

VISIONARY VIETNAM VETERANS



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The Edward Geary Lansdale Fan Club

Edward G. Lansdale was the first, and perhaps most relevant, American advisor to the people of South Vietnam.

Lansdale dedicated his life and his work during the 1950's to help sow the seeds of democracy in Southeast Asia: first in the Philippines, then in the infant republic of South Vietnam. Hated by some, highly respected by others, at times labeled as "The Quiet American" and "The Ugly American", and recently called one of the ten greatest spies in history; all spell one thing: controversy. The work of this controversial person must now be examined for greater clarity and relevance in the continuing effort to transplant democratic institutions in the East. For Lansdale, the formula for success was to give as freely of our Nation's democratic ideas and values as of our economic aid and military assistance.

*We can only keep our
freedom strong by
sticking to the great
beliefs and principles
that are our heritage.*

— E.G. Lansdale

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Ed Lansdale was the Original Vietnam Veteran

— Harry Summers

Lansdale lived, worked, and partied among the people he sought to serve, thereby building a more personalized bridge between cultures. He recorded many songs written and sung by Americans and Vietnamese alike. His departing advice to the head of the South Vietnam's government, Ngo Dinh Diem, in 1956, was not to squelch opposing ideas, nor to prevent other people from organizing and engaging in legitimate dialogue. Unfortunately, there was no one after Lansdale, to continue communicating these ideas at the personal level. Can the East break through the barriers of personality worship, and absolute rule by the enlightened few?

The Beatnik of the CIA

— C. Johnston

The Edward G. Lansdale fan club seeks new members for both study and social purposes. For those of you who recently saw the Goddess of the Idea of Liberty in Tiananmen Square and wondered, why not?, you should check out the fan club and study along with us. Together, we will plan the methods for making Democracy an institutional reality rather than just another student yell.

The Visionary Vietnam Vets publish a newsletter entitled, The Visionary Voice. The next issue will be devoted to the Lansdale Legacy in Vietnam. Learn: about Trinh Minh The, the South Vietnamese Freedom Rebel; about the vital role played by "Freedom

Company", the group of volunteer Philippine Veterans; about "Operation Brotherhood", about the legend of "Black Virgin Mountain" and much more.

The fan club was born in San Francisco where Lansdale worked prior to his military service. The founding group of 23 fans, calling themselves the "Ed Heads", are looking for more veterans and other persons interested in fostering the evolution of democratic institutions.

Edward Geary Lansdale and Vietnamese Friends

