

**The Vietnam Center at Texas Tech  
Third Triennial Vietnam Symposium  
15 - 17 April 1999**

**Moving Vietnam Wall Visit to Texas Tech Campus**

“The Wall that Heals,” the replica Vietnam Memorial, will visit Texas Tech University campus, 14 - 18 April 1999, in conjunction with The Vietnam Center’s 3rd Triennial Vietnam Symposium. A program of events at the Wall has been integrated into the symposium agenda.

Symposium participants and the general public are invited to participate in all Wall events,

**Principal Symposium/Wall Visit Events**

**Wednesday, April 14, 1999**

- 5:00 p.m. Opening ceremony at Wall
- 6:00 p.m. Public reception at University Center
- 7:00 p.m. Reception at International Cultural Center (for fund-raising dinner)
- 8:00 p.m. Fund-raising dinner at ICC

**Thursday, April 15, 1999**

- 9:00 a.m. Opening ceremony of symposium
- 9:30 a.m. Panel 1: Differing Perceptions of the War
- 11:15 a.m. Panel 2: We Also Served
- Noon Lunch. Speaker: Cambodian Ambassador to US
- 1:30 p.m. Panels 3a, 3b, 3c, etc.
- 3:15 p.m. Panels 4a, 4b, 4c, etc.
- 5:00 p.m. Civic Reception at American State Bank
- 8:00 p.m. Candlelight ceremony at Wall

**Friday, April 16, 1999**

- 8:45 a.m. Panels 5a, 5b, 5c, etc.
- 10:30 a.m. Panels 6a, 6b, 6c, etc.
- Noon Lunch. Speaker TBA
- 1:30 p.m. Panels 7a, 7b, 7c, etc.
- 3:15 p.m. Panels 8a, 8b, 8c, etc.
- 5:00 p.m. Ceremony at Wall. Speaker:
- 7:00 p.m. Reception at ICC
- 8:00 p.m. Conference Banquet. Speaker TBA

## **Saturday, 17 April 1999**

- 8:45 a.m. Panels 9a, 9b, 9c, etc.
- 10:30 a.m. Panels 10a, 10b, 10c, etc.
- Noon Lunch. Speaker TBA
- 1:30 p.m. Panels 11a, 11b, 11c, etc.
- 3:00 p.m. Plenary Session: Final summing up and Recommendations for the future
- 5:00 p.m. Evening at V-8 Ranch
- 9:00 p.m. Fellowship at Holicay Inn

## **Sunday, 18 April 1999**

- 8:00 a.m. Nondenominational Memorial service at Wall
- 5:00 p.m. Closing ceremonies for Wall visit

**Panel Assignments for Panels 3 through 11 will be made shortly after the March 15 paper proposal deadline.**

January 31, 1999

## **Third Triennial Vietnam Symposium (15-17 April 1999)**

### **Paper Proposals**

*Listing Does Not Reflect Sequence of Presentation*

**Panel Assignments Subject to Change at Discretion of  
Vietnam Center Director**

### **Differing Perceptions of the War**

Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr., USN (Ret)

General William B. Rosson, USA (Ret)

PAVN Lieutenant General Nguyen Dinh Uoc

### **We Also Served: Military Wives' Experience**

**Moderator:** Mrs. Mary Ann Harrison

Mrs. Kitsy Westmoreland

Mrs. Mouza Zumwalt

Mrs. Mary "Muggs" Tidd (wife of Vice Admiral Emmett H. Tidd, USN [Ret.])

### **Archives**

#### **Panel 1: Vietnam and the US National Archives**

Richard L. Boylan, Cliff L. Snyder, Jeannine S. Swift, National Archives Staff.

1. Background of Vietnam Recors and Vietnam Records Processing
2. Records Access
3. Nature of Vietnam Research at NARA, Past, Present, Future Possibilities
4. Present Use of Technology and the Records

#### **Panel 2 Archives and Research**

Dr. Arthur J. Dommen, George Mason University, "Searching for Vietnam History Through the US National Archives."

Steven Denny, UC Berkeley, "Watching Hanoi: The Changing Conditions for Following Contemporary Developments in Vietnam."

John Newman, Colorado State, "Vietnam War Literature at Colorado State."

James Ginther, Texas Tech, "The Vietnam Archive at Texas Tech University."

### **Laos**

#### **Panel 1**

**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."

Dr. Tim Castle, Air Command & Staff College, "Bombing Through the Clouds: The Establishment and Operation of Site 85."

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## **Panel 2: The Secret War in Laos**

Dr. Jane Hamilton-Merritt

Ted Shakley

Richard Verrone, Texas Tech, "The 1962 Geneva Accords on Laos and Debunking the 'Cold War Rhetoric'."

## **Cambodia**

### **Panel 1: US Military Support for the Lon Nol Government**

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 and School, "Operations and Withdrawal of MEDTC (Operation Eagle Pull)."

### **Panel 2: Peace Operations in Cambodia**

**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, [Invited] Paper on 1998 Elections in Cambodia

Cambodia Desk Officer, US State Department, "Current Status and Future Trends in Cambodia." [Requested]

## **America's Allies in Vietnam**

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, 1963-1965."

John Ernst, Morehead State University, "Opportunities Won and Lost: A Comparative Study of the ROK & US Vietnam War Experience."

Douglas Pike, Texas Tech, "America's NATO Allies and Vietnam."

## **Early Vietnam Strategy, to 1965**

Major General (ret) Edward B. Atkeson, Institute of Land Warfare, AUSA. "Vietnam War Strategy: A Prosecutor's Brief." (Deals with March 1965 Commander's Estimate of the Situation.)

## **Crises and Turning Points**

Fred Logevall, UC-Santa Barbara, "Window of Opportunity: Lyndon Johnson and Disengagement from Vietnam, November 1964 - February 1965."

David Fuhrmann, Independent Scholar, "America's First Indochina Crisis, 1940-41"

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## **Early Vietnam War**

**Chair/Commentator:** Colonel Roger Donlon, USA (Ret), M.H.

Major Dave Toczek, US Military Academy, "‘A Miserable Damn Performance’: The Battle of Ap Bac, Vietnam, 1963."

Anne Blair, Monash University, "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."

## **Vietnam Battles, 1968-73**

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, National Archives, "The Path to the Ben Hai: Vietnamization, Force Structuring, and the Activation of the 3rd ARVN Infantry Division, October 1971."

## **Rescue Operations**

Jay Veith, Independent Scholar, Paper on attempted POW Rescues

Darrel Whitcomb, Independent Scholar, untitled paper on SAR: Rescue of BAT 21 BRAVO.

## **“Operation Ranch Hand, Vietnam, 1961-1971”**

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

Maj. Jack Spey, USAF (Ret), "The Association of Combat Crop Dusters, and the Myths about ‘Agent Orange’."

## **End of the War in Vietnam, 1973-1975**

**Chair/Commentator:** Dr. Larry Berman, University of California at Davis

James E. Parker, Jr., Independent scholar. "The Evacuation from South Vietnam, 1975."

Dr. James Willbanks, Army Command & General Staff College. "The Fall of South Vietnam."

Captain Kiem Do, VNN, "The Role of the VNN in the Evacuation of South Vietnam."

## **Anti-War Topics**

### **The Vietnam War on Campus: Other Voices, More Distant Drums**

**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 College & State University, "Lock and Load Revisited: Protest, Memory and the Internet."

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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

## **Vietnam Art and Photography**

### **Panel 1: Art with War Themes**

Joan Seeman Robinson, University of Cincinnati, "Fire and Light: An Anti-war Mural at Syracuse University."

Michael Evans-Smith, *The Bloomsbury Review*, "Reflections on *Reflexes and Reflections*."

### **Panel 2: Portrayals of Vietnam**

Antonia Neubauer, Presentation (with slides) on Vietnamese culture, religions, etc.

Ted Engelmann, Photographic essay, Vietnam 1999.

## **The Viet Kieu Experience**

**Chair/Commentator:** The Hon. Bui Diem, former Ambassador to the United States

Jeffrey Brody, California State University, Fullerton, "The Reporter from Little Saigon."

Major Quang X. Pham, USMCR, Untitled paper on his personal experiences.

Henry Nguyen, Texas Tech University, Untitled paper on his personal experiences.

## **The Vietnamese Revolution: Retrospect and Prospect**

**Chair:** Nguyen Manh Hung, George Mason University

Do Quy Toan, *The Ky 21 (21st Century)* Magazine, Westminster, CA, "Civic Culture in Vietnam's Tradition."

Nguyen Manh Hung, George Mason University, "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."

**Discussant:** Douglas Pike, Texas Tech University

## **POW/MIA Issues**

Gary Flanagan, JTF Full Accounting, Det 2, Hanoi, "The Full Accounting Mission in Vietnam, 1992-1999."

## **Teaching the Vietnam War**

Joe Dunn, Converse College, "Day One of a Vietnam War Course."

Marc J. Gilbert, North Georgia College & University, "Day Two of a Vietnam War Course."

Randy Fertel, Tulane University, "Teaching the Vietnam War as an Interdisciplinary Text."

## **Naval Topics**

William A. Mitchell, David Sarabia, Daniel Faraci, James Kurtz, Baylor University. "The Combined American, Republic of Vietnam, and Khmer Republic Effort to Protect Vital Transnational Mekong River Convoys in 1971."

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Les Cullen, Texas Tech University, “‘A Damascus Road Experience’: Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr., and ACTOV’s Human Dimension.”

### **Vietnam & China**

Nguyen Hong Thach, SRV Foreign Ministry, currently studying at Australian Armed Forces Defence Academy, “Vietnam between China and the United States: A Comparative Study of the Geneva Conference of 1954 and the Paris Conference, 1968-73.”

Lynn Sholtis, Texas Tech, Untitled paper on Vietnamese relations with China

### **Key Figures**

Samuel B. Hoff, Delaware State University. “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.”

### **Air War Over North Vietnam**

Colonel Jack Broughton, USAF (Ret), “Rolling Thunder: Attacking Hanoi from the Air -- With Hands Tied Behind Your Back

### **Currently Not Assigned to a Panel:**

**Sankar Chatterjee**, Texas Tech University. Untitled paper on geology of Vietnam and formation of oil fields.

**David Morokoff**, Texas Tech University, “The Media’s Coverage of the Vietnam War.”

**Gary D. Solis**, US Military Academy. “General Courts-Martial in Vietnam: Heavy Handed or Sentencing Sweethearts?”

**Brigadier General (ret) George Gaspard**, USA Presentation (with slides) on Vietnam experiences, including FULRO uprising.