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Vietnam War Working Group (VWWG)



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- **Trip Reports**



Kentucky Vietnam War Memorial



About Our Team



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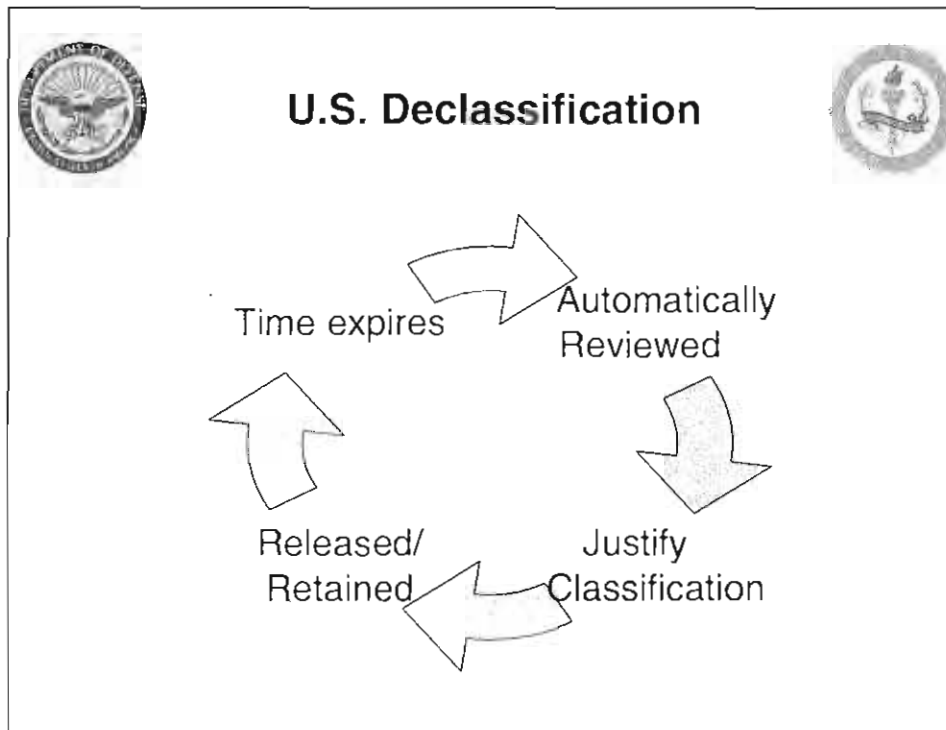


Trouble with Russia



- **Currently No Access to Military or Intelligence Archives**
 - No decree, No access
- **Based on Korean War data—should be significant**
 - Files still “State Secrets”







Veterans' Organizations



- “Combat Brotherhood”
- Commonwealth of Independent States’
“Committee of Warrior Internationalists”
- Multi-Region Assoc of Vietnam War Veterans

➤ Book Presentation



The War in Vietnam :How it Was (1965-1973)



Украина [Ukraine]



- Archival Access
- University of Air Forces, Kharkov
- Veterans Groups

➤ “Kharkov List”

▪ Correlated losses



University of Air Forces, Kharkiv



Open Source Research



- **Former Soviet Union (FSU) press**
- **FSU Internet**
- **FSU memoirs, articles, books**
- **Follow up with interviews**

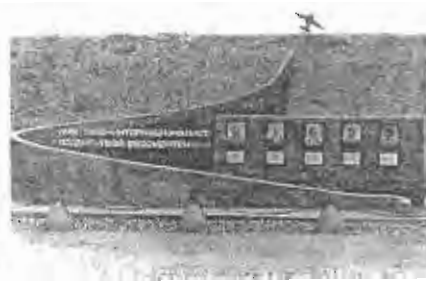


Air and Space Defense





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Soviet Air Force Monument at Bagram AB



Self-Introduction



- Svetlana Shevchenko,
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- Trip April-May 2007
 - Ukraine
 - Russia





Ukraine Meetings



- U.S. Embassy personnel
- Military Administration
- Archival administration
- Veterans' organizations
- University of Air Forces (review of Vietnam War-era documents)



U.S. Embassy Kiev



- Sheila Gwaltney, Deputy Chief of Mission
- COL Russell J. Kern, U.S. Army Attaché
- Ambassador William Taylor - Vietnam War veteran (US Army Infantry)





Ukrainian Military



- Directorate for Military Cooperation, General Staff of the Armed Forces Ukraine (Directorate Chief)
- Assignment of a General Staff Officer as a DPMO POC



Ukraine Archives



- Committee on Archives of Ukraine
- Archive of Supreme Bodies of Power and Government
- Security Service Archive





University of Air Forces Kharkov



- Review of Vietnam War-era documents (3 books)
- Declassification (16 books)
- Kharkov Vietnam War Veterans Group
 - Veterans to interview- Odessa, Dnepropetrovsk, and Sevastopol



Ukraine Veterans of Military Intelligence (GRU)



- Meeting with President and his First Deputy- positive feedback
- Goal – to establish working relationship





Ukraine 'To Do' List for Sept 07



- **Seek access to and research in Archives:**
 - Ministry of Foreign Affairs
 - Ministry of Internal Affairs
 - Supreme Bodies of Power and Government
 - Public Organizations [former Communist Party Archive]
 - Ministry of Defense
 - Security Service [former KGB Archive]
- **Establish working relationship with Military Intelligence Veterans**
- **Seek complete declassification of Vietnam War-era materials (University of Air Forces, Kharkov)**
- **Continue Interview Program with veterans**



Russia



- **Krasnogorsk Documentary Film & Photo Archives**
 - Tape depicting interrogation of a Vietnam War U.S. POW (?)
- **Presidential Archives**
- **Contract Negotiations**





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До свидания

