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Agenda
Third Triennial Vietnam Symposium
15 - 17 April 1999

Wednesday, 14 April 1999

- Noon (to 4:30) **Registration Desk open at Holiday Inn Lubbock Plaza. Atrium**
- P.M. **Symposium participants arrive. To be met at Lubbock International Airport by Vietnam Center Staff, and taken to Lubbock Plaza Hotel**
- 4:30 p.m. **Bus departs from Holiday Inn Lubbock Plaza for Texas Tech University for opening ceremonies of Wall visit**
- 5:00 p.m. **Opening Ceremonies for Vietnam Wall Visit**
- 6:00 p.m. **Public Reception at University Center. For all participants, general public**
- 7:00 p.m. **Bus runs from University Center to International Cultural Center (for those attending \$100/plate dinner), then continues on to Holiday Inn Lubbock Plaza**
- 7:00 p.m. **Reception at International Cultural Center for those participating in fund-raising dinner**
- 7:20 p.m. **Bus departs from Holiday Inn Lubbock Plaza for International Cultural Center**
- 8:00 p.m. **Fund raising dinner at International Cultural Center**
- 8:45 p.m. **After-Dinner Program:**
Recognition of distinguished guests
Introduction of Texas Tech University Chancellor John T. Montford
Unveiling of Vietnam Center Building Plans
Speaker: Dennis G. Harter, Deputy Chief of Mission, US Embassy, Hanoi
- 10:00 p.m. (Approximately) **Bus will depart ICC for Holiday Inn Lubbock Plaza**

Thursday, April 15, 1999

- 8:00 a.m. (Until 4:45 p.m.) **Registration Desk open at Holiday Inn Lubbock Plaza Atrium**
- 9:00 a.m. **Official opening of the symposium Dallas/Irving Room**
Chancellor John T. Montford
- 9:30 a.m. **Panel 1: Differing Perceptions of the War (Roundtable Discussion) Dallas/Irving Room**
Moderator: Vice Admiral Emmett H. Tidd, USN (Ret)
Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr., USN (Ret)
General William B. Rosson, USA (Ret)
Lieutenant General Nguyen Dinh Uoc, PAVN
- 11:00 a.m. **Coffee Break Pool Terrace**

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- 11:15 a.m. Panel 2: We Also Served: Military Wives' Experiences Dallas/Irving Room**
Moderator: Mrs. Mary Ann Harrison (Roundtable Discussion)
Mrs. Mouza Zumwalt
Mrs. Margaret Tidd
Mrs. Norma Donlon
- Noon Lunch.** In the Atrium at the Holiday Inn Lubbock Plaza **Atrium**
Luncheon Speaker: Dennis G. Harter, DCM, AmEmb Hanoi
- 1:30 p.m. Vans depart hotel for Optional Tour of Ranching Heritage Center and the Museum of Texas Tech**
- 1:30 p.m. Panel 3a: US Military Support of the Lon Nol Government Arlington Room**
Brigadier General (Ret) Theo. C. Mataxis, USA, American Military University, "The Activation and Operations of the US Military Equipment Delivery Team Cambodia (MEDTC)."
Major General (Ret) John Cleland, USA, "Operations of MEDTC Before and After Cut Off of USAF Air Support (15 Aug. 1973)."
Major General Ken Bowra, USA, CG US Army Special Warfare Center & School, "Operations and Withdrawal of MEDTC (Operation Eagle Pull)."
- 1:30 p.m. Panel 3b: The Vietnam War on Campus: Other Voices, More Distant Drums Ft. Worth**
Chairman: Marc J. Gilbert, North Georgia College & State University
Paul Lyons, Stockton State University, "The Sounds of Silence: Silent Boomers in an Age of Protest."
Anthony O. Edmonds, Ball State University, "The Anti-War Movement at Ball State University."
Marc Jason Gilbert, North Georgia C&SU, "Lock and Load Revisited: Protest, Memory and the Internet."
Steve Wheeler, Northeast State Technical CC [TN], "Hell No We Won't Go -Y'All: Southern Opposition to the War in Vietnam."
Discussant: Ellen Pinzur, Independent Scholar
- 1:30 p.m. Panel 3c: The Viet Kieu Experience McKenzee Room**
Chair/Commentator: The Hon. Bui Diem, former Ambassador to the US
Brigadier General Tran Van Nhut, "The Aftermath of the Viet Nam War: A Soldier's Perspective."
Jeff Brody, California State University, Fullerton, "The Reporter from Little Saigon."
Major Quang X. Pham, USMCR, "Vietnamese-Americans 2000: Beyond the War and Its Aftermath."
Henry Nguyen, Texas Tech University, "From the Mekong Delta to America".
- 3:00 p.m. Coffee Break Pool Terrace**
- 3:15 p.m. Panel 4a: Peace Operations in Cambodia Arlington Room**
Chairman: Brigadier General Theo. C. Mataxis
Gregory A. Olson, University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh, "Prince Norodom Sihanouk and Senator Mike Mansfield: The Nixon Administration's Missed Opportunity to Avoid the Killing Fields."
James G. Zumwalt, "The 1998 Elections in Cambodia."
Shari Villarosa, US State Department, "Current Relations with Cambodia."
- 3:15 p.m. Panel 4b: Vietnam in Art and Photography Fort Worth Room**
Joan Seeman Robinson, Univ. of Cincinnati, "Fire and Light: An Anti-war Mural at Syracuse University
Antonia Neubauer, Slide presentation on Vietnamese Culture, Religions, etc.

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- 3:15 p.m. Panel 4c: America's Allies in Vietnam McKenzie Room**
Chair/Commentator: Douglas Pike, Texas Tech
Curtis Peoples, Texas Tech, "American Allies: The Role of Third Country Forces in Vietnam."
Ronald B. Frankum, Texas Tech, "Another Vietnam War: Australia and the United States in Southeast Asia, 1963-65."
Douglas Pike, Texas Tech, "America's NATO Allies and Vietnam."
- 4:45 p.m. Panels finish for the day
4:50 p.m. Buses leave for American State Bank for Civic Reception
- 5:00 p.m. Civic Reception at American State Bank (All Symposium Participants & Spouses Invited)**
- 7:00 p.m. (Approximately) Buses return to Holiday Inn Civic Center
7:40 p.m. Buses leave for Wall site
- 8:00 p.m. Candle light ceremony at Vietnam Wall**
- 9:00 p.m. (Approx) Buses return to Holiday Inn Civic Center

Friday, 16 April 1999

- 8:00 a.m. (Until 4:00 p.m.) Registration/Information Desk open at Holiday Inn Atrium**
- 8:45 a.m. Panel 5a: Early Vietnam War Fort Worth Room**
Chair/Commentator: Colonel Roger Donlon, USA (Ret), M.H.
Major Dave Toczek, USA, USMA West Point, "'A Miserable Damn Performance': The Battle of Ap Bac, Vietnam, 1963."
Anne Blair, Monash University [Australia], "The Battle of Nam Dong, July 1964: Three Turning Points in the War."
John Coleman, UC Santa Barbara, "Advisors to Fighters: America's First Combat Soldiers of the Vietnam War."
- 8:45 a.m. Panel 5b: The Secret War in Laos (1) Arlington Room**
Chair/Commentator: Earl H. Tilford, US Army War College
Jane Hamilton-Merritt, "Advantages of a Guerrilla Force: The Hmong Contribution in the Secret War in Laos."
Gayle Morrison, Independent Scholar, "Sky is Falling: The CIA's Evacuation of the Hmong from Laos."
Richard Verrone, Texas Tech, "The 1962 Geneva Accords on Laos and Debunking the 'Cold War Rhetoric'."
- 8:45 a.m. Panel 5c: Operation Ranch Hand, Vietnam, 1961-1971 McKenzie Room**
Lt.Col. Paul Cecil, USAF (Ret), "Target Nomination, Approval, and Mission Planning for Spray Targets."
Colonel Ralph Dresser, USAF (Ret), "Flying Techniques Developed, and Tactics Used by Aircrew Flying the Spray Mission."
Major Jack Spey, USAF (Ret), "The Association of Combat Crop Dusters, and the Myths about 'Agent Orange'."
- 10:15 a.m. Coffee Break Pool Terrace
- 10:30 a.m. TTU van departs for Vietnam Archive tour [return in time for lunch]

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- 10:30 a.m. Panel 6a: Vietnam Battles, 1968-1973 Fort Worth Room**
Mark Moyar, Independent Scholar, "Deception and Conspiracy During the Tet Offensive."
James McLeroy, Independent Scholar, "The Battle of Kham Duc Special Forces Camp, May 10-12, 1968"
Howard Feng, US National Archives, "The Path to the Ben Hai: Vietnamization, Force Structuring, and the Activation of the 3rd ARVN Infantry Division, October, 1971."
- 10:30 a.m. Panel 6b: The Secret War in Laos (2) Arlington Room**
Chair/Commentator: William Head, Warner-Robins ALC
John Prados, Independent Scholar, "International Aspects of the War in Laos."
Earl H. Tilford, US Army War College, "Operation Commando Hunt: The Air War Against the Ho Chi Minh Trail."
Tim Castle, Air Command and Staff College, "Bombing Through the Clouds: The Establishment and Operation of Site 85."
- 10:30 a.m. Panel 6c: Dioxins and Health McKenzee Room**
Chair: Dr. Arnold Schecter, MD, MPH, Univ. of Texas Houston School of Public Health
Dr. Anne Sweeney, Epidemiologist, UTH SPH
Dr. Robert Haley, Gulf War Syndrome Specialist, UTH SPH
George Claxton, VVA National Agent Orange Chairman
- 12:00 Lunch. Speaker: Former South Vietnamese Prime Minister General Nguyen Khanh, "The Forgotten Heroes" Atrium**
- 1:30 p.m. TTU vans depart for City of Lubbock tour and visit to Llano Estacado Winery**
- 1:30 p.m. Panels 7a: Crises and Turning Points Fort Worth Room**
Chair/Commentator: Dr. Jim Harper, Texas Tech University
Fred Logevall, UC, Santa Barbara, "Window of Opportunity: Lyndon Johnson and Disengagement from Vietnam, "November 1964 - February 1965."
Major General (Ret) Edward B. Atkeson, USA, Institute of Land Warfare, AUSA, "Vietnam War Strategy: A Prosecutor's Brief."
David Fuhrmann, Independent Scholar, "America's First Indochina Crisis, 1940-41."
- 1:30 p.m. Panel 7b: The Vietnamese Revolution: Retrospect & Prospect Arlington Room**
Chairman: Nguyen Manh Hung, George Mason University (GMU)
Do Quy Toan, *The Ky 21 (21st Century)* Magazine, "Civic Culture in Vietnam's Tradition."
Nguyen Manh Hung, GMU, "Debates on the Nature and Direction of the Vietnamese Revolution."
Le Van Tien, Westminster, CA, "From the Second to the Eighth Party Congress: Comparison of Two Generations of Communist Leadership."
- 1:30 p.m. Panel 7c: The Air War & Rescue Operations McKenzee Room**
Col. Jack Broughton, USAF (Ret), "Rolling Thunder: Attacking Hanoi from the Air -- With Hands Tied Behind Your Back."
Jay Veith, Independent Scholar, "The Real 'Tailwind': The First POW Raids and the Tear Gas Controversy of 1965."
- 3:00 p.m. Coffee Break Pool Terrace**
- 3:15 p.m. Panel 8a: Key Figures and Organizations: Fort Worth Room**
Samuel B. Hoff, Delaware State University, and **Randy Bush**, Butler CC, Wichita, KS, "Colby versus McNamara: Vietnam Performance and Postscript."
Geoffrey D.T. Shaw, University of Manitoba, "The Counterinsurgency Legacy of William Colby and Frederick (Fritz) Nolting during the Diem Period."

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- 10:30 a.m. Panel 10a: Naval Topics Fort Worth Room**
Chair: James R. Reckner, Texas Tech University
William A. Mitchell, David Sarabia, Daniel Faraci, James Kurtz, Baylor Univ. "The Combined American, Republic of Vietnam, and Khmer Republic Effort to Protect Vital Transnational Mekong River Convoys in 1971."
Les Cullen, Texas Tech, "A Damascus Road Experience": Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr., and ACTOV's Human Dimension."
- 10:30 a.m. Panel 10b: Archives and Research Arlington Room**
Arthur J. Dommen, George Mason University, "Searching for Vietnam History Through the US National Archives."
Stephen Denney, UC Berkeley, "Watching Hanoi: The Changing Conditions for Following Contemporary Developments in Vietnam."
John Newman, Colorado State, "Vietnam War Literature at Colorado State."
Ron Frankum, Texas Tech, "The Vietnam Archive at Texas Tech University."
- 10:30 a.m. Panel 10C: The Media and the War McKenzee Room**
Neal Ulevich, Associated Press, "In Vietnam We Looked Like This: Portraits of the Press —and Others— in the War."
David Morokoff, Texas Tech, "The Media's Coverage of the Vietnam War."
- Noon Lunch. Luncheon speaker: Hon. Sam Johnson, US Representative Atrium**
- 1:30 p.m. Panel 11: Teaching the Vietnam War (Plenary Session) Dallas/Irving Room**
Chair/Discussant: William W. Cobb, Jr., Utah Valley State College
Joe Dunn, Converse College, "Day One of a Vietnam War Course."
Marc J. Gilbert, North Georgia College & State University, "Day Two of a Vietnam War Course."
Randy Fertel, Tulane University, "Teaching the Vietnam War as an Interdisciplinary Text."
- 1:30 p.m. Vans depart for tour of Lubbock Lakesite**
- 3:00 p.m. Plenary Session: Final Summing Up and Recommendations for Future Dallas/Irving Room**
James R. Reckner, Texas Tech University & Others
- 4:00 p.m. Symposium ends**
- 5:00 p.m. Buses departs for V-8 Ranch**
5:30: Bus met by Cavalry, "Boots & Saddles"
5:30: Mariachis meet buses, escort guests to pavilion, drinks
6:00: Mounted maneuvers by 4th US Cavalry
6:15: Dinner served (West Texas Barbecue)
6:15: Mariachi Music
6:45: Dancing by Mexican Ballet Folklorico Atzlan
7:00: Western music by "Blue Prairie"
- 9:00 p.m. (Approx): Buses return to Holiday Inn Lubbock Plaza**
- 9:30 p.m. (Till ?) Comradeship at Holiday Inn Lubbock Plaza bar**