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Vietnam Veterans of America Q.C. Chapter 299 Announces Scholarship Recipients for Vietnam War Veterans Day

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In recognition of national "Vietnam War Veterans Day" on March 29, 2022, the Vietnam Veterans of America Q.C. Chapter 299 announces the following 2022 scholarship recipients:

1. Angela Fuentes currently with the United States National Guard
2. John Francisco Saldana formerly with the United States National Guard

This Moline Foundation scholarship was established in 2016 to support veterans who are pursuing a STEM, trade or technical post-secondary degree, certification, or apprenticeship. These two distinguished scholars and dedicated veterans will each receive \$1,750 for school expenses including tuition, room and board, books, and education related expenses.

"The military is responsible for showing me this firsthand, seeing how others around the world live their lives." stated Saldana. Upon learning of his award, he said that this scholarship will ***"help relieve the burden of the cost of living, by helping pay for books, transportation, food, housing, and many other costs that may occur during my education. This scholarship will give me and my spouse a well-deserved moment of peace from our financial burdens of life, leaving me with more opportunities to focus on my coursework in the coming semesters."***

Fuentes reflected in her essay, that the military ***"has given me the opportunity to be a leader in the civilian world."*** In reaction to winning, she stated ***"This scholarship is going to help me out in a variety of different ways. It will benefit me in opening a new chapter in my life and help accomplish my goals. I can't thank you enough for the support. I thank you again, from the bottom of my heart."***

" We are pleased to provide financial assistance to these members of a younger generation of veterans as they prepare themselves for their future. We, the Vietnam Veterans of America, support all who served," commented Ken Madden, President of VVA Chapter 299.

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