

CHRONOLOGY OF MAJOR V'nam EVENTS

----- 1945 -----

9-2 Gov't of the Democratic Rep of V'nam founded by Ho Chi Mihn  
 9-12 British troops arrive to accept Japanese surrender  
 9-22 French troops come back after Japanese leave  
 9-24 General Phillippe LeClerc named commander of French Forces (Foreign Legion)  
 9-24 LeClerc proclaims French return to "claim their (French) heritage; and in effect sets today as the start of the V'nam War  
 12-19 Viet Mihn attack French in North

----- 1950 -----

Diem meets and becomes friends with Dr Wesley Fishel of Michigan State Univ. Fishel later gets contract to consul Diem, see MSU file  
 2-7 US formally recognizes both V'nam's  
 3-10 Truman issues 1st aid to V'nam via France of \$15 million; by 1952 US was contributing between 50 and 60 % of aid; between '50 and '54 this aid amounted to approx \$3 billion  
 5-8 US gives \$10 million in aid to France for Indochina  
 6-27 Truman sends 35 military advisers  
 Jul US aid arrives  
 8-3 35 US personnel arrive, announce formation of MAAG (Military Assistance and Advisory Group, V'nam)  
 9-17 Military Assistance Advisory Group/Indochina formed  
 12-23 US, France, Camb., Laos, and V'nam sign unified pact of common interest

----- 1951 -----

Sep General Jean de Lattre de Tassigny, new French commander, goes to Washington to request more aid; receives 130,000 tons of new equip between 9-51 and Feb 52:53 million rounds of ammo, 8000 vehicles, 200 aircraft, 3500 radios, 14,000 automatic weapons,

----- 1954 -----

2-17 US offers to train RVN troops;  
 2-17 LTG John W O'Daniel sent to RVN to replace MG Thomas G Trapnell as MAAG chief  
 3-13 Giap begins assault on Dien Bien Phu  
 4-6 Secy State Dulles warns Red China supporting NV offensives  
 5-7 Dien Bien Phu survivors (French) surrender to Viet Minh  
     French losses: 7184 killed, 11000 captured  
     Vietminh losses: 8000 killed, 12000 wounded  
     French losses to date ('45-'54): 35000 killed, 48000 wounded  
 5-8 Geneva Conference on Indochina convenes  
 6-26 Ngo Dinh Diem comes to Saigon as Premier-designate  
 7-21 Geneva Agreements separate North and South on 38th Parallel  
 Jul International Control Commission (ICC) formed to monitor peace  
 Aug Wesley Fishel, MSU, arrives in RVN to set consultation organization  
 9-8 SEATO established  
 10-11 Viet Mihn gain control of North  
 10-24 Eisenhower gives Diem direct assistance, bypassing French

----- 1955 -----

1-14 JCS report French undermining Diem, US efforts.  
 1-24 Dulles moves to sever training of ARVN relationship with French  
 1-27 Nat'l Security Council meeting on V'nam  
 2-13 US training of RVN troops announcement begins  
 Apr First of 2 MSU teams arrives in RVN to consult with Diem  
 4-30 500 die in Saigon as Diem/Bao Dai forces clash  
 May 2d MSU team arrives in RVN  
 5-10 Diem makes formal request for US military advisers  
 6-28 Sec of State Dulles says US does not agree with Geneva Agreement  
 7-20 Diem refuses to participate in No/So election stating ballots in the North would be rigged  
 Aug MSU files report on RVN  
 8-4 Study group formed by OCB to study problems in RVN.  
 10-23 98% of recent vote in South goes against Emperor Bao Dai and for Diem  
 10-26 Republic of V'nam established with Diem as President  
 11-1 Military Assistance Advisory Group/V'nam (MACV) formed

----- 1956 -----

4-6 RVN refuses to accept Geneva agreement, will not negotiate w/Hanoi  
 4-28 US advisers replace French military trainers of ARVN, form MAAG .  
 Dec Political Bureau in Hanoi to prepare for armed movement

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----- 1957 -----

Jan Elbridge Durbrow becomes Amb to V'nam  
 1-3 ICC complain that both No and So are not complying with peace  
 5-5 Diem addresses Congress  
 Jun Last French advisors leave South  
 10- Communists form first armed unit of former Viet Minh fighters

----- 1959 -----

Jan North's Central Executive Committee issues Resolution 15  
 realigning its strategy in South as military, not political  
 4-4 Eisenhower makes first commitment to South at Gettysburg Coll.  
 4-12 Christian Herter replaces John Dulles as Secretary of State  
 May North establishes Group 559 to expand Ho Chi Minh Trail  
 5-6 Diem issues Law 10/59 to persecute dissension  
 7-1 Lyman Lemnitzer becomes Army Chf of Staff, Maxwell Taylor leaves  
 7-8 Two US advisors killed by communists in Bien Hoa  
 12-1 Thomas Gates becomes Sec of Defense, Neil McElroy leaves

----- 1960 -----

Jan David Shoup assumes comm of Marine Corps, Randolph McPate leaves  
 1-17 Communist begin fight in Delta by organizing uprisings  
 2-15 Communists form People's Liberation Armed Force (PLAF)  
 Apr North establishes draft, send troops south  
 5-30 US Green Berets arrive to train ARVN  
 Sep North calls for "broad united front" in war  
 Sep LTG Lionel McGarr becomes Commander, Military Assistance  
 Advisory Group-V'nam (MAAG), LTG Sam Williams leaves  
 Oct Geo Decker becomes Army Chief of Staff, Lyman Lemnitzer leaves  
 to become Chairman, JCS, Nathan Twining leaves  
 Oct Kennedy beats Nixon, becomes Pres  
 10-19 Maxwell Taylor and Walt Rostow tour V'nam to review military and  
 civilian aid needs  
 11-12 Coup attempts against Diem takes over palace and Saigon area  
 11-12 Coup leaders say Diem to remain as titular Head of State; New gov't  
 to consist of General Le Van Ty as Prime Minister. LTC Dong,  
 real leader of coup, announces other members of "Revolutionary  
 Council" to form new gov't are Gen's. Xuan, Chieu, Minh, Don, and  
 Kim. Other RC members are Col. Thi Dong, Major Loi, and Hoang Co  
 Thuy  
 12-31 Total Amer troop count at approx 850

----- 1961 -----

Jan Kennedy appoints Dean Rusk as Sec. of State, Robert McNamara as  
 Sec of Defense, and McGeorge Bundy as Nat Security Advisor  
 1-25 Kennedy announces support for "neutral Laos"  
 1-28 Kennedy tells Diem to reform gov't and military  
 1-29 National Front for Liberation (NLF) formed in North  
 3-19 NLF vow to ruin elections  
 3-27 Rusk meets with RVN SecState Thuan in Bangkok. RVN situation discussed  
 Apr Frederick Nolting becomes Amb to V'nam, Elbridge Durbrow leaves  
 5-9 Johnson visits south, recommends "Strong program of action"  
 5-10 Geneva Conference on Laos begins  
 5-11 Kennedy sends an additional 400 Green Berets and 100 advisors  
 Jun Curtis LeMay becomes Air Force Chf of Staff, Thomas White leaves  
 6-9 Diem formally requests US to train ARVN  
 Jul Maxwell Taylor becomes military adviser to Kennedy  
 Jul Kennedy orders military to recruit 200,000 more men  
 Aug George Anderson becomes Chief of Naval Op, Arleigh Burke leaves  
 10-1 Diem asks for bilateral defense treaty with U.S.  
 10-11 US begins massive air supply of RVN troops; begins photo recon  
 10-18 Diem declares state of emergency  
 Nov Maxwell Taylor visits South, advises Kennedy to increase troops  
 Nov Kennedy sends more advisors for combat support only  
 12-31 Total Amer troop count at 3,200

----- 1962 -----

Feb Green Berets expand training to Montagnards to fight Viet Cong  
 2-8 Military Assistance Command, Vietnam (MACV) formed, Paul  
 Harkins, Gen assumes command  
 2-14 Kennedy permits Amer troops to fire back if shot at  
 2-16 NLF convenes its First Congress  
 2-27 Diem palace strafed by two disgruntled ARVN pilots  
 Mar Amer gets involved with Strategic Hamlet campaign  
 May Kennedy sends troops to Laos to put down PAVN/Pathet Lao



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May 5,000 Marines and 50 jets sent to Thailand  
 7-23 Geneva Accords on Laos agreed upon  
 10-1 Earl Wheeler becomes Army Chief of Staff, George Decker leaves  
 10-1 Maxwell Taylor becomes Chairman, JCS, Lyman Lemnitzer leaves  
 11-6 ACTIV formed to evaluate CAR-15 under combat conditions  
 12-29 Nhu states 39% of South now living in Strategic Hamlets  
 12-31 Total Amer troop count at 11,300

----- 1963 -----

Jan NVA pulverize ARVN in Battle of AP Bac  
 2-24 American aid totals \$400 million  
 May Buddhists demonstrations begin, self-burning  
 5-8 Hue riots, 9 civilians killed  
 7-7 Saigon police beat Buddhist demonstrators, 1400 arrested after Nhu  
 7-7 raid pagodas  
 Aug David McDonald becomes Chief of Naval Operations, George  
 Aug Anderson leaves  
 8-21 Diem forces raid Buddhists pagodas  
 Showplace strategic hamlet Ben Tuong is raided by communist forces  
 Soviet combat troops begin leaving Cuba  
 8-22 Henry Cabot Lodge becomes Amb to V'nam, Fred Nolting leaves  
 8-24 Lodge told to order Nhu to stop interfering in gov't  
 Sep Kennedy downgrades Amer military help to "Support role"  
 9-2 Kennedy complains Diem not doing enough to stem protests  
 Oct CIA operative Lucien Conien gives Maj Gen's Tran Van Don and Duong  
 Oct Van Minh American nod on coup attempt  
 11-1 Diem and brother, Ngo Dinh Nhu assassinated  
 11-22 Kennedy assassinated  
 12-31 Total Amer troop count at 16,300  
 Jan General William C Westmoreland becomes Harkins deputy at MACV  
 Jan Wallace Greene becomes Marine Corps Comm, David Shoup leaves

----- 1964 -----

1-30 Minh ousted by Maj Gen Nguyen Khanh  
 2-4 VC attack Tay Ninh province  
 2-7 Johnson orders Amer dependents out of South V'nam  
 Apr NVA begins infiltrating troops south  
 May MAAG dissolved  
 5-27 Lao Gov't collapses, Pathet Lao take Plaine des Jarres  
 Jun Earl Wheeler becomes Chairman, JCS. Maxwell Taylor leaves  
 Jun Maxwell Taylor becomes Amb to Nam, HC Lodge leaves  
 6-20 Westmoreland replaces Harkins at MACV  
 6-30 Ulysses Sharp becomes CINCPAC, Harry Felt leaves  
 6-30 So V'namese navy raids northern islands  
 Jul Harold Johnson becomes Army Chief of Staff  
 Jul US Navy begins electronic surv of junks near North  
 8-2 North torpedo boats "attack" USS Maddox  
 8-4 North torpedo boats "attack" USS C Turner Joy  
 May Pres Johnson orders massive air strikes against NV coastal facilities  
 8-7 Gulf of Tonkin Resolution passed by 88-2 vote in Senate and 416-0  
     vote in House  
 Oct China explodes 1st atom bomb  
 Oct Kruschev ousted, Brezhnev, Kosygin get promoted  
 Oct VC kill 5 Amer's in Bien Hoa, destroy 6 B-57 bombers  
 11-2 Johnson defeats Goldwater  
 12-4 PLAF victory over large US supported ARVN group at Binh Gia  
 12-14 US Air Force begins bombing of Ho Chi Minh Trail  
 12-23 Johnson announces 500 million defense cut  
     AF announces project to build 600-man transport plane  
 12-24 VC attack Amer houses in Saigon, kill 2  
 12-24 US Air Force begins Barrel Roll operation in Laos  
 12-31 NVA sends troops south  
 Dec Total Amer troop count at 23,300

----- 1965 -----

Feb Air Force begins Operation Flaming Dart  
 Feb John McConnell becomes Air Force Chief of Staff, Curtis LeMay leaves  
 2-7 VC attack Amer's at Pleiku, 8 Amer's killed  
 2-8 US jets fly massive retaliation against north  
     Johnson orders all US civilian families out of RVN  
 2-11 VC blow up GI barrack in Quinonh  
 2-12 160 planes attack northern cities  
 2-18 Military coup dumps General Khanh  
 2-25 Administration announces all-American flight crews will begin air ops

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2-29 In fear of B-52 strikes Hanoi evacuates all northern cities  
 3-2 Operation "Rolling Thunder" air strikes on No begin  
 3-8 3rd Marine regiment land in Da Nang, form 9th Expeditionary Bd.  
 3-30 VC bomb destroys US embassy, many killed  
 Apr 1st Logistical Command set up near Saigon to control buildup  
 Apr US Air Force begins Operation Steel Tiger in Laos  
 4-6 Johnson permits Amer to engage in ground offensive ops  
 4-7 Johnson offers \$1 billion in aid to end war, Hanoi says no  
 4-8 North Prime Minister says no to Johnsons peace proposal  
 4-13 Students for a Democratic Society protest war in Wash, DC  
 May Army 173rd Airborne Bd and Marine 4th Reg arrives  
 May Navy Operation Market Time begins, enemy coastal traffic targeted  
 Jun Australia deploys 1st Battalion to III CTZ near Saigon  
 Jun US Air Force begins Arc Light ops using B-52's  
 6-8 Johnson authorizes joint ARVN offensive ops  
 6-14 General Nguyen Van Thieu selects Air Vice Mashall  
     Nguyen Cao Ky to run with him for VP  
 Jul US Army forms USARV at Long Binh  
     US Army 1st Infantry and 101st Airborne Div's arrive  
     New Zealand deploys in III CTZ  
 7-8 HC Lodge returns as Amb. Maxwell Taylor resigns  
 7-28 Johnson increase U.S. combat forces, doubles draft  
 8-18 Marines begin Op Starlight, kill over 700 VC/NVA  
 Sep US Army 18th Engineer Bd deploys  
 10-23 Outnumbered 10 to 1, Amer's begin Ia Drang campaign against NVA  
     Major battles during campaign: Fight at LZ XRAY 11-14 TO 11-16  
     " " LZ ALBANY 11-17

7-20 USARV (US Army, V'nam) formed  
 Oct Republic of (South) Korea deploys in II CTZ  
 10-15 Massive US protest to war begins nationwide  
 10-23 US Army 1st Cav Div begin Op Silver Bayonet  
 Nov US Air Force 3rd Tactical Fighter Wing deploys in Bien Hoa  
 Nov US Air Force 12th Tactical Fighter Wing deploys in Cam Rahn Bay  
 Dec US Army 25th Infantry Div deploys  
 Dec US Air Force begins Op Tiger Hound on border with Laos  
 12-2 UN head U Thant rebuffed by Hanoi for favoring American position  
 12-25 Johnson suspends Op Rolling Thunder  
 12-26 Xmas truce ends; VC stage attacks, Americans retaliate  
 12-31 Total Amer troop count at 185,300

----- 1966 -----

Jan Marine 1st Div deploys  
 1-9 VC's Hobo Forest (III CTZ) stronghold attacked by 8,000 allied troops  
 1-10 Congress informs Johnson some of his domestic programs will have to  
     take cuts if he wants to continue war escalation  
 1-19 Op Van Buren begins, Johnson asks for \$13 billion for war  
 1-24 Op's Masher & White Wing begin in Binh Dinh prov  
 Feb US Air Forces sends in 460th Tact Recon Wing  
 2-2 UN Security Council discusses war: Vote deferred on US request to  
     "obtain peace in V'nam by lone Jordan request to postpone vote;  
     Hanoi casts deciding vote to bar UN intervention  
     32 protestors arrested for snarling traffic in NY's Times Square  
     18th and 98th NVA Regiments (8,000 men) are pursued by 20,000  
     US/ARVN troops in Binh Dinh Province  
     NVA General Giap issues statement US will inevitably lose despite  
     their overwhelming technological and materiel advantage

2-4 Senate televises hearings on war  
 2-8 New GI Bills passes in House by 381-0  
     Johnson and Ky begins talks in Hawaii on reforms and winning war  
 Mar US Air Force sends in 366th Tact Fighter Wing, 14th and 315th  
     Air Commando Wings  
 3-1 Senate refuses to repeal Gulf of Tonkin resolution  
 3-10 Saigon Generals fire Nguyen Chanh Thi, commander of I CTZ, demonstra-  
     tions follow  
 3-16 Buddhist lead massive demonstration to restore a civilian to head  
     gov't  
 3-23 Massive strikes spread north to DaNang and Hue  
 Apr US Army 1st Signal Bd, 44th Medical Bd deploy  
 Apr US Air Force 35th Tact Fighter Wing deploys  
 Apr 5th Marine Reg deploys  
 Apr Australia sends in more troops, established 1st Aus. Task Force  
 Apr Op Arc Light extended to North  
 4-1 Walt Rostow becomes Nat Security Adv, McGeorge Bundy leaves  
 4-12 Guam-based B-52's bomb North

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5-10 Op's Paul Revere and Than Phone begin in II CTZ  
 5-15 Ky sends armed troops to DaNang  
 5-16 8,000 protest war in Washg'tn  
 5-23 Ky's forces retake Danang, many dissidents murdered by ARVN  
 Jun Marine 3rd Naval Bd deploys in Da Nang  
 6-2 Op's El Paso, Hawthorne, and Dan begins in III CTZ  
 6-25 Johnson orders bombing of oil refineries near Hanoi and Haiphong  
 7-4 Op Macon begins, ends 10-27  
 7-7 Op's Hastings and Deckhouse begins  
 Aug US Army 4th Infantry Div and 196th Light Infantry BD deploys  
 Aug Philippines deploy Phil. Civic Action Group  
 8-1 Op Paul Revere II begins  
 8-3 Op Prairie begins  
 8-6 Op's Colorado and Lien Ket 52 begins  
 8-26 Op Byrd begins, ends 1-20, 68  
 Sep MACV announces use of defoliants  
 US Army 11th Armored Cav, 18th MP Bd, and ROK 9th Inf Div deploys  
 9-14 Op Attleboro begins, ends 11-24  
 Oct US Air Force 834th Air Div, 483rd Tact Airlift Wing deploy  
 Oct Op Sea Dragon commenced by Navy  
 10-2 Op Irving commences, ends 10-24  
 10-18 Op Paul Revere IV begins, ends 12-30  
 10-24 Johnson and Ky meet with 5 other involved nations to end war  
 10-25 Op Thayer II begins  
 10-26 Johnson visits V'nam, offers to w/draw troops in 6 months if Hanoi  
 "abandons war"  
 10-27 Large fire aboard aircraft carrier Oriskany kills 43 GI's  
 Nov US Army 199th Light Infantry Bd deploys  
 11-30 Op Fairfax begins  
 Dec US Army 9th Inf Div, US Air Force 31st Tact Fighter Wing deploy

----- 1967 -----

1-1 Op Sam Houston begins, ends 4-5  
 1-6 Op Palm Beach begins, ends 5-31  
 1-8 Op Cedar Falls begins, ends 1-26  
 1-31 Op Prairie ends  
 2-1 Op Prairie II begins, ends 3-18  
 2-11 Op Pershing begins, ends 1-19  
 2-13 Op Enterprise begins, ends 3-11  
 2-14 Kosygin ends visit with British envoy Harold Wilson with mutual  
 promise to help end war  
 2-22 Op Junction City begins, ends 5-14  
 3-7 Johnson announces Lottery Draft and end to many deferments  
 Congress plans debate on student deferments and change in laws  
 regarding random choice of draft  
 AF begins arming its observation planes  
 3-21 Economic aid to RVN expected to rise above 700 million  
 Johnson ends talks with Ky and Thieu in Guam  
 Apr 26th Marine, 7th (Aus.), and Royal Australian Reg deploy  
 4-5 Op Francis Marion begins  
 4-13 Massive anti-war rally in NY, 100,000 attend  
 AF successfully tests new anti-rain plane for RVN, A-7A Corsair 2  
 4-21 Op Union begins, ends 5-17  
 US announces first tally of civilian wounded rising steadily  
 4-25 AF raids MIG bases 2 1/2 miles from Hanoi  
 Westmoreland give speech to 1500 press-men at Waldorf-Astoria, NY and  
 criticizes criticism of war, states it seriously hurts war effort  
 4-28 Westmoreland address joint Congress  
 5-1 Ellsworth Bunker becomes Amb, HC Lodge leaves  
 5-9 Robert Komer becomes deputy director of Civil Ops and Rev Develop.  
 5-14 Op Kole Kole begins, ends 12-7  
 5-17 Senator Frank Church sends letter to Hanoi he opposes Amer w/drwal  
 5-19 Air Force bombs electrical facility in Hanoi  
 5-20 Allies move into DMZ  
 5-25 Op Union II begins, ends 6-5  
 6-30 Ky withdraws from Pres race under pressure, will run as VP  
 7-2 Op Buffalo begins, ends 7-14  
 7-7 Congress protests huge cost of war  
 7-16 Op Kingfisher begins, ends 10-31  
 8-3 Johnson escalates troop count, charges Amer's 10 % surcharge  
 to finance the war  
 Aug Thomas Moorer becomes Chf of Naval Operations, David McDonald goes  
 8-4 Johnson asks for 10% surcharge on business and personal taxes to pay  
 for war; 45,000 more men

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8-20 US Army 20th Engineer Bd deploys  
 Sep US Army 23rd (American) Inf Div, Thailand "Queen's Cobras, deploy  
 Sep US Army establishes base at Khe Sahn, close to Ho Chi Minh Trail  
 9-3 Thieu elected to President of South by 83% of electorate  
 9-4 Op Swift begins, ends 9-15  
 9-5 Op Dragon Fire begins, ends 10-30  
 9-27 Op Shenandoah begins, ends 11-19  
 9-28 Johnson offers to stop bombing for peace  
 Oct Amer public opinion polls say more Amer's are against war than for  
 Oct US Army 198th Inf Bd deploys  
 10-12 Op MacArthur begins, ends 1-31, 70  
 10-21 Massive protest marches on Pentagon, many beaten by security guards  
 11-1 Op Scotland begins, ends 3-31  
 11-1 Op Kentucky begins, ends 2-28, 70  
 11-11 Op Wheeler and Op Wallowa begins, ends 11-11  
 Dec US Army 11th Light Inf Bd, 101st Airborne Div, Australian 3rd Bn, New Zealand deploy  
 12-8 Op Yellowstone begins, ends 2-24  
 12-17 Op Uniontown begins, ends 3-8  
 12-19 Op Muscatine begins, ends 6-10  
 12-29 Sihanouk announces okay for US to pursue communist into Cambodia under "certain circumstances"  
 12-31 Total Amer troop count at 4600

----- 1968 -----

Jan Op Clearwater begun by Navy  
 1-3 Sen Eugene McCarthy (Minn) announces Democ. candidacy  
 1-19 Op McLain begins, ends 1-31, 70  
 1-21 NVA attack Khe Sahn  
 1-22 Op Pershing II begins, ends 2-29. Op Jeb Stuart begins, ends 3-31  
 1-30 Johnson signs record \$186 billion budget  
 Massive TET enemy offensive begins  
 1-31 VC attack US embassy in Saigon, VC kill 2,800 civilians in Hue  
 1-31 Leonard Chapman becomes Comm of Marine Corps, Wallace Greene leaves  
 Feb US Army 3rd Bd, 82nd Airborne Div deploy  
 2-1 Nixon announces Republican candidacy,  
 2-17 Graduate student deferments end, job exemptions limited  
 2-20 Senate Foreign Relations Comm debates repeal of Tonkin Resolution  
 2-25 Hue re-taken  
 2-27 MACV requests 206,000 more troops  
 2-29 Op Napoleon and Op Saline begins, ends 12-6  
 2-24 Marines and ARVN re-take Hue  
 Mar My Lai massacre discovered  
 Mar Op Sea Dragon and Niagara ends  
 Mar 5th Marine Div and 27th Mar. Reg leave Nam  
 3-1 Clark Clifford becomes Sec of Defense, McNamara leaves  
 3-6 Nixon vows to end war with "new leadership"  
 3-11 Op Saratoga ends  
 3-16 450 civilians killed at My Lai, Sen Robert Kennedy announces candidacy  
 3-23 Admin announces Westmoreland leaving RVN  
 3-30 Op Cochise begins, ends 1-31, 70  
 3-31 Johnson refuses re-election, halts bombing of North  
 4-1 Op Carentan begins, ends 5-17  
 4-1 Op Pegasus/Lam Son 207 begins, ends 4-15  
 4-3 Johnson announces air raids over north not to exceed 225 miles above DMZ  
 4-4 NV agrees to talk to Johnson in Hawaii  
 4-6 Khe Sahn relieved after 77 days; End of Tet marked; American losses: 1001; ARVN losses: 2082; NVA/VC losses: 37000 KIA, 6000 WIA/Captured  
 4-8 Op Burlington Trail begins, ends 11-11  
 4-12 24,500 reserves called to active roll, troop ceiling set at 549,000  
 4-41 Peace talks in Paris open  
 4-15 Op Scotland II begins, ends 2-28, 70  
 4-19 Op Delaware/Lam Son 216 begins, end 5-17  
 4-26 Massive anti-war rally in NY  
 4-27 Hubert Humphrey announces Democratic candidacy  
 5-3 Johnson states Amer and North Nam agree to peace talks in Paris  
 5-4 Op Allen Brook begins, ends 8-24  
 5-12 Peace talks begin  
 5-13 Amer's and North meet in Paris  
 5-17 Op Nevada Eagle begins, Op Jeb Stuart II begins, ends 11-3

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5-18 Op Mameluke Thrust begins, ends 10-23  
 Jun Australia sends in 4th Bn and Royal Reg  
 6-6 Robert Kennedy assassinated  
 7-1 US Army 5th Inf Div deploy  
 7-1 Creighton Abrams assumes MACV command, Westmoreland leaves  
 7-3 Westmoreland becomes Army Chf of Staff, Harold Johnson leaves  
 7-31 John McClain becomes CINCPAC, USG Sharp leaves  
 8-28 Anti-war riots and protests at Demo Natl Convention  
 8-29 Humphrey and his V'nam platform nominated on 1st Democratic ballot  
 Saigon fighting intense  
 10-24 Op Henderson Hill begins, ends 12-6  
 10-31 Johnson halts Op Rolling Thunder and bombing of North  
 Nov Op Commando Hunt begins  
 11-2 Thieu refuses to join peace talks  
 Bombing in Laos increased  
 Hanoi insists VC have full role in peace talks  
 11-3 Richard Nixon beats Hubert Humphrey  
 12-1 Op Speedy Hunt begins, ends 5-31, '69  
 12-6 Op Taylor Common begins, ends 5-31, '70  
 12-31 Total Amer troop count at 536,000

----- 1969 -----

1-1 Op Rice Farmer begins, ends 8-31  
 1-22 Nixon takes office  
 2-23 MACV begins TET Counteroffensive  
 Mar Sec of Def Melvin Laird announces Vietnamization Program  
 Mar Nixon bombs Cambodia  
 3-1 Op Oklahoma Hills begins, ends 5-29  
 3-1 Op Wayne Grey ends  
 3-5 Nixon asks Soviets to help end war  
 VC rocket Saigon  
 3-18 Op Menu begins  
 4-6 GI's against the war march in NY  
 4-15 Op Washington Green begins  
 4-16 Cambodia re-opens relations with US  
 4-22 Op Putnam Tiger begins  
 May "Hamburger Hill" battle begins  
 5-1 Op Virginia Ridge begins, ends 7-16  
 5-10 Op Apache Snow begins, ends 6-7  
 5-12 Communists make over 200 attacks against military and civilians  
 5-14 Nixon proposes "8 point" peace plan, draft lottery begin'g w/19 yr  
 olds  
 5-16 Op Lamar Plain begins, ends Aug 13  
 6-8 Nixon announces 25,000 troops to withdraw, meets w/Thieu  
 7-21 Op Idaho Canyon begins  
 7-25 Nixon announces his "Nixon Doctrine"  
 Aug John Ryan becomes Air Force Chf of Staff, John McConnell leaves  
 8-27 US Army 9th Inf Div leaves without its 3rd Bd  
 9-3 Ho Chi Minh dies  
 9-4 Marine commandant L Chapman meets w/press over racial tensions in  
 Corps  
 10-1 Nixon exempts college students from draft  
 10-15 Natl Moratorium rally in Wash DC  
 11-15 New Mobilization Committee sponsors huge Wash DC anti-war rally  
 11-16 My Lai massacre made public  
 11-3 3rd Marine Div leaves Nam  
 12-1 Selective Service holds first draft lottery since WWII  
 12-7 Op Randolph Green begins  
 12-11 US Army 82nd Airborne Div sends its 3rd Bd home  
 12-13 Philippines recalls its Civic Action Group  
 12-31 Total Amer troop count at 475,000

----- 1970 -----

Feb Op Good Luck begins  
 2-17 Several US Army units are hit by friendly fire artillery  
 2-20 Henry Kissinger begins secret Paris talks  
 Mar Marines send home its 26th Reg  
 3-18 Cambodian Prince N Sihanouk is ousted by Gen Lon Nol  
 3-31 Op Randolph Glen ends  
 3-27 ARVN's and US invade Cambodia  
 Apr Op Patio begins, ends in May

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4-1 Op Texas Star begins, ends 9-5  
 4-4 Wash DC hosts largest anti-war rally to date  
 4-15 US Army 1st Inf div goes home  
 4-29 Amer/ARVN sweep into Cambodia, Nixon announces it following day  
 May Op Freedom Deal begins  
 May Op Menu ends  
 5-4 Students in US demonstrate, 4 killed at Kent State  
 5-10 Massive anti-war rally in capital, Nixon talks w/protesters  
 6-12 Nixon rebuffed by Senate over Cambodia, 52-47 vote  
 6-24 Senate repeals Tonkin resolution by 81-0 vote  
 6-30 Cambodian incursion ends, Cooper-Church Amendment bars future  
     Cambodian incursions  
 Jul Westmoreland returns on fact-finding tour, assassination  
     plan derailed  
 Jul Thomas Moorer becomes Chairman, JCS; Earl Wheeler leaves  
 9-5 Op Jefferson Star begins  
 10-9 Cambodians announce Khmer Republic  
 10-11 US Army sends home its 3rd Bd  
 11-21 Special Forces raid Son Tay POW camp in North, camp abandoned  
 Dec Congress repeals Gulf of Tonkin Resolution  
 12-7 US Army 4th Inf Div and 1st Logistical Command goes home  
 12-8 US Army 4th Inf Div leaves without its 2nd Bd  
 12-14 US Army 44th Medical Bd goes home  
 12-22 Congress bars US from entering Cambodia  
 12-31 Total Amer troop count at 334,600

----- 1971 -----

1-1 Op Washington Green ends  
 1-20 Op Dewey Canyon II begins, ends 2-7  
 2-8 ARVN's invade Laos  
 3-3 5th Special Forces Group goes home  
 3-5 US Army 11th Armored Cav leaves without its 2nd Squadron  
 3-29 William Calley found guilty of My Lai massacre, sentenced to life  
 Apr 1st Marine Div goes home  
 4-14 3rd Marine Amphi Force goes home  
 4-20 Massive anti-war rallies in Wash DC and San Francisco  
 4-29 US Army 1st Cav Div goes home without its 3rd Bd  
 4-30 Field Force I disbands, US Army 25th Inf Div sends its 2nd Bd home  
 5-2 Field Force II disbands  
 5-3 Massive two-day anti-war rally in Wash DC  
 6-13 "Pentagon Papers" released by NY Times, ok'd by Supreme Ct on 6/30  
 7-1 Supreme Court permits NY Times to publish Pentagon Papers  
 7-9 Defense of DMZ turned over to ARVN  
 Aug US permits China to enter UN  
 8-20 Ky is disqualified from running as VP again, Thieu runs alone  
 8-25 US Army 173rd Airborne Bd goes home  
 8-27 US Army 5th Inf Div sends its 1st Bd home  
 8-31 Royal Thai Army goes home without its 2nd Bd  
 9-20 US Army 18th and 20th Engineer Bds go home  
 10-8 Op Jefferson Glenn ends  
 11-12 Nixon announces US forces only doing defensive ops  
 11-29 US Army Americal Div, 11th Inf Bd, and 198th Inf Bd go home  
 12-26 Nixon resumes bombing North  
 Dec Nixon bombs North  
 12-31 Total Amer troop count at 1800

----- 1972 -----

Jan Robert Cushman becomes Comm of Marine Corps, Leonard Chapman leaves  
 1-25 Nixon reports Kissinger in secret Paris talks with communists  
 Feb Koreans recall their Marines  
 2-21 Nixon goes to Peking  
 Mar Lon Nol becomes President of Cambodia  
 3-10 US Army 101st Airborne Div goes home  
 3-12 Australians recall their Task Force  
 3-23 Paris Peace talks stall, Amer's announce suspension  
 3-30 NVA massively attack ARVN bases  
 4-6 US Army 11th Armored Cav recalls its 2nd Squadron  
 4-7 NVA attack An Loc in III CTZ  
 4-16 B-52's raise mission levels over North  
 4-27 Paris Peace talks resume after bombing increases  
 May Op Linebacker begins, ends in 10-  
 5-1 NVA take Quang Tri  
 5-4 Paris Peace talks end again  
 5-8 Nixon mines Haiphong harbor

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5-10 Nguyen Van Bay ("Colonel Tomb") shot down by USAF combat aces Randy Cunningham and RTO Bill Driscoll  
 5-15 USARV disbands  
 Jun Fred Weyand becomes Comm MACV, Creighton Abrams goes home  
 Jun New Zealand recalls its forces  
 7-1 Bruce Palmer becomes Army Chf of Staff, Westmoreland retires  
 6-18 NVA lose An Loc  
 6-26 US Army 196th Inf Bd goes home  
 7-13 Paris talks resume  
 8-23 US Army 21st Inf Div sends its 3rd Bn home  
 Sep Noel Gayler becomes CINCPAC, John McCain goes home  
 9-15 ARVN's re-take Quang Tri, NVA Gen Giap loses face  
 10-16 Creighton Abrams becomes Army Chf of Staff  
 10-17 Peace talks begin in Laos  
 10-19 Kissinger and Thieu hold two-day meetings  
 10-26 Kissinger reports peace forthcoming  
 Nov US Army 1st Signal Bd goes home  
 11-77 Nixon re-elected after clobbering McGovern  
 11-20 Paris talks begin again but end abruptly on 12-13  
 12-18 Nixon order resumption of bombing over North  
 12-31 Total Amer troop count at 24,200

----- 1973 -----  
 1-8 Kissinger meets with Le Duc Tho for 4 days  
 1-15 Nixon halts all US offensive action, threatens to cut aid to Thieu  
 1-15 if he doesn't comply with his peace proposals  
 1-23 Kissinger and Le Duc Tho initiate agreement  
 1-27 Cease-fire begins  
 1-30 Elliot Richardson becomes Sec of Defense, Melvin Laird leaves  
 2-21 Peace agreement signed in Laos  
 Mar Op's Market Time, Game Warden, and Clearwater ended  
 3-16 Koreans recall two more of its units  
 3-28 US Air Forces sends its 1st Aviation Bd home  
 3-29 MACV disbands, US Army 18th MP Bd goes home  
 4-1 Last (released) POW arrives in US  
 6-24 Graham Martin becomes Ambass., Ellsworth Bunker goes home  
 7-1 Congress orders bombing halt  
 7-2 James Schlesinger becomes Sec of Defense, Elliot Richardson leaves  
 8-14 Op's Arc Lights and Freedom Deal end  
 9-22 Henry Kissinger becomes Sec of State, William Rogers leaves  
 11-7 Congress overrides Nixon's veto of War Powers Act  
 11-15 Congress passes Military Procurement Authorization bill prohibiting money spent in Indochina

----- 1974 -----  
 1-4 Thieu announces war resumption  
 1-19 Thieu is permitted run again after Natl Assembly amends constitution  
 Feb ARVN enter communist-held territory, communists retaliate  
 Jul David Jones becomes Air Force Chf of Staff, George Brown leaves to become Chairman, JCS; James Holloway becomes Chf of Naval Operations, Elmo Zumwalt retires  
 8-9 Nixon resigns, Gerald Ford becomes President  
 8-20 Congress cuts \$300 million in aid to Nam  
 9-4 Creighton Abrams dies, Fred Weyand becomes Army Chf of Staff on 10/3  
 9-16 Ford offers clemency to draft evaders and military deserters  
 12-13 NVA attack Phouc Long in II CTZ, claim it on 1-6, 75

----- 1975 -----  
 1-8 North orders massive offensive in South  
 2-5 Gen Van Tien Dung assumes command of all north forces  
 3-10 NVA take Ban Me Thuot in II CTZ  
 3-14 Thieu abandons Central Highlands  
 3-26 NVA take Hue  
 3-30 NVA take Da Nang  
 4-1 Lon Nol resigns, goes to Hawaii  
 4-8 NVA and ARVN battle ferociously for 12 days in Xuan Loc, ARVN's lose  
 4-10 Congress rejects Ford request for \$972 million emergency aid to Thieu  
 4-11 Navy evacuate Amer's from Phnom Penh  
 4-14 13,000 Viet kids airlifted to US, North's Political Bureau order Ho  
 4-14 Chi Minh Campaign to aim for Saigon  
 4-17 Khmer Rouge take Phnom Penh, Lon Nol leaves  
 4-20 PAVN break thru Xuan Loc after 19 days fierce defense by ARVN 18th Div  
 4-21 Thieu resigns on TV, Tran Van Huong assumes office  
 4-26 PAVN sends 16 divisions toward Saigon  
 4-28 Duong Van Minh relieves Huong of presidency, assumes power

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4-30 *Minh surrenders*

*NVA enters Saigon, war ends*

5-1 *Communists take over Saigon, rename it Ho Chi Minh City*

----- 1976 -----

3-26 *Kissinger announces resumption of talks with North*