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DOUGLAS EUGENE PIKE... JULY 27, 1924 -MAY 13, 2002



## FROM THE DIRECTOR

The Vietnam Center's 4th Triennial Vietnam Symposium is now a thing of the past; however, a few words about the philosophy behind it are in order. For these triennial events, we specifically invite a few key speakers, and then accept proposals from the academic and veteran community to fill out the rest of the agenda. This year, as in years past, the Vietnam Center accepted every proposal that was received before the published deadline.

One of our important goals with these symposia is to try to bring together people who have completely different viewpoints. It serves no constructive purpose to bring together only those who agree with each other. We have found in the past that no matter how opposed individuals might be in their public positions, if they have the opportunity to interact at a personal level, they generally find something (or many things) in common. That discovery then affords a starting point for further constructive discussion.

The mix of opposing views creates an electric atmosphere. One participant described the symposium as a carefully controlled combustion. At our opening session the representative from Hanoi expressed the hope that the meeting would produce "positive results that would go a long way in filling the abyss that separates our two countries as a consequence of war." This speaker was immediately followed by a former South Vietnamese prime minister who expressed the opinion that "dictatorial regimes will be ended, sooner or later, in a bloody event," yet he asserted, Vietnam needs a long period of stability to improve its economy and the well-being of the Vietnamese people.

Many of the symposium participants felt they were participating in an historical event here in Lubbock. After the opening speakers, a panel consisting of an American ambassador and a former South Vietnamese Minister of State examined the final years of the war. Former Minister of State Nguyen Xuan Phong, who spent five years in the so-called "re-education" camps at the end of the war, ended his stirring discussion with an emotional appeal to Hanoi: "...let my people go."

A great many of the participants were American veterans of the war, including the first recipient of the Medal of Honor in Vietnam. They brought with them to the discussions very strong feelings about the events examined. Dr. Daniel Ellsberg, who leaked the Pentagon Papers to The New York Times, also spoke at the symposium. He was, as always, very articulate and very interesting. And after his presentation, a number of Vietnam veterans sincerely thanked him for sharing his views.

In a small way, interactions such as this help to reduce the chasm that still exists within our Vietnam generation a quarter-century after the war. We all can learn from listening to a dissenting point of view. We must learn. And few could deny the sincerity of Dr. Ellsberg's conviction of the correctness of the course he adopted during the war. At another level, the presence of a Hanoi counselor of state and a former South Vietnamese prime minister at the same symposium set a positive tone for Vietnamese on both sides

of the Pacific. A fair number of the Vietnamese-Americans who were present clearly were very hostile toward the Hanoi representative at the beginning of the symposium. However, by the final day they had come to see him as a man who had dedicated himself to his cause, and while still strongly disagreeing with the cause, they appreciated the man's commitment.

As we look toward the future for the United States, and particularly for the US Vietnam veteran and Vietnamese-American communities, I believe the only constructive approach is to foster a dialogue that will lead to better understanding with the people in Vietnam. Indeed, it is the only course appropriate for the representatives of a great university such as Texas Tech.

I know such a sentiment will draw cries of outrage from some Vietnam veterans, and from many Vietnamese-Americans. However, we must fact realities. The way ahead, in my view, is for those of us who were involved in the war to provide powerful positive images of America to the younger generation of Vietnamese in Vietnam. Many Vietnam veterans are already engaged in humanitarian efforts there. And Texas Tech University, through private grants and donations specifically given for this purpose, awards hundreds of small scholarships to help Vietnamese kids complete college in Vietnam. We also provide scholarships to help train Vietnamese doctors to improve the health of the people in the villages of Vietnam over which we had so bitterly fought now so long ago. This is an appropriate mission for a great educational institution.

There is a message in all of this for the younger generation of Americans, too. I would like them to remember the old warriors of the Vietnam generation not by the invalid media stereotype of a bunch of drugged-out, ill-adjusted losers. Rather, through programs such as those discussed above, they should come to realize that American Vietnam veterans fought with honor, dignity and pride during the war, and that in the post-war years, rather than growing old and bitter, they grew old continuing their service to their country by helping to resolve lingering issues relating to the war.

As for the Vietnamese, I hope that those who fled Vietnam in 1975 will find a way to at least pay a return visit to their homeland, to renew their ties of history, culture and language, and to visit the graves of their ancestors. For subsequent generations of Vietnamese-Americans (or Americans of Vietnamese ancestry), I am afraid it may already be too late for the Hanoi government to attract them, with their advanced education and valuable skills, back to their homeland to assist in its development. Over the past 25 years, these sons and daughters of Vietnamese immigrants have become fully integrated into the American mainstream. They serve as officers in our armed forces, as distinguished faculty members in our universities, and as valued members of our communities. That is Vietnam's great loss. And America's remarkable gain.

Jim Reckner

# DOUGLAS PIKE IS MOURNED AROUND THE WORLD

It was a loss felt around the world. Douglas Eugene Pike, renowned scholar of the Vietnam era and editor of the Indochina Chronology, died May 13, 2002 in a hospital in Lubbock, Texas. He had suffered a debilitating stroke in November 2001.

Although publication of the Indochina Chronology established by Professor Pike in 1982 was suspended, Doug Pike's legacy lives on in his extensive writings about Vietnam and America's experience in the Vietnam War era, and in the memories of the many people whose lives he touched.

Eight days after his death, a tribute brought together family members, friends, and former associates at Texas Tech University, where The Vietnam Center is located. Pike was the center's Associate Director, a position he had held since arriving from the University of California at Berkeley in 1997.

The tribute was, as Center Director James R. Reckner noted, a celebration of the life of a most remarkable man: soldier, scholar, journalist, teacher, mentor, author, husband, father, friend and colleague of many people both here and abroad.

"I came into Doug's life rather late in the long and very colorful story of his life," Dr. Reckner recalled. "The Vietnam Center had been established in 1989, but it wasn't until 1992 that we began planning our first major conference, to be held in April 1993. Our principal goal then ... was to attract Doug to attend, and to present a paper. So great was Doug's stature in the field of Vietnam Studies, we felt we had achieved a major success when he accepted our invitation. Only later, when we came to know him better, did we understand that he would willingly help anyone who was making a serious effort to understand the complexities of Vietnam. We were elated."

The next year, The professor returned to attend the ground breaking for the Southwest Collections Building that now houses the Vietnam Archives. He also returned for conferences in 1995 and 1996, before his wife Myrna made the commitment to move from Berkeley to Tech in 1997 – and to bring with him the vast archive that he had assembled over the years. It was at Tech that he continued his work, often a seven-days-a-week routine, until the stroke intervened.

Professor Pike left behind an impressive body of writings,

including a half-dozen books and untold numbers of articles, analyses, reviews, essays, lectures and presentations for seminars and the like. A centerpiece of his efforts was the Indochina Chronology, a quarterly publication devoted to historical and contemporary events in Vietnam (including the war), Cambodia and Laos. With the assistance and counsel of his wife Myrna, he continued its production for nearly two decades.

An unassuming, modest individual, Professor Pike was not one to celebrate his own works. Myrna Pike perhaps was best qualified to know how he, in retrospect, would have assessed his career.

"He would say that his biggest contribution would be in intercultural communications," Mrs. Pike said at the tribute at Tech. "...When he found some small truth, he was determined to get it out there."

Getting it out there included having small truths and large appear in the Chronology, which became a major source of news for all seeking insights into activities and developments in Southeast Asia. The Chronology was a bibliographic resource on books, monographs, periodicals, journals and other literature; Professor Pike made it available for free to academics, historians, writers, researchers, journalists, veterans and government officials. He wanted, Mrs. Pike said, to inform people of the work "being done in the field" in Southeast Asia.

Others offered their own effusive praise for Professor Pike.

Former South Vietnamese Minister of State Nguyen Xuan Phong, one of the chief negotiators at the Paris peace talks that brought a cease-fire agreement in 1973, said Professor Pike was held in respect by both North Vietnamese and South Vietnamese.

"There are so many people in Vietnam today, who were on both sides of the conflict, who share the sadness of the loss in the passing of Douglas Pike," Ambassador Phong said at the tribute ceremony. Many considered his 1960s book on the Viet Cong a "bible" of insights -- "It was amazing to us Vietnamese how he was able to understand and comprehend the complexity and depth of the Vietnamese problem. (But) he will be remembered much more for his profound sense of humanity."

## HOW DOUG PIKE SAW IT

In a great many ways, Douglas Pike was a great friend of the Vietnamese people. He also was a visionary. In his first book, *Viet Cong* (1966), he wrote this:

"My heart goes out to the Vietnamese people—who have been sold out again and again, whose long history could be written in terms of betrayal, and who, based on this long and bitter experience, can only expect that eventually America too will sell them out. If America betrays the Vietnamese people by abandoning them, she betrays her own heritage."

He wrote those words seven years before the Paris Peace Accords – and they proved stunningly accurate.

In another passage from the same book, Professor Pike wrote:

"The plight of the Vietnamese people is not an abstraction to me, and I have no patience with those who treat it as such. Victory by the communists would mean consigning thousands of Vietnamese, many of them of course my friends, to death, prison, or permanent exile."

Again, these words of 1966 came true in 1975. Hundreds of thousands of Vietnamese fled their homeland; others chose to stay and suffered precisely the consequences that Professor Pike envisioned.

# REMEMBERING DOUG PIKE... THE MAN, THE SCHOLAR

Here is some of what major newspapers said in lengthy obituaries reporting the death of Douglas Pike:

From The New York Times ("Douglas Pike, Vietnam Expert, Dies at 77," May 16):

"In a monograph published in 1970, Mr. Pike provoked attacks from antiwar partisans by publishing evidence, hotly disputed by some, that North Vietnamese troops massacred civilians at Hue during the Tet offensive in 1968. But he was far from a cheerleader for the South Vietnamese, strongly criticizing their organizational weakness compared with that of their well-organized northern foes; he had made himself particularly expert on the structure of Vietnamese Communist forces and their order of battle.

"His persistent message was that the war was so complex that final judgments were necessarily elusive. Vietnam has become the great intellectual tragedy of our times," he wrote in 'War, Peace, and the Viet Cong' (M.I.T., 1969)."

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From The Washington Post:

"Mr. Pike had been affiliated since 1997 with Texas Tech University in Lubbock, where he was a history professor and associate director of the university's prestigious Vietnam Center. ..."

"In the mid-1960s, MIT Press published two of his books, 'Vietcong: The Organization and Techniques of the National Liberation Front of South Vietnam' and 'War, Peace and the Vietcong.' Both books were hailed by critics of all political persuasions. His 1986 book, 'PAVN: People's Army of Vietnam,' which was published by Presidio, was reviewed in The Washington Post by Harry G. Summers Jr., a retired Army colonel, Vietnam veteran and historian. Summers called it 'without a doubt the best work available' on the subject. ..."

"In the mid-1960s, he ran a psychological warfare unit in Vietnam. During this tour, he collected communist documents and interviewed war prisoners. He also conducted a study of the North Vietnamese Tet Offensive of 1968 and focused on the execution of thousands of South Vietnamese civilians in Hue -- who Mr. Pike maintained were killed for political reasons by the North Vietnamese."

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From The San Francisco Chronicle: "Mr. Pike, a retired State Department officer whom one colleague called a 'living encyclopedia of the Vietnam War,' wrote six books. He also maintained a formidable collection of material about the Vietnam War and Indochina: some 7 million pages of documents including 15,000 books and 3,000 slides. ... In 1983, Vietnam expert Robert Manning told The Chronicle that the archive was 'without question the biggest source of information in the world on the Viet Cong and the North Vietnamese.'"

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From friends and associates came many tributes and remembrances, of which the following are only a sampling:

Jay Veith: "I had traveled to Berkeley on business in 1994, and having just started researching the war, I wanted to visit

his office. The short, slightly disheveled figure with the oddly shaped beard that greeted me from behind a desk overflowing with documents looked me over once, and asked me what was my interest in Vietnam. I told him that I wanted to research the POW/MIA issue. He corrected me, saying it was more properly called 'the Resolution of Casualties' issue, and began telling me stories, in that soft voice with a still slightly discernible Mid-West accent, about his days working with refugees while in the State Department. After a few minutes, he pointed me in the direction of his files, told me if I needed anything to ask, and promptly went out to lunch, leaving me all alone in his vast archive. It was the beginning of a far too short friendship."

From Dr. Earl H. Tilford, Jr., Grove City College: "(A)bout twenty years ago, at a Vietnam War conference in Washington, D.C., Professor Joe Dunn of Converse College came running to the coffee shop where I was refreshing myself after having presented a paper in the previous session. He said, 'Butch! You've got to come to this panel. Douglas Pike just said he was awed by your paper!' That was the kind of guy Doug Pike was.... He didn't care that I was a 'nothing burger' in the field, he noticed what I did. ... It is rare that the good scholar is also a good teacher. But that is what Douglas Pike was."

From Steven Denney, University of California at Berkeley: "Vietnam studies has passed on to a new generation of scholars, and the opportunities for understanding Vietnam are much different than when Douglas Pike began his research. But all with a serious interest in Vietnam owe him our gratitude for his pioneering studies on Vietnamese communism, for the collection he established, and for the guidance he has provided to many others over the years."

From Stephen M. Graw: "People look at Mr. Pike as the exemplary Cold Warrior, and his scholarly work depicted Vietnam as -- and perhaps he coined the expression -- 'The Prussia of the East.' But ... at the conclusion of his presentation for the 1983 'Vietnam Reconsidered' conference in Los Angeles, Mr. Pike resolutely called for the normalization of US-Vietnamese relations. This bold move put him directly at odds with the Reagan and Carter administrations' hard line policy towards Hanoi."

From Col. Dan Yen (ret.), ARVN: "Douglas Pike is my hero. ... I am sure that Professor Pike also got the highest respect from the four-star generals of both North and South Vietnam."

From Col. Roger H.C. Donlon, USA (ret.), first Medal of Honor recipient of the Vietnam War: "For those of us who knew and worked with Doug his commitment will remain an inspiration. For me personally, I am proud to have been a fellow U.S. Army Veteran. His memory will continue to be a source of strength."

From the Vietnamese People's Action Movement: "The Vietnamese People's Action Movement, receiving the horrific news of Dr. Pike's death, send our profound condolences ..."

## REMEMBERING DOUG PIKE... THE MAN, THE SCHOLAR CONT.

From Peter C. Rollins, Regents Professor of English and American Film Studies: "Douglas Pike was an honest man, so honest that it was shocking, sometimes, to hear him speak. For two documentaries on Vietnam--Television's *Vietnam: The Impact of Visual Images* and *Television's Vietnam: The Real Story*--it was my role to interview Mr. Pike at length. His responses were so down-to-earth, so honest, and so authentic that it was refreshing to hear him speak. He seemed so rooted in his knowledge and seemed to be in touch with telluric truths. This honesty came forth in his newsletter as well--especially in the book review section. Not since the 19th century 'book reviews' of Thomas Carlyle and Orestes Brownson have I seen such brutally honest evaluations of writings on a topic -- in this case, Vietnam."

From Ann Mills Griffith, Executive Director, National League of POW/MIA Families: "(i)t seemed that he would always be with us, the rock of solidity and base of knowledge on Vietnam and most issues related thereto. ... Please convey to his family my sincere sympathy in their loss and assure them that he touched many, many lives as a truly unforgettable person. He contributed!"

From Dr. Jane Hamilton-Merritt: "What a terrible loss. Douglas Pike was a gentleman, a scholar, and one of the most interesting men of the academic world of the Vietnam War."

From the family of the late Adm. Elmo Zumwalt, Jr.: "As a family that was personally impacted by the Vietnam War, we have come to admire those who have led the charge to ensure future generations never forget this conflict and what it was all about. Among those who have been in the forefront of this effort was Dr. Douglas Pike."

From Vice Adm. & Mrs. Emmett H. Tidd, USN (ret.): "There will not be another Doug Pike. We'll just have to find another icon to fill the chair -- but never the shoes."

From former South Vietnamese Minister of State Nguyen Xuan Phong: "...Douglas Pike was the exceptional 'non-Vietnamese' who showed deep understanding of the Vietnamese factions on both sides of the dreadful conflict.... He was fascinated by Vietnam and we, the Vietnamese, were also surprised by his mastery of the Vietnamese people and nation. ...To many Vietnamese, who were on both sides of the Vietnam War and who knew him then more than 40 years ago, Douglas Pike of the USIS in Saigon will always be remembered for his profound sense of humanity in the midst of death and devastation ... ."

From Dr. Anne Blair, Melbourne: "Professor Pike assisted my research on the Vietnam War in many different ways between 1987 and 2001. Due to the Pike archives and 'Indochina Chronology,' I was able to keep abreast of developments in the scholarship field from Australia, as were many of my colleagues here."

From Dr. Lewis ("Bob") Sorley: "When ... Berkeley was no longer able to fund the Archive, I was able to introduce Doug to Jim Reckner. Soon, to their mutual delight and the benefit of us all, the eighteen-wheelers were rolling, taking the Archives to their new home at Texas Tech. Even better, not long thereafter Doug and Myrna followed, beginning the last happy and productive chapter of Doug's long and illustrious career."

From K.T. Bul, Hanoi: "Sad to hear that Douglas Pike has passed away. ... Let's wish him heavenly peace, after a busy mission on earth."



Douglas Pike with Dr. Tom Laughlin



Pike with former archivist Jim Ginther

# SYMPOSIUM ATTRACTS SPEAKERS AND ATTENDEES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

The 4th Triennial Vietnam Symposium is history—and how productive and enlightening it was for the hundred or so diplomats, former officials, officers, scholars, veterans and others who came to Texas from across the globe for the three-day event. Certainly it was memorable, too, for images that will linger: East meeting the "Old West" when the Vietnamese delegation was introduced to a rustic chuck wagon and later found camaraderie with cowboy musicians...Daniel Ellsberg's and Gen. Ted Matusik's cordial but candid luncheon exchange of contrasting views about the early evolution of the war...a Buddhist monk offering prayers for the success of the symposium...a former South Vietnamese peace negotiator's poignant appeal for change in his country...and more.

Symposium speakers or other participants came from Australia, Cambodia, Canada, Denmark, France, Poland, Taiwan, the United Kingdom and of course Vietnam and the United States. Along the way more than 90 speakers plumb almost every facet of the Vietnam experience: military operations, medical treatment, education, culture, dissent, economic challenge...and more.

Those who attended the Vietnam Center's 4th Triennial Symposium viewed its success from a variety of perspectives. Here is some of what was said about the event:

"The president's proclaimed war on terrorism and the film industry's focus on war-related themes have renewed interest in the nation's foreign involvement and rekindled discussion of the Vietnam War. The timing is ideal as Texas Tech's Vietnam Center prepares to sponsor its fourth Triennial Vietnam Symposium." Lubbock (TX) Avalanche-Journal.

"May I thank the Vietnam Center of Texas Tech University for having made it possible for me to attend this conference. May I convey my warm greetings to all of you and wish the conference positive results that would go a long way in filling up the abyss that separates our two countries as a consequence of war." Luu van Loi, Counselor of State, Socialist Republic of Vietnam (former assistant foreign minister of North Vietnam).

"History teaches us that dictatorial regimes will be ended, sooner or later, in a bloody event. But Vietnam needs long political stability for development, and the only way to establish it is to give power back to the Vietnamese people, who, with their votes, will decide the future of Vietnam. Of course, it will be a long way to this final objective." Gen. Nguyen Khanh, former prime minister of the Republic of Vietnam.

"In 1969 I decided to stop being a party to lies that were being told to the public...I expected to go to prison for the rest of my life." Daniel Ellsberg, who in 1971 leaked top-secret Pentagon papers on the government's war policy-making decisions to The New York Times.

"The conference was outstanding. You and your staff deserve high marks for the great success obvious to all participants." Marine Lt. Col. James Zumwalt (ret.), son of the late Adm. Elmo Zumwalt Jr., former Chief of Naval Operations and chairman of the National Advisory Council of the Vietnam Center.

"Although I arrived too late to give my paper on the 2001 Uprising in the Central Highlands, and this was a great disappointment, I benefited greatly from selected sessions and most of all from contact with others interested in my specialty." Dr. James F. Lewis, Professor of World Religions, Wheaton (IL) College.

"I feel honored to be included in such a gathering of history-making individuals." John W. Kniffin of Brenham, TX, former member of Vietnam Veterans Against The War, who used the occasion of the Symposium to donate a 1960s collection of war photos to the Center's Vietnam Archive.

"There is really so much we can learn from the legacy of this war, and students will learn it better if we expose them directly to the Vietnam veterans of the U.S. military, their spouses, former ARVN soldiers, war correspondents, people who were active in the U.S. peace movement in the 1960's and 1970's, authors, clergy, refugees and others who have an important personal history and association with this controversial era." Lindy Poling, winner of the Veterans of Foreign Wars' "National Citizenship Education Teacher of the Year" award for her high school classes in Vietnam studies at Millbrook, NC.

"It is an honor for me, an average medical doctor of Hanoi, to make a speech at such a distinguished forum aimed at evaluating in a holistic manner a war that ended 30 years ago." Dr. Tran Huu Thang, Hanoi, Vice President, Vietnam general Association of Medicine and Pharmacy.

"The Vietnam Center is one of the most outstanding examples of academic excellence we have at Texas Tech University." Texas Tech University President David Schmidly at the Symposium banquet.

"I thoroughly enjoyed the Symposium this year and it was a definite validation that my research is on-track and valuable." Neil Olsen, information planner, Salt Lake City Economic and Demographic Resource Center.

"I felt really good about the folks I met, how things went, and the way everybody handled themselves. You did a great job. Regis and Bob Barker have nothing on you." Ted Engelmann, oral historian, Denver.

"There certainly was more to choose from this year than at the annual conference last year. But like last year, I thought the mix of former officials, scholars, veterans, students and members of the public worked well." Charles R. Anderson, U.S. Army Center of Military History, Washington, D.C.

"We were very impressed with your hard work and even-handed treatment of all points of view. You did a remarkable job of keeping the peace and encouraging productive discussion." Barry Willdorf, lawyer and author.

"I would like to thank you very much for giving our Babylift panel an opportunity to participate in TTU's outstanding Vietnam Symposium." Lana Noone, Operation Babylift.

## NEXT: CONFERENCE 2003

With the 4th Triennial Vietnam Symposium now history, focus is shifting to next year's annual conference and a specific theme: "The Rise and Fall of Ngo Dinh Diem: its implications for the United States and for Vietnam."

The conference, which is the 6th such event sponsored by Texas Tech University's Vietnam Center since the first one held in Lubbock, Texas, in 1995, is scheduled for Oct. 24-25, 2003. The conference is intended to mark the 40th anniversary of the late South Vietnamese leader's overthrow and assassination on Nov. 1, 1963.

The 5th Triennial Vietnam Symposium comes up in 2005. For that wider-ranging event, panels and papers will cover all aspects of Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia, including the war experience and pre- and post-war issues. The date for the 6th Triennial Vietnam Symposium is March 17-19, 2005.

## NOW SHE BECOMES "DR. CDR." DIANE OLIVER

Prepare to address her as "Dr. Cdr." Diane Oliver—or something similar to that hybrid title now that The Vietnam Center's chief aide to director Jim Reckner has achieved a new academic plane.

Ms. Oliver earns the salutation as a result of having successfully defended her doctoral research at Walden University in April. Her dissertation examined "The Higher Education System in Vietnam and the U.S. Community College Model." She presented her findings in a panel session at the center's 4th Triennial Vietnam Symposium in Lubbock in April.

"Dr. Cdr." Oliver's official title is deputy director of The Vietnam Center. She is a retired naval officer who served from 1971 to 1995. She is a graduate of the Naval War College and holds masters degrees in public administration, national security and strategic studies. All those achievements notwithstanding, she is far more comfortable if you would simply address her as "Diane."



Phoung, Diane and Admiral Tidd



Daniel Ellsberg and Former SVN Prime Minister Khanh

## TECH'S JENNIFER BOARD WINS HERRON SCHOLARSHIP

Jennifer Board, a Texas Tech University graduate student in history, has been chosen to receive the first Lee Roy Herron scholarship, an award presented in honor of a U.S. Marine killed in Vietnam in 1969.

Miss Board will use proceeds of the scholarship to visit Vietnam this summer to further work on her thesis comparing the U.S. prisoner of war experiences in Vietnam and Korea. A key part of her trip will be a visit to Hoa Lo Prison, the infamous "Hanoi Hilton" where captured American servicemen were imprisoned during the war.

"Jenny is an exceedingly bright and promising young lady who happens to be the daughter of a career Air Force officer," Dr. James R. Reckner, director of The Vietnam Center, said. "The Herron scholarship honors a fallen American hero. Though it is coincidental to Jenny's superb academic performance, it is appropriate that the first winner should come from a military family."

Miss Board is the daughter of retired Air Force Capt. Mack Board and Cathy Board of Pittsburg, TX. She graduated from Pittsburg High School in 1997.

Lee Roy Herron was killed in the A Shau Valley in 1969 and posthumously awarded the Navy Cross, the nation's second-highest honor (exceeded only by the Medal of Honor) given to members of the Navy and the Marine Corps for extraordinary heroism. He was a 1963 graduate of Lubbock (TX) High School, where he was president of his senior class, and in 1967 earned a degree in political science at Texas Tech, where The Vietnam Center subsequently was founded.

Former schoolmate David Nelson of Houston spearheaded

efforts to create the Lee Roy Herron scholarship for students concentrating their studies on the American experience in Vietnam. "This scholarship both honors Lee Roy and reinforces The Vietnam Center's efforts to help future generations understand more about a conflict that has had a profound, lingering impact on America," Mr. Nelson said.

Mr. Nelson said that more than \$55,000 has been raised for the Lee Roy Herron scholarship endowment. Miss Board's scholarship will provide \$1,700 toward furthering her studies. Other scholarships will be awarded on an annual basis.

(Contributions to help enlarge the Herron endowment may be sent to The Vietnam Center, Texas Tech University, Box 41045, Lubbock, TX 79409-1045. Checks may be made out to the Texas Tech Foundation, with a notation that it is for the Lee Roy Herron scholarship fund.)



Nelson, Mrs. Lorea Herron, Jennifer and Reckner at Scholarship Presentation

# VIRTUAL ARCHIVE GROWS, COLLECTIONS CONTINUE TO ARRIVE

The Virtual Vietnam Archive is well on its way to digitizing its non-copyright documents. Through the end of April the Virtual Vietnam Archive has over 177,000 pages of documents available on its websites. The Vietnam Archive itself continues to receive the support of Vietnam veterans and scholars as it seeks to collect and preserve the record of the Vietnam experience. The Archive received 148 collections in the first four months of 2002 and now has over 1,000 linear feet of material on the Vietnam War. There are approximately 40,000 photographs, 13,000 slides, 2,000 maps, 2,000 microfilm reels and 16,000 microfiche. The oral history project has over 200 interviews with veterans and over 1,000 interested participants. The Vietnam Archive staff is scheduled to attend at least 25 reunions and conferences in 2002, with the potential for more in the fall as a second oral historian is hired. Among the latest additions to the Archive:

Wall That Heals Memorabilia Collection - Cards placed at the Moving Wall in Plainview, Texas

Steve A. Dennis Collection - Pamphlet, "Lest We Forget" produced for the Permian Basin Vietnam Veterans Memorial Dedication, November 12, 1994, Midland Texas

Tang Mai Nguyen Collection - 23 Vietnamese-language books and 1 videotape, "Vietnamese Boat People: Live Free or Die"

Allen Cates Collection - Material related to the Air America Association and 6 DoD Evasion Chart (EVC 250-1) 1:250,000 maps

David Crawley Collection - Video, "K Company, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, Operation Badger Catch, 1968"

Vietnam Center - 15 Books; 25 Vietnamese-language periodicals; 21 photographs, July 2000 Texas Tech University Visit to Hong Bang University; 3 photographs, Admiral and Mrs. Zumwalt; 96 videotapes purchased by the Vietnam Archive from Traditions Military Video; 18 videotapes purchased by the Vietnam Archive from the History Channel.

Kenneth B. Kothmann Collection - Material related to Mr. Kothmann's service during and after the Vietnam War. Items include military documents, information on MIA Curtis Richard Smoot, incidents involving the Veterans Administration, letters, and descriptive narratives of his tour-of-duty, 1 book, 140 photographs, 393 slides, 1 reel-to-reel tape and 1 lacquer box.

Allen Commander Collection - Complete set of 1:250,000 road maps (9) for South Vietnam published by the National Geographic Service of Viet Nam

Janet B. Bryant Collection - Audio-Cassette (Transferred to CD-ROM) of a 1968 Bryant Family Letter to Lieutenant Colonel Deewitt Talmadge Bryant, Jr. in Vietnam

Betty Mowry Collection - 98 slides - images taken by Gary Ellis during his tour-of-duty in Vietnam in 1966.

James Schill Collection - James Schill, Book, Reflections on Indochina

James Endicott Collection - Documents relating to the trial of Major Cahoun, My Lai Trials

Henry Shine Collection - A Harvard Lampoon Parody Magazine (1969)

Robert Lathrop Collection - 1 photograph VA025918; Book of poems, Dark Side of Heaven; Book, Eternally at War, 1 Corps - Vietnam, January 1968-April 1969

Sabrina Frizzell Collection - Master of Arts Thesis, A Little Piece of Home: The United Service Organization During the Vietnam War, 1963-1973; Documents and data used to write the Master of Arts Thesis.

The Vietnam Magazine - Material from October 2001, December 2001, and February 2002 issues of Vietnam Magazine.

Anonymous Collection - 202 photographs from the collection of Commander F. C. Brown, USN Collection.

Bill Cannon Collection - Audiocassette of a debriefing of Captain Bill Duggan who was shot down over South Vietnam and retrieved by Search-and-Rescue helicopters

Ruth M. Hester Collection - Letter by Ruth M. Hester to President Ford, April 9, 1975; 79 issues of I.F. Stone's Weekly, December 4, 1967 - December 1971

James Friguglietti Collection - 6 Books and 4 Video tapes of Vietnam Veterans shown in his class at MSU; Ron Carpenter; William Metheny; Arlon Peda; Kurt Schultz

Berry Allen Krupkin Collection - Business cards; periodicals; Coffe Mug; Newsletters; video tape; membership flyers; pamphlets; correspondence; charter application; merchandise order forms

James Knafl Collection - Bugle newsletter

Jim and Diane Martinson Collection - David L. Eastman, Outlaws in Vietnam: 1966-1967 in the Delta

Frank Murray Collection - Manuscript: Before the echoes Fade: A Narrative of Personal Experiences, 93rd Evacuation Hospital, Vietnam, September 1966-September 1967

John S. Janks Collection - Material related to Mr. Janks service during the Vietnam War and 7 museum items, 10 photographs, and 232 Slides

Air America Association Collection - Central Intelligence Agency Unit Citation, 2 June 2001; Commemorative Envelope for the CIA Unit Citation; 19 Air America Log Newsletters

John T. Stihl Collection - Biography of Major General John T. Stihl from the United States Air Force, Secretary of the Air Force, Office of Public Affairs, Washington, D.C. (As of October 1980)

Joseph Wysocki Collection - DD214

Jack Jamigan Collection - 343 slides

John R. Lowey Collection - Letters to Parents from Okinawa and Vietnam, February 1970-January 1971

William M. Verebely, Jr. Collection - Saigon Roundup: The Weekly Digest and advertising Magazine, 17 April 1964; 2 10 su Vietnamese coins (1953); Air Commando patch; Handbook for U.S. Forces in Vietnam: DA Pam 360-521

Lewis C. Wright Collection - Special Order G-644, Air Medal for Meritorious Achievement, 5 May 1967; Special Order G-1308, Distinguished Flying Cross, 23 August 1967; Citation, Award of the Distinguished Flying Cross; Special Order G-1615, Air Medal for Meritorious Achievement, 9 October 1967; Flight Records

George A. Fulton Collection - DD214



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# VIRTUAL ARCHIVE GROWS, COLLECTIONS CONTINUE TO ARRIVE CONT.

Emery C. Wall Collection - Newspaper articles from the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal gathered by Mr. Wall's mother while he served with the United States Army in Vietnam.

Henry McRae Collection - DD214; Special Order AC-014017, 3 May 1976; Individual Flight Record (as of 31 May 1974)

Harry Stevens Jones Collection - DD214 (2 copies); WD Form 53; NA Form 13059; Memorandum regarding flying in conditions subject to hostile fire; Harry S. Jones Air Force and Civilian Flying History

James F. Talbert Collection - DD214; 3rd Combat Support Certificate (Humor); Letter regarding leaving Vietnam (Humor); AF 899, 1/18/66; AF 899, 2/6/69; Oath of Enlistment, 15 December 1972; Special Order TA-232, 6/12/71 Permissive TDY to Tan Son Nhut AB for Vietnamese Armed Forces Basketball Tournament; AF Form 1098, 9/23/69; Aeronautical Order 37, 7/22/69

Donald McRae Davis Collection - DD214

David L. Miller Collection - DD214; AFMPC Form 45 Harry B. Rogers, Jr. Collection - DD214

Herbert A. Woodcock, Jr. Collection - DD214

Victor J. Lesquier Collection - DD214

Robert B. Porter Collection - DD214; AFMPC Form 45

Chuck Cole Collection - DD214

Fain H. Pool Collection - DD214

Dennis W. Thompson Collection - DD214

Jack E. Starr Collection - DD214

Frederick W. Lewelling Collection - DD214

Anthony G. Borra Collection - DD214; AF Form 899; AF Form 973

Steve Sherman Collection - Special Operations Association information pertaining to past reunions, newsletters, and conventions

Gerald Ney Collection - Paul L. Sutton, History of Agent Orange Use in Vietnam: Historical Overview From the Veteran's Perspective March 2002

Jackson Bosley Collection - A New Song story of Vietnamese as told by members of the Asian Christian Service, December 1968

Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association Collection - The VHPA Newsletter, November/December 2001, Volume 19, Number 6

Timothy B. Staats Collection - 12 reel-to-reel audiotapes of audio-letters from Mr. Staats to his parents

Susie Macayan Collection (Frank E. Evans Association) - Two scrap books relating to collision between the U.S.S. Frank E. Evans and HMAS Melbourne 3 June 1969. Mrs. Macayan's husband, Senior Chief Boiler Technician Florentine F. Macayan, USN (Ret.) was aboard the U.S.S. Frank E. Evans during the period. First volume contains personal correspondence between Mr. and Mrs. Macayan and other U.S.S. Frank E. Evans shipmates. The second volume contains material related to the collision.

Robert F. Beebe Collection - Five scanned Images of C-130 scenes; Information related to Mr. Beebe's service in Vietnam

Richard Hughes Collection - Dissertation; Richard Hughes, A Much Maligned Strategy?: Search and Destroy Operations in Quang Ngai Province and the Mekong Delta, 1967-1969

Rene A. Garza Collection - 34 books on the Vietnam War

Phuc Nguyen Dang Collection - Book, Michel Tauriac, Viet Nam: Le Dossier Noir du Communisme: de 1945 a nos jours

Nikhi Santhi Collection - Aircraft of the World Cards; F-4 Phantom II; A-5 Vigilante; T-28 Trojan; A-26 Invader; F-86 Sabre; CG-46 Sea Knight; OV-10 Bronco; F-8 Crusader; DC-3

Michael Mittelmann Collection - 276 digitized slide images

Logan E. Downing Collection - Documents related to Lt. Col. Downing's military and Vietnam service.

Krzysztof Kubiak Collection - Book; Krzysztof Kubiak, Morskie Dzialania Specjalne: Po Roku, 1945

John W. Holman Collection 3 books; Jan Scruggs, The Wall That Heals (2 copies); Jan Scruggs, Why Vietnam Still Matters: The War and The Wall; 28 Brochures on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and the Wall That Heals; 2 Newsletters, Reflections From the Wall; Media Information about the Wall That Heals; 2 Bumper Stickers America Remembers Vietnam Veterans Memorial; 1 Car Decal for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial's 15th Anniversary; 2 Photographs from the Wall That Heals visit to San Diego; 2 patches from the 10th Anniversary of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial; 2 pins from the 15th Anniversary of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

John Hetrick Collection - CD-ROM, Delta Battery 2nd Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment: Photographs and Documents, Editions 1, 2, and 3

John Givhan Collection - Material related to the 120th Aviation Company

John Eugene Brady Collection - Ranch Lore: Songs of the West - For Cowboys in the East; Ranch Hand Flying Scarf.

Joe E. Gray Collection - 191 slides with written descriptions VAS 011010-011200

Joe Adamo Collection - 1 Videotape; 9th Medical Laboratory in Vietnam, 1968-1969;

James M. MacFarlane Collection - Air America C-47 Flight Manual; Documents related to Air America's operations in Southeast Asia; Newsletters, Air America Log and Air America Club; Newspaper Clippings on Air America and CIA operations during and after the War;

J. C. Campbell Collection (Frank E. Evans Collection) - 8 Videotapes; New Zealand and Australia, 1999 (Part 1 of 2); New Zealand and Australia, 1999 (Part 2 of 2); The HMAS Melbourne-USS Frank E. Evans Incident; 7:30 Report, HMAS Melbourne-USS Frank E. Evans Collision, NTSC; Australian Broadcasting Corporation: The HMAS Melbourne-USS Frank E. Evans; U.S.S. Frank E. Evans Reunion Video Series: 1992 Reunion, 1993 Reunion, and Re-Enactment; Richard La Liberte, U.S.S. Frank E. Evans; Patches; 2 x Korean War Veteran; 2 x USS Frank E. Evans DD 754; 2 x USS Frank E. Evans DD 754 (The Fighter); CD-ROM; Lest We Forget: A Memorial for 74 Heroes. U.S.S. Frank E. Evans Association, Inc.; Pin; USS Frank E. Evans DD 754 (The Fighter), 3 June 1969; Book Bag; USS Frank E. Evans DD 754 (The Fighter), 3 June 1969; Bumper Stickers; 2 x USS Frank E. Evans DD 754; 10 Notebook; U.S.S. Frank E. Evans (DD 754) Association Reunion, 1992-2000 Photobook, Arts and Photographs; Notebook, 30th Anniversary Memorial Service, Sydney, Australia, June 3, 1999; Notebook, Australian Correspondence, 1994-1995; Notebook, Russ Wagner Photo Album; Picture Yearbook, U.S.S. Frank E. Evans (DD 754), 1994-2000; Newsletters, Evans Report; 2 museum items and 2 videotapes.

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Idris Traynor Collection - -Wood Plaque with the Cau Trang Tien, Hue; Book, Nam: A Pictorial History

Hope Gaucoin Collection - -Communist Chinese Canteen with Carrying Strap (including War Trophy Registration/Authorization); Communist Chinese Gas Mask (including War Trophy Registration/Authorization); Framed photograph of Corporal Terrell W. Gaucoin; Marble Name Plaque

Glenn L. Patton Collection - -Distinguished Flying Cross Citation, 17 January 1967; Special Order G-1467, 21 September 1967 (Distinguished Flying Cross)

Gerald L. Swanger Collection - -Photograph: MSGT Gerald L. Swanger, USAF; Documents related to MSGT Swanger's service in Vietnam

Gary Jesters Collection - -Three photographs and material related to Peter Drabic, POW; 9 Books, E.T.S. Pin; 17 Photographs of the Berks County Vietnam Memorial; 4 Photographs of the Gary W. Hanna Memorial in Howard County, Maryland; Contact: Magazine of the New Zealand Ex-Vietnam Services Association, Inc. (3 Copies); Documents related to the Gary W. Hanna Memorial; Miscellaneous documents; and, 21 books

Gary Cummings Collection - -Photograph of Gary Cummings

Frank Murray Collection - -Audiotape;; Side A - Tape recorded from the lead A-1E Skyraider during the raid at Son Tay, November 1970; Side B - Witchdoctor Search-and-Rescue, April 1971 (Lam Son 719)

Flicker Films Collection - -Four Videos from, The Long Way Home Project Series I: 1. How We Lost The War; 2. Men Versus Myth; 3. The New diaspora; 4. How We Won The War

Emmitt Todd Collection (Frank E. Evans Association) - -Congressional Record, December 11, 2001. Contains information on H.R. 3443, Fairness to all Vietnam Veterans Act, p. H9225

Clayton Rye Collection - -Videotape; Drawing Flies by Clayton Rye

Claes Henrikson Collection - -Thesis, Major Claes Henrikson, ...The only war they had ...A Study of Low Level Tactics in the Vietnam War.

Chuck Wilson Collection - -A large set of post-Tet (1968) damage assessment photographs (22); taken by the 1st Military Intelligence Battalion around the Cholon suburb and Tan Son Nhut environs; Two of Montagnard cross bows and darts, plus a spear; beret given by the ARVN Airborne; longbow and arrows given to Mr. Wilson by the Negritos who lived on the reservation at Clark AFB, PI and who acted as guides for the USAF Jungle Survival School for aircrew members bound for Vietnam.; long Montagnard spear

Charlie Hubbs Collection - -Manuscript, Charlie Hubbs, Cowboy Zero One

Charles Mar Pardue, Jr. Collection - -DD214

Carmen K. Steigman Collection - -Material related to Lieutenant Michael Blassie, former Vietnam Unknown Soldier, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, July 10, 1998; Newspaper clippings; 20 Photographs; Funeral Mass for Lieutenant Michael Blassie at Family's Church, Florissant, MO, July 10, 1998; 12

Photographs; Lieutenant Michael Blassie burial, Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, MO July 11, 1998; 23 photographs; and 23 books

Bill Lannom Collection - -Orders, Awards, DD 214, letters, February 1969-January 1970

Jay King Collection - -The collection contains an end-of-tour report written by Major General H.D. Smith and submitted to the Commander in Chief, Pacific on 30 May 1975

Craig Miln Collection - -special orders and other documents related to Mr. Miln's service in Vietnam and 1 CD-ROM of scanned photographs

Nancy Coleman Collection - -Information pertaining to a November 12, 1996 article published in The Sunday Review in Towanda, Pennsylvania. The article appeared in the Sunday Lifestyle section and won a first-place award in the feature story category in the Pennsylvania Newspaper Publishers Association Keystone Press Awards. The article is about Gene Wilber, who flew an F-4 in Vietnam and became a prisoner-of-war in June 1968 after his F-4 was shoot down near Vinh.

Terence Maroste Collection - -Mr. Maroste served with the 10th Weather Squadron, attached to the 1st Air Commando Wing, in Udon Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand from 15 July 1966 to 13 July 1967. The collection contains one CD-ROM that includes a Jumpmaster Certificate and photograph of Terence Maroste.

Dominick Cirincione Collection - -Book, Hal Moore, We Were Soldiers: Once and Young and information about the film.

Mike Thibault Collection - -Letter dated January 2002 regarding Mr. Thibault's return visit to Vietnam

Henry Whitsitt Collection - -1973 Navy messages regarding comments and directives and the handling and processing of prisoners-of-war returning from Vietnam.

Thich Nhat Thien Collection - -Two photographs of the Most Venerable Thich Nhat Thien and General Vo Nguyen Giap, February 2002

General Ly Tong Ba Collection - -Memoirs of General Ly Tong Ba, Twenty-Five Years of Warfare: Memoirs of a South Vietnamese Soldier

Joseph C. Kiebert Collection - -DD214 Form 1 July 1966; Retirement Order 18 June 1968

Travis L. McElroy Collection - -special orders and other documents related to Mr. McElroy's service in Vietnam.

William Szanyi Collection - -DD Form 214; AFMPC Retirement Order 17 March 1975;

Lawrence Mize Collection - -Lawrence Mize, Dead Men Calling, Book of poetry (29 poems)

Senator Allen E. Paul Collection - -Book titled Vietnam Letters, written by Indiana Senator Allen Paul

Lewis M. Stern Collection - -This collection contains 212 photographs of Hanoi, Danang, and Saigon during the 1990s and Saigon in 1975. Some of the photographs are of POW/MIA Technical Talks and meetings between the Presidential Envoy and senior Vietnamese officials from 1989-1993.

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Elis Darnell Collection - Retirement acknowledgement letter from Department of the Air Force 31 October 1974; Certificate and Citation of Award of Distinguished Flying Cross

Samuel Waters Collection - DD Form 214 1 July 1979

John Peacock Collection - Special Order G-1765 Air Medal Award 5 May 1969

Tom Ball Collection - This collection contains documents relating to Tom Ball's military service and 341 photographs of basic training and Vietnam.

Celestino Rosario, Jr. Collection - DD form 214 1 July 1966

Walter L. Jones, Jr. Collection - DD Form 214 1 Nov 1972; clinical progress notes and laboratory reports

Lloyd Hammerstrom Collection - DD form 214 Nov 1968

Roy Buchanan, Sr. Collection - DD form 214 1 July 1966; correspondence from Veterans Administration about Herbicide Orange Spraying operations in Vietnam; Honorable discharge certificate

Eugene Kennedy Collection - DD form 214 1 July 1979

Joe Boyer Collection - DD form 214 1 Nov 1972

Joseph Calhoun Collection - DD form 214 1 July 1979

Joseph Donald Collection - DD form 214

Myron Everton Collection - DD form 214 1 July 70; military resume

Tom Matthews Collection - This collection contains materials related to Mr. Thomas Matthews who served with the United

States Marines Corps in the 1950s and worked with the Central Intelligence Agency in the 1960s and 1970s. He spent approximately 5 years in Vietnam and 2 years in Laos. The collection contains newspaper clippings, 879 photographs of Vietnam and Laos, documents, certificates, medals, and a diary

Frederick Payne Collection - This collection contains documents related to Frederick Payne's military service and 16 photographs from Vietnam

Bill Carpenter Collection - This collection consists of a memoir written by Bill Carpenter in December 2001 and a scanned copy of a 1:50,000 map of his area of operations

William Autrey Collection - DD214

Roy E. Armstrong Collection - Collection contains book, *No Rules: Offbeat Tales of Military Life* by Roy E. Armstrong (Writer's Showcase, 2001)

Herbert W. Neeland II Collection - This collection contains a poem by Herbert Neeland and two photographs (The Ghostman and Herbert Neeland and Jim)

Glen Simonsen Collection (Frank E. Evans Association) - Collection consists of two newspaper articles from the New York Daily News about the collision between the USS Frank E. Evans (DD 754) and the HMAS Melbourne.

Nathan Bezotte Collection (Frank E. Evans Association) - Collection contains information on the collision between the USS Frank E. Evans (DD 754) and the HMAS Melbourne on June 3, 1969. Included in the collection is the original seven page list of survivor names sent by the USS Kearsarge on the morning of June 3, 1969, photocopies of photographs, and memorial service agenda from the USS Kearsarge and at the Long Beach naval Station.

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