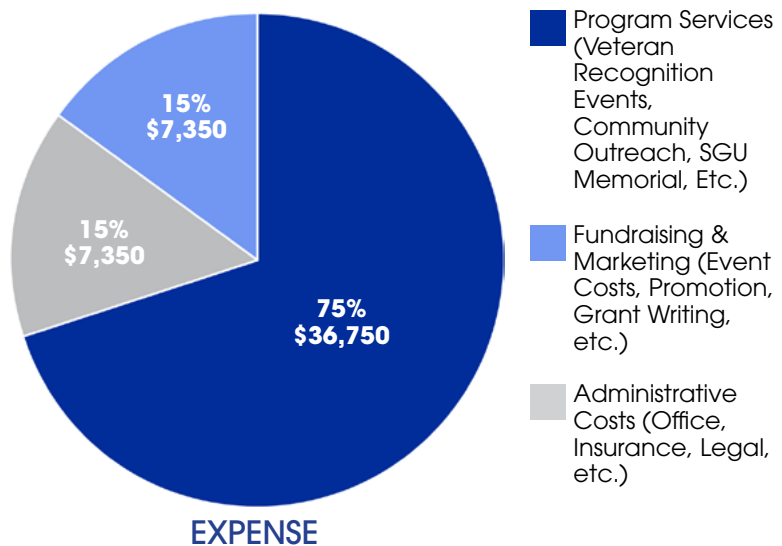
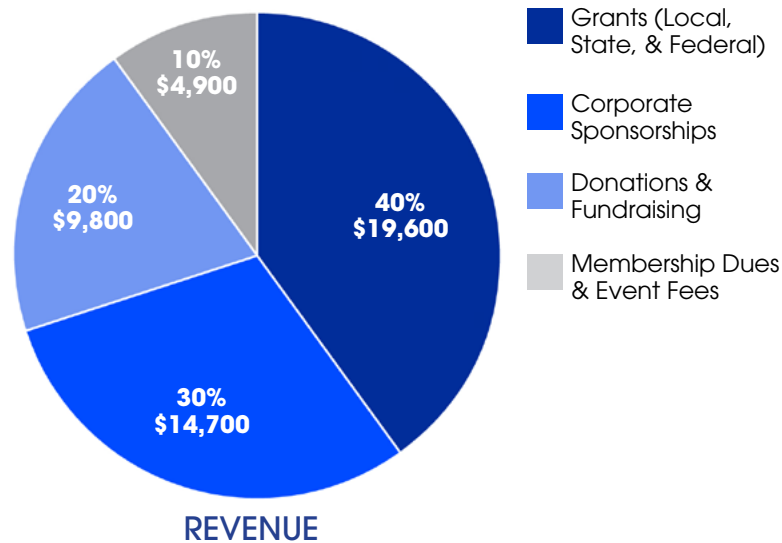
Grant Applications & Fundraising

- Relocating to California improves access to grants, such as California Humanities Grants (for preserving SGU history), California State Library Grants (for cultural and educational initiatives), Asian American and Pacific Islander Nonprofit Support Grants, and National Endowment for the Humanities (for memorial projects).
- Launch structured fundraising efforts



■ Proposed Budget

The below represents a mission-driven allocation, where most funds go toward direct services. LHAC may modify this based on actual funding secured and program priorities.



■ Financial Overview

A nonprofit's financial health directly impacts its ability to fulfill its mission. A clear and transparent financial structure ensures accountability, strengthens donor confidence, and supports sustainable growth. For LHAC, financial transparency is especially critical as we work to build a strong foundation for future initiatives, including the SGU Memorial. By openly sharing our financial status, projected budget, and fundraising goals, we demonstrate our commitment to integrity and responsible stewardship. Establishing clear financial processes will allow LHAC to grow, secure funding, and effectively serve the community for years to come.

■ Current Financial Status

\$343

LHAC lost its nonprofit status in May 2023 after taxes were not filed for three consecutive years. This made it impossible to apply for grants or accept donations. LHAC regained its nonprofit status in late 2024.

■ Fundraising Strategies

- Crowdfunding via GoFundMe.
- Corporate sponsorships (Lao-Hmong businesses).
- Major donor outreach to veterans and their families.

■ Goal

\$49,000

This represents a realistic, sustainable approach to advancing our mission within our current operational capacity.

■ Looking Ahead: Call to ACTION

Real change happens when people come together with a shared purpose. LHAC's mission to honor the legacy of the Lao-Hmong SGU veterans and support our community depends on the dedication of members, volunteers, and supporters like you.

Whether through joining as a member, volunteering your time, or contributing financially, every effort helps move us closer to our goals. This is a pivotal moment to build momentum, strengthen our advocacy, and create lasting impact.

Together, we can ensure that the sacrifices and contributions of the Lao-Hmong community are recognized and honored. Now is the time to take action—join us in making a difference.

Get Involved

- Become a member—help shape our future.
- Volunteer—contribute your skills and time.
- Donate—support LHAC's mission and the SGU Memorial.

Upcoming Initiatives

- Committee Formation (Membership, Program, Grants, Fundraising, & Marketing).
- SGU Memorial Proposal Launch (Fall 2025).
- LHAC Conference & Recognition Ceremony (Winter 2025).



Scan/click now to get involved!





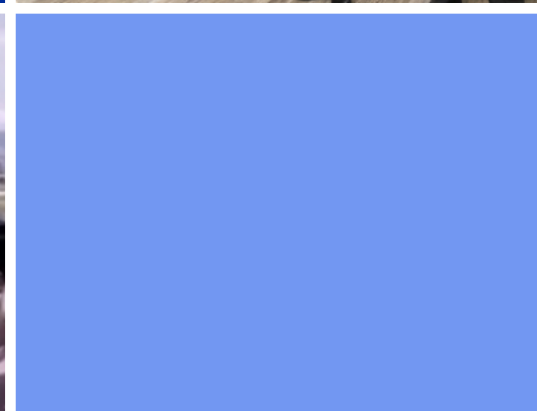
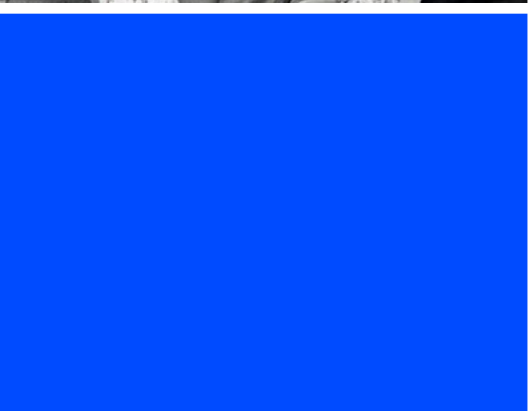
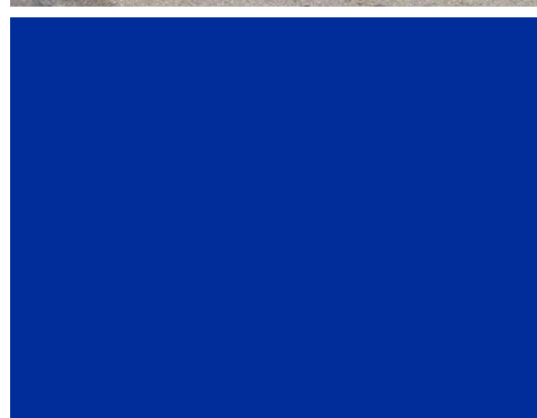
■ Final Message from Leadership

For years, we have waited. Now, we act. This is our time to unite, to advocate, and to ensure that the sacrifices of the Lao-Hmong SGU are never forgotten. The legacy we build today will define how history remembers us.

Join Us.

Work with Us.

Let's make 2025 the year of progress.





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