

Dear Supporters,



We would like to share some exciting news!

As Legacies of War celebrates its 15th anniversary, we will be making a planned transition to new leadership in August 2019. Founder Channapha Khamvongsa will be stepping down as Executive Director and will remain involved with the organization. She is thrilled to be working with the Board of Advisors to welcome [new leadership](#) for the next phase of Legacies. You will hear more from Channapha and the Board in the coming months, but for now, we wanted to share the progress of our transition to date.

We have developed a clear plan to ensure a smooth transition:

- Together, the Board and Transition Advisory Committee, have already started implementing the transition plan.
- The Board is prepared to work with the new Executive Director to ensure his/her success and the fulfillment of Legacies' mission.

The transition comes at a time of stability and growth for Legacies of War:

- In 2018, we raised a record \$400,000 to support our mission;

- Despite the uncertain political climate, we continue to successfully advocate for long-term U.S. support for the unexploded ordnance (UXO) sector in Laos, and to monitor the historic commitment of \$90 million in 2016;
- We have a strong and engaged Board of Advisors and;
- We have a large, growing and committed network of supporters in Laos and the U.S., including policy makers and many from the Laotian-American diaspora.

For the past 15 years, Legacies' advocacy work has helped to create safety and peace for the people of Laos and to educate Americans about the Secret War. We are excited to build on these successes moving forward: seeing the results of the first-ever national survey and advocating for renewed commitment of Congressional funding to make Laos safe for future generations.

We've also issued a [press release](#) about the transition and included the job announcement below. Please share broadly and let us know if you have any questions.

We look forward to connecting with you throughout this milestone year for Legacies!

With gratitude,



Alexandra Hiniker
Board Chair



Channapha Khamvongsa
Executive Director

PRESS RELEASE: Search Begins for New Executive Director



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Legacies of War Announces Planned Leadership Transition Search Begins for New Executive Director

March 4, 2019 (Washington, DC) - As Legacies of War celebrates its 15th anniversary, the organization will be making a planned transition to new leadership in August 2019. Founder Channapha Khamvongsa will be stepping down as Executive Director and begin serving as its Senior Advisor in the interim and as a Board Member in the future. A search for a new Executive Director begins today.

"This transition comes at a time of tremendous success and stability for Legacies of War. Our strong advocacy work has resulted in historic increases in U.S. funding to remove millions of leftover bombs in Laos, support thousands of survivors and educate Americans about the Secret War," said Alexandra Hiniker, Board Chair. "Together with Channapha, we will conduct the Executive Director search and welcome new leadership for the next phase of Legacies of War."

The Board, along with a newly-created Transition Advisory Committee comprised of longstanding supporters, has already begun implementing the transition plan. The transition comes at a time of stability and growth for Legacies of War. In 2018, the organization raised a record \$400,000 to support its mission. It continues to monitor the historic U.S. commitment of \$90 million to the Lao unexploded ordnance (UXO) sector. Legacies of War is comprised of a strong, engaged Board of Advisors with a large and committed network of supporters in Laos and the U.S., including policymakers and many from the Laotian American diaspora.

For the past 15 years, Legacies has helped to create peace for the people of Laos and raise awareness in the U.S. about the lingering impact of the Secret War. We are looking forward to the next phase of this critical work: seeing the results of the first-ever national survey and advocating for renewed commitment of Congressional funding for UXO removal in Laos.

The Executive Director job announcement was released today, with the plan to hire a new director by August 2019.

[Read More](#)

Job Announcement: Executive Director

Fifteen years after its founding, **Legacies of War (LOW)** will be making a **planned transition to new leadership and is seeking a new Executive Director**. The position would start in August 2019 and be based in Washington, DC.

Legacies of War's mission is to raise awareness about the history of the Vietnam War-era bombing in Laos and advocate for the clearance of unexploded bombs; to provide space for healing the wounds of war and; to create greater hope for a future of peace.

Legacies of War enjoys a strong, engaged Board of Advisors with a large and committed network of supporters in Laos and the U.S., including many from the Laotian American diaspora. The Board is prepared to work with the new Executive Director to ensure his/her success and the fulfillment of Legacies' mission.

Reporting to the Board of Advisors, the Executive Director will have overall strategic and operational responsibility for Legacies of War's staff, programs, expansion, and execution of its mission. The successful candidate will master and keep up-to-date with knowledge of core programs, operations, and work plans.

A competitive compensation package including relocation and professional development benefits is available for the successful candidate. Salary range is \$65K to

\$85K.

Send CV and cover letter to info@legaciesofwar.org by March 31, 2019.

[See full job announcement here.](#)

Say Sa Bai Dee to our Team!



Aleena Inthaly, Development and Operations Manager

Aleena is responsible for managing and optimizing organizational development processes to increase funding revenue while also serving as the lead coordinator of operations, organizational development and event planning.

Aleena worked on facilitating international exchange programs while at World Learning, an international nonprofit organization that focuses on international development, education, and exchange programs. Since then, she has spent time around the world including Thailand, Turkey, Moldova, and India. Aleena returned back to DC to become more involved with immigrant communities in the Washington DC area, specifically a community that hits close to home, the Lao community. Aleena's main passion in life is to connect people through conversations of memories, history, culture, and the traditions that come with meeting people in new places and is using that passion in her work at Legacies of War. In her spare time, Aleena is a Washington DC food tour guide and takes groups through the U St. and Shaw neighborhoods discussing the incredible history of the city, its communities, and the amazing places to eat on each block. Aleena graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University with a B.A. in Political Science concentrating on International Relations and also started the first student chapter of Legacies of War during her time in school.

Alejandra Ureta, Communications and Development Project Intern

Alejandra supports the team in coordinating a wide range of communications and education materials including social media (Facebook and Instagram) and information packets as well as maintaining the organization's databases while assisting the core team on program research and development activities.



Originally from Spain, Alejandra lived in Switzerland for 9 years before moving to Washington DC to pursue her undergraduate degree in International Affairs at the George Washington University and has just returned from her semester abroad in Paris, France. Alejandra is extremely passionate about development and human rights and has participated in multiple volunteer projects around the world. At GW Alejandra is the director of fundraising and membership of GW UNICEF and has coordinated many events to raise money for the children. After graduation, Alejandra plans to obtain a dual master's degree in International Relations and Business Administration in the hope that this will help her achieve her long term goal of returning to Geneva, Switzerland and working at the United Nations division of Global Health.

Stephanie Kim, Communications



Consultant

Stephanie (Steph) is currently working on the first ever Legacies of War Annual report in addition to developing the marketing and communication strategy for the 15 year anniversary campaign, such as development of communication timeline, press kits, and outreach as a member of the 15 Year Anniversary Planning Committee.

Steph recently moved to Washington, DC after having spent three and a half years in Vientiane working at the Lao Rugby Federation (LRF). She joined the LRF through the Princeton in Asia Fellowship Program and managed sponsorships and communications for the federation in her first two years. She later focused on supporting the LRF's sport-for-development project where her role was to assist and build key management processes to transition towards the complete localization of project staff. A key aspect of her job was to ensure the project was promoting gender equality, from maintaining a 1:1 female to male ratio amongst staff, coaches, and players to undertaking cases of young people, especially women, who faced barriers to joining events or activities. She now works at Population Services International (PSI) with the Latin America & Asia Program Management Team. Steph received her BA in the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs from Princeton University.

Victoria Liu, Graphic Consultant

Victoria has been a consultant for Legacies of War for the past few years and plays a key role in creating designs and visual tools through conveying Legacies' message by creating images and develop various visuals for our website, social media pages, outreach and programs.



Victoria is former Legacies of War Intern and recent graduate of Princeton University, where she studied International Law and Institutions within the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. She is fascinated by macro-level examinations of the movements of institutions, nations, and individuals. She is the past Director of Marketing at Princeton's Advertise This, Princeton's only marketing and advertising club, seeking to explore the abstract construction of image and its effect on audience reception and interest.

Victoria is currently a Graduate student at the Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA) in Baltimore, MD.



Chann Sou, Salesforce Specialist

Channbunmorl (Chann) Sou is Legacies of War's technical Salesforce guru and serves as the Salesforce administrator on the team primarily working on executing the day-to-day configuration, support, maintenance and improvement of our CRM platform.

Chann has more than 10 years of experience in nonprofit development, strategic fundraising, database management and program evaluation. In 2015, Chann was one of the founding members of "New Year in Park." New Year in the Park is a multi generational and multi ethnic group whose purpose is to preserve and promote new year traditions celebrated by Cambodian, Lao, Thai and Burmese communities. Chann was the lead project manager and facilitated in raising morethan \$78,000 in individual, corporate and in-kind donations.

Chann was also a board member of APANO (Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon), a social and racial justice pan-AAPI organization. He served 5 years on the board and was able to help make decisions that helped the organization grow from \$25,000 to \$500,000 organization. He is very passionate about AAPI representation in policy, entertainment and decision making. Chann is a chef currently pursuing his passion in the entertainment business in hopes of becoming a food show host on a major platform. He is always looking for ways to help other communities of color share their story through art, food, and music.

Upcoming Event: You're Invited!



The poster features a vibrant, abstract image of a sailboat's mast and sail, with the sail displaying a rainbow spectrum. The text is overlaid on the image. At the top right, the words "Save the Date" are written in a large, elegant, black cursive font. Below this, the title "A Child of Our Time" is written in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font. At the bottom, there are three dark blue rectangular boxes containing white text: "Wythe Hotel Brooklyn, NY", "Thursday, March 21, 2019", and "6pm - 11pm".

Save the Date

A Child of Our Time

Wythe Hotel
Brooklyn, NY

Thursday,
March 21, 2019

6pm - 11pm

Please join friends of Legacies of War for *A Child of Our Time*, a private performance and intimate dinner to benefit Legacies of War taking place on **Thursday, March 21, 2019 at the Wythe Hotel in Brooklyn, NY.**

The evening program consists of music and a seated dinner to inspire conversation about the impact of conflict over time. Special guest speakers will reflect on shared experiences, from the World Wars, the Vietnam War and the secret bombing of Laos, and current conflicts.

Distinguished soloists, Kenneth Tarver, Damian Whiteley, Jin-Xiang Yu, and Tamara Gura along with the New York Choral Society will perform excerpts of renowned *A Child of Our Time* by Michael Tippett, an oratorio composed as a memorial to the tragic events of Kristallnacht, a violent assault against Jews in Germany that took place in 1938, marking the start of the World War II horrors.

Please [RSVP directly online](#). There is limited availability of 30 tickets for the event, ticket donations start at \$1,000.

For more information, please visit the [event website](#).

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Upcoming events 2019

We are always happy to hear thoughts and answer questions from fellow supporters – please feel free to email info@legaciesofwar.org.

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