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## Wanted: Conference 2003 Paper Proposals

Look ahead to this fall, and keep two dates in mind relating to the 40th anniversary of the late South Vietnamese President Ngo Dinh Diem. Beginning Oct. 24, the Vietnam Center will hold its 10th annual conference at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas. Circle that date on the calendar, and an earlier date as well: Sept. 15. That is the deadline by which the Center seeks to have in hand scholarly studies and other papers focusing on Diem, the repercussions of his assassination and related topics.

Conference 2003, a two-day affair, was scheduled specifically to be held around the 40th anniversary of Diem's overthrow and death, which occurred on Nov. 1, 1963. Diem's assassination was one of two major events that November that altered the history of the times. Three weeks after Diem's death, John F. Kennedy was assassinated in the United States. Though their deaths were unrelated, the

political fortunes of the two leaders had been increasingly linked because of turmoil in South Vietnam, where Communist forces sought to take over the country. Mr. Kennedy, mindful of the stakes involved in Cold War attempts to prevent Communism's spread, viewed South Vietnam as a problem of growing concern, one having the potential to prevent his being re-elected.

Thus the theme of Conference 2003: "The Rise and Fall of Ngo Dinh Diem: Its implications for the United States and for Vietnam."

Two years from now comes yet a third date to bear in mind. In 2005, the Vietnam Center will host its 5th Triennial Vietnam Symposium. This will be a wider-ranging event, one featuring panels and papers covering assorted aspects of not only Vietnam but Laos and Cambodia as well. The date to circleon the calendar: 17-19 March.

We welcome early submissions of one-page paper proposals for this year's conference. Again, the deadline for submissions is 15 Sept. Papers may be forwarded by U.S. mail, email or fax. Mail to James R. Reckner at Texas Tech University, The Vietnam Center, Box 41045, Lubbock, TX 79409-1045. Email

## High School Teachers To Attend VN Center's Summer Workshop

A member of Congress, a Medal of Honor winner, and a noted author of Vietnam era history are among scheduled speakers this summer for the Vietnam Center's second workshop for high school teachers.

Lined up to participate in the event June 26-27 are U.S. Rep. Sam Johnson, who was a prisoner of war in Vietnam; retired Army Col. Roger H.C. Donlon, the first to receive the Medal of Honor for valor in the Vietnam War, and Dr. Larry Berman of the University of California's Washington, D.C., Center, author of *No Peace, No Honor*.

The workshop will be the second of what the Center is endeavoring to make a regular affair. The first workshop was held in 1998.

Other individuals expected to speak at the workshop include Dr. Joe Dunn, Converse College, Spartanburg, S.C. ("First Person Sources for Teaching the Vietnam War"); Dr. Steve Potts, Mankato

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'Medal' recipient Fox (story, p. 3)

# From the Director

In recent weeks all of us have witnessed repeated scenes depicting young service men and women tearfully departing family and loved ones upon being deployed to Southwest Asia in America's preparations to deal with Saddam Hussein. Those emotional scenes remind me very much of similar scenes more than thirty years ago, when many of us responded to the call to serve in Vietnam. I am impressed and immensely proud of the young men and women of America's armed forces of today, and wish them good luck and Godspeed in their current deployments.

The beginning of a new year is a time to take stock. Fourteen years ago, a group of Lubbock-area Vietnam veterans met to discuss what we might do, in a positive way, about our Vietnam experience. We decided in that 1989 meeting to begin collecting materials from local Vietnam veterans so students at Texas Tech University would have some sources of information for their research. From that humble beginning, the Vietnam Archive has grown to proportions none of us at that first meeting ever anticipated. Our microfilm research collection alone, after an investment of nearly \$400,000, is one of—if not the—most extensive in the world. And thanks to the very active support of outgoing Lubbock Congressman Larry Combest and Congressman and former Vietnam POW Sam Johnson, all non-copyrighted materials in the collection are being posted to the Virtual Vietnam Archive website [<http://www.vietnam.ttu.edu>], thus granting global, free access to them by researchers, veterans, students . . . anyone interested in the Vietnam War.

While noting anniversaries, this year marks the 40th anniversary of the overthrow and assassination of Ngo Dinh Diem, an event that further destabilized the government of South Vietnam and proved an important milestone in American involvement there. With this in mind, we have shifted the date of our annual conference for 2003—to 24-25 October—to more closely connect the conference with the anniversary. Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find a call for papers for this conference. As an aside, for those of us who were in Vietnam or offshore at that time, the fortieth anniversary is a reminder that we have become members of the “older generation.” Have you made arrangements for your papers to be preserved in the Vietnam Archive at Texas Tech? Shouldn’t you?

With no annual conference this April, the Vietnam Center, cooperating with the Department of Education of the International Cultural Center at Texas Tech, is offering a summer workshop for high school teachers teaching the Vietnam War. Few high school teachers today have actual experience in Vietnam. It is essential that we provide a regular forum at which teachers seeking to

improve their treatment of the Vietnam War have an opportunity to acquire more information and develop new strategies for dealing with the war in their classrooms. That workshop is scheduled for 26-27 June.

The arrival of the late Peter Braestrup's papers at the Vietnam Archive marks a new level of cooperation between the Vietnam Archive and the Smithsonian Institution, and we particularly wish to thank the Smithsonian for redirecting this collection to us. Mr. Braestrup, who served in Vietnam as a reporter for the New York Times and later as Saigon bureau chief for the Washington Post, also was associated with the Vietnam Center. He was our keynote speaker at our 1997 conference.

As we begin this new year, permit me to thank each of you for supporting the Vietnam project at Texas Tech University. Without your support, encouragement and suggestions, our project could not have succeeded as it has. Without your support in the years ahead, we risk failing to attain our goal of preserving as much as possible of the record of the American experience in Vietnam.

**Jim Reckner**

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**New community college of Kien Giang**

## High School Teachers Workshop (continued)

State University (“Using Documents, Film and Oral History: A Critical Skills Approach to Teaching the History of the Vietnam Conflict”); Dr. Jane Hamilton-Merritt, independent scholar; and Lindi Poling of Millbrook High School in North Carolina (“To Teach a Nation: Implementing the Vietnam Curriculum in America”).

The 1998 workshop attracted 110 teachers from Texas and other states. A similar number is expected to attend this year's workshop, which will be conducted at the International Cultural Center of Texas Tech University.



# Col. Fox: Remembering The Ashau Valley

Marine Col. Wesley L. Fox (retired), a recipient of the Medal of Honor in the Vietnam War, vividly recalls the desperation of Operation Dewey Canyon, which was launched in early 1969 in the Ashau Valley.

"We were way out in a valley far from any Marine Corps support other than what could be provided to us by helicopter — and a good number of those days were non-flying days due to bad weather.

"We ended up doing without water, food and ammo. But what really hurt us was not being able to medevac our casualties. So, for many days in that war, we carried our dead and wounded with us as we continued to fight and do what we had to do.

"It was a tough operation, but it was a good one in that we did what the enemy didn't expect — and we really hurt the enemy. There were 105 North Vietnamese army dead in the battle area, compared to my 11 Marines dead. "I don't say that lightly, because it was 11 Marines. And it's a hell of a price — one that I would prefer not paying."

Col. Fox, then a seasoned, up-from-the-enlisted ranks lieutenant, was wounded twice in that operation and later awarded the Medal of Honor. His recollections came in an interview with the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal shortly before he arrived in Lubbock, Texas, in January to speak to a local Marine reserve unit and to visit the Vietnam Center at Texas Tech University. The reservists had been mobilized for possible duty in the event of war with Iraq.

"I think if you've got a cancer, you need to cut it out—and you need to do it now," Col. Fox said of the current situation. "I'm with our presi-

dent, and I think that we need to get on with it. If we had done something in 1993, the first time the Trade Center was damaged, if we had done the right things then, we wouldn't have lost the 3,000 that we did in 2001."

In the interview, Col. Fox also recalled how the Ashau Valley operation claimed the life of Lt. Lee Roy Herron, a Lubbock man who subsequently was awarded the Navy Cross for his valor.

"In that fight I had lost a platoon leader, and Lee stepped forward to take over for the platoon leader," Fox said. "He led that platoon in the attack to make a difference in my fight at the point that it had stalled.

"That was my reserve platoon, and I committed that. Lee Herron was killed."

The Vietnam Center has established a memorial scholarship fund in Herron's name.

After Vietnam, Col. Fox went on to become deputy commandant of cadets at Virginia Tech. Now retired, he travels frequently across the nation, speaking about Vietnam as well as about valor, commitment and the continued importance of the military in today's different times.

"The young ones in the war ... I guess that's what it takes," he says. "Somebody who is young enough and bullheaded enough to do the impossible."

## U.S. Team Set To Discuss Vietnamese Textile Interests

A trio of American cotton marketing experts is scheduled for a spring visit to Vietnam to conduct seminars in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City on textile-related topics of interest to Vietnamese businessmen and officials.

Traveling to Vietnam for the two-week visit beginning in mid-March will be Dr. M. Dean Ethridge, director of Texas Tech University's International Textile Institute in Lubbock, Texas; Ms. Nishi Whitley, director of international marketing, Texas Department of Agriculture in Austin, Texas; and Gary W. Taylor, past president of the American Cotton Shippers Association, of Memphis, Tennessee. Accompanying the group will be Khanh Le, language specialist and instructor, from Texas Tech's Vietnam Center.

During their visit to Vietnam, members of the team will tour Vietnamese textile mills and make courtesy calls on government officials. Their seminars will cover

such topics as cotton fiber properties, how to buy American cotton, and other items of interest to the Vietnamese.

The trip is a follow-up event to a visit to Texas last November by nine representatives of Vietnam's textile and garment industry. They attended a week of educational sessions about Texas cotton, its uses and products, and latest cotton- and textile-related marketing techniques.

The "U.S. Cotton Fiber Properties and Export School" for the Vietnamese visitors last fall was conducted under auspices of Texas Tech, using a \$100,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's "Emerging Markets Program." Under a recently ratified trade pact, Vietnam has agreed to open its market to industrial and agricultural goods from the United States. Over the next five years Vietnam anticipates investing \$785 million in garment and textile production.



*Building a boat to deliver the goods*

# Archive Expands With Latest Acquisitions

Most recent contributions to the Vietnam Archive of Vietnam-related materials include:

Howard Breedlove Collection (DASPO) (0.50 linear feet). Museum objects, periodicals, photographs, 16mm film, books, printed material, administrative documents and correspondence, all documenting events in the Vietnam war and Breedlove's service as a photographer for the Department of the Army Special Photographic Office (DASPO). Photographs (110) taken by Breedlove while on assignment for DASPO in Vietnam. Most include captions. Museum objects (3) - Light meter Vietnam Stamp pin, depicting Breedlove photograph Commemorative coin, Vietnam Veterans National Medal. Video (6): Growing Under the Colors (3 reels), You've Come a Long Way (1 reel, color print) Peace, Togetherness and Sammy (1 reel) Sammy Davis, Jr. entertaining troops and speaking out against drug abuse. Hit it Hard (1 reel, color).

Dave Harris Collection. Slides (138) - Images of training and care of Vietnam war dogs. Video (30) - 8mm film featuring moving images of the use and training of dogs in the Vietnam War.

Donald Jellema Collection (DASPO) (0.30 linear feet). One box of photographs captured from the Viet Cong document military training and medical activities. One box of photographs created by US Army photographers document damaged aircraft, automobiles, and buildings, US military activity in Saigon. The US photos have captions. Photographs (164) - Viet Cong and US military photos with captions.

Bryan Grigsby Collection (DASPO) (0.30 linear feet). Photographs, audiotape, printed material, and drawings document Bryan Grigsby's service with DASPO in Vietnam. The collection includes the Philadelphia Inquirer Magazine of January 31, 1988, which featured a photo essay, "20 Years of Vietnam" by Grigsby, "DASPO: The Inside View, 1968-1969," cartoons drawn by Grigsby, and an audiotape of a firefight recorded by Grigsby, at the French National Cemetery outside Saigon, May 6, 1968. Audio (1) - Cassette tape of firefight at French National Cemetery outside Saigon, May 6, 1968

Thomas Shambo Collection (0.10 linear feet). Images of Pham Rang, taken in 1967-1968, the woman who cared for Shambo's barracks and Shambo with his dog Ronald A104. Slides (40) - Images of Pham Rang, 1967-1968, Shambo and his dog Ronald.

Gus Sousa Collection (0.20 linear feet). CD-Rom (2) - 38th IPSD AARS; 38th IPSD, Vol. 1, TTU.

Sumanin Phaekun Collection (0.10 linear feet). Undated photographs of Air America activity in Thailand (circa late 60's). Collection also includes ephemera such as Air America Boarding Pass, card with Thai and Vietnamese writing. Photographs (8) - photos of Air America activities, ID photo.

Russell McDonald, Sr. Collection (0.40 linear feet). Deck Log Remark Sheets from 1965-1968 chronicle the activities of the USS Montrose, on patrol in Southeast Asia; and memo about recognition of Achievement for the USS Seminole, March 4, 1969.

Jack Keith Collection (0.60 linear feet). "Chapters in the Life of a Fighter Pilot," unpublished manuscript of memoirs of USAF Colonel

Jack Keith; and a copy of Seventh Air Force In Country Tactical Air Operations Handbook, 1968.

George Jolliff Collection (DASPO) (1.50 linear feet). Audiotape soundtracks of film projects by Jolliff made in Hawaii, 1970. Recorded "letters" home made by Jolliff, 1970-1971. Three carousels of slides: Photos of Bangkok, 1970, what a soldier sees as a tourist; photos of Korea, 1971, including the DASPO compound in Seoul; photos of Vietnam, July-August 1970, daily life, military activity, DASPO Villa in Saigon. Slides (292) - Photos of Bangkok, Korea, and Vietnam. Audio (9) - 4 taped "letters" to and from Jolliff's home. 4 tapes "Off Duty Recreation-Ft. Shafter.

George Jolliff Collection (DASPO) (.20 linear feet). Second Collection. Slides, audiotapes, and an artifact document Jolliff's service in DASPO. Audio recordings include Jolliff describing his work on a film about the National Police, street sounds of Saigon, and a conversation with a 16 year old neighbor in Saigon, all recorded in 1970. Slides document daily life for the Vietnamese in Saigon, Australian and American military, an art museum in Da Nang, daily life in Hue, and a marketplace in Vietnam City. The artifact is a water canteen used by Jolliff in 1970. Slides (120) - Daily life in Saigon, Da Nang, Hue, Vietnam City; Australian and American military personnel. Museum Object (Quantity: 1) - Water canteen used by Jolliff in 1970. Audio (2) - Vietnam, Television & Kim's Voice, 1970; National Police Captions, Vietnam 1970 Hawaii Craft Shop" "U.S. Navy Blue Angels."

Department of the Army Special Photographic Office (DASPO) Collection. Videotape, CD Rom, article, image, and reunion program document the history and veterans' activities of the Department of Army Special Photographic Office, 1966-2002 and undated. CD-Rom (Quantity: 1) - Army Combat Photographer DASPO. Video (Quantity: 1) - Army Combat Photographer Archive 1" Reel 614 Story #1, September 14, 1981 (13:51)

Glenn Helm Collection (0.80 linear feet). Vietnam newspaper clippings, 1966. Vietnam: The Intelligence War, Biographical notes, 2002. Reports on Soviets during Vietnam Conflict, 1967, summary of lessons learned, 1968, summary of medical lessons learned, 1968, problems in the North Vietnamese Regime, communications logistics support, undated, GE electric report on anticipated problems in SE Asia, 1958, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) Operation Crazy Horse, 16 May-5 June 1966, after-action reports. Preliminary inventory of retired records of the 23rd Infantry Division during the Vietnam War, 1967-1971.

Daniel Phillips Collection. Reproductions of documents, articles, newspaper clippings, letters, and certificates document Phillips's military service in Vietnam. Certificates include citations for Purple Heart, the Bronze Star, an Army commendation with "V" device medal, and a certificate of appreciation for service in the armed forces of the U.S., 1970-1982. Letters relate to Phillips's return to the United States, undated. Articles and clippings about military personnel in Vietnam, 1970-1972, undated.

James Willbanks Collection (0.40 linear feet). Copies of papers written by Mr. Willbanks and presented at conferences and other academic gatherings, 1999-2001, and undated. Subjects include the end of the Vietnam War, military forces in Vietnam, the defeat of the South Vietnamese, the Thai army in Vietnam, the battle for Hue, and the 1972 Easter offensive.

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# Collection From Ex-Newsman Braestrup Reaches Archive

The Vietnam Archive has obtained a major new collection with the acquisition of newspaper clippings, correspondence, tape recordings and other materials surrounding the journalism career and scholarly work of the late Peter Braestrup.

Besides letters, clippings and tapes, the collection includes manuscripts, magazine articles, floppy disks, transcripts, lectures, radio-TV reports, and minutes of meetings involving the former Washington correspondent. They offer important reflections and insights into Mr. Braestrup's works, including his renowned examination of news coverage of the 1968 Tet offensive, a two-volume "Big Story" published in 1977.

A former Marine with service in the Korean War, Mr. Braestrup covered the Vietnam War for both the New York Times and the Washington Post. He left daily journalism in 1973 to work at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, and in 1989

moved on to the Library of Congress to serve as the Library's senior editor and director of communications.

Mr. Braestrup died of a heart attack while vacationing in Maine in 1997. That spring he had been keynote speaker of the Vietnam Center's annual conference in Lubbock, Texas. A press release issued by the Library of Congress upon his death saluted his "gruff amiability, quick wit and sharp editorial skills."



**Braestrup at Center's 1997 Conference**

Praise as well as some criticism greeted publication of Mr. Braestrup's "Big Story: How the American Press and Television Reported and Interpreted the Crisis of Tet 1968 in Vietnam and Washington." Peter Arnett, for example, said Mr. Braestrup's generalizations about media misbehavior in covering Tet were not well supported by the details. Others praised "Big Story" as a landmark work. One reviewer called it "the first dispassionate analysis of the role of the U.S. press in the Vietnam War, and the most extensive study ever made of print and electronic news coverage of a major event."

The materials now in the Vietnam Archive also relate to Mr. Braestrup's "Vietnam as History," the court libel case brought against CBS by Gen. William C. Westmoreland, former commander of U.S. forces in Vietnam, and the invasion of Grenada. The collection, involving materials ranging from 1950 to 1988, includes battle lines by correspondents in the field covering D-Day, Korea, Vietnam, and Grenada. The material contains information as well about the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund and Memorial, and Sigma Delta Chi's award to Mr. Braestrup for his research about journalism and how it was used to cover the Vietnam War.

(See a listing of other recent acquisitions by the Vietnam Archive in this issue of *Friends*).

## Archive Expands With Latest Acquisitions (cont'd)

Jackson Bosley Collection (0.60 linear feet). Printed material, articles, newspaper clippings, and a map document daily life for American military and diplomatic personnel in Vietnam and Vietnamese geography and culture. Maps (1) - Map of Saigon and surrounding area, undated.

John Buesseler Collection (7.00 linear feet). This addition to the John Buesseler Collections consists of approximately 6.0 linear feet of military journals and newsletters. Also included in the collection is print material related to women in the military. Periodicals (494) - 116 x Military Review; 4 x Parameter; 1 x International Security; 4 x Internal Medicine; 1 x The Graybeards; 33 x Vietnam Magazine; 9 x Army Aviation; 3 x Modern Warfare; 67 x Air Force Magazine; 72 x Army Magazine; 28 x The Retired Officer; 15 x The American Legion; 34 x World War II Magazine; 118 x Armed Forces Magazine; 21 x The Drop; 1 x The Pharos.

Peter Shay Collection (0.40 linear feet). Transcript of oral history interview conducted by Peter Shay of Captain Clarence J. "Jerry"

Wages, U.S. Navy (ret.), commander of Riverine Operations, Rung Sat, Republic of Vietnam, 1969-1970, for the Naval Historical Foundation Oral History Program, 2002.

Sumner Clayton Collection (0.30 linear feet). Album containing photographs, stamps and a postcard from Clayton's service in Vietnam. Photocopies of documents related to Clayton's service including maps, memos, certificates, and other administrative documents. Photographs (112) taken during Clayton's service in Vietnam, undated.

George Paloheimo Collection (0.50 linear feet). Three ring binder containing medical information on dogs kept by George Paloheimo, vet tech for 34th IPSD. Official medical records on dogs, 1966-1967. Bulk of collection is handwritten notes, inventory of medical supplies, notes on nutrition of dogs, and digestive problems, undated. Handwritten notes on veterinary medications, their uses and doses. Notes on treatment of dogs, 1967. Museum Objects (1) - Three ring binder of George Paloheimo.

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## Archive Expands With Latest Acquisitions (cont'd)

Larry Chilcoat Collection (0.20 linear feet). Two photographs, one printed and one mounted, a newspaper clipping, and a copy of H.R. No. 522, passed by the Texas House of Representatives on March 14, 2001, document Chilcoat's service as a dog handler and his efforts to secure a formal resolution honoring the service of War Dogs in Vietnam. Photographs (2) of Chilcoat with Geisha A871 outside of War Dog cemetery, and of Chilcoat with Representative Geanie Morrison of Victoria, upon the passage of resolution honoring Vietnam War Dogs.

Friends of the Lubbock Library (0.20 linear feet). Map of Vietnam and surrounding area printed in the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal*, January 7, 1968.

Dan Storz Collection (0.10 linear feet). Photographs (2) of 1st Echo Company reunion, August 2001.

Glenn Helm Collection (0.60 linear feet). Vietnam-related newspaper clippings, 1970-1971.

Gary Foster Collection (0.20 linear feet). Reproductions of photographs of the Air Defense Museum in Hanoi and a reproduction of a photo of the Navy F4B, BuNo 153001 of VF114 flown by Southwick/Rollins.

Juanita Garrison Collection (0.50 linear feet). Slides (627) taken during the Vietnam War, photographer unknown.

David Wilkinson Collection (0.40 linear feet). Vietnamese newspapers, pamphlets, and a booklet, all in Vietnamese.

Paul Roberts Collection (0.10 linear feet). Photograph of Soui Da Tay Ninh, 23 February 1965. Photographs: Quantity: 1 Description: Soui Da Tay Ninh, 23 February 1965.

Glenn Helm Collection (0.40 linear feet). Declassified documents from the Department of the Army, Special Operational Reports (Lessons Learned), March 1968-July 1970.

Pt Wilson Collection (0.20 linear feet). POW bracelet for Colonel Godon Larson, May 5, 1967. Museum Objects (1): POW bracelet.

B Troop, 2/17th Cavalry Association Collection (0.10 linear feet). Artifacts include commemorative watch and U.S. flag ribbon pin.

Museum Objects (2): Watch commemorating the Banshee reunion and 20th anniversary of the Vietnam Memorial American flag ribbon pin.

James Hudspeth Collection (0.20 linear feet). After action report, BLT 2/3 "Double Eagle", 324-66, BLT 2/3 USS Valley Forge (LPH-8), January 1966, declassified and printed from Internet.

Robert Lafoon Collection (0.60 linear feet). Album of photographs, documents, and ephemera created during Lafoon's service in DASPO, The Garrison newsletter featuring a photo by Lafoon, and Images of a Lengthy War, a book in which many DASPO photos were used. Photographs (281): DASPO photographs taken in Vietnam, 1 negative.

Phil Price Collection. Mini CD recording of "Vietnam Trade" broadcast 12 November 2002, on KOHM 89.1, Lubbock, Texas. CD-Rom (1): "Vietnam Trade" KOHM, 89.1

John S. Janks Collection (0.50 linear feet). Photographs, letters, documents, ephemera, printed material, and artifacts document John Janks's service in the US Navy, 1969-1973. Artifacts include USS Fox patches, sailor hat, and honorable discharge pin. Documents include administrative papers, identification papers, and letters, including a letter from Adlai Stevenson. Photographs document leaves with girlfriends, family gatherings, and military installations. There is also a photograph of Janks as a high school sophomore ROTC cadet and long description of his high school ROTC program. Photographs (8) of military and family. Slides (27) of Hong Kong, Taiwan, Philippines, San Diego, 1971-1972. Museum Objects (4): Two USS Fox patches, white sailor's hat, honorable discharge pin.

Anonymous Donor (0.10 linear feet). Posters (1): Laminated cartoon depicting Moses reading tablets, "Attention of Orders" printed at bottom.

James Bussey Collection (0.30 linear feet). Laminated newspaper clipping, DD-214, printed material, administrative documents, and artifacts from Bussey's service in the army in Vietnam. Museum Objects (10): Army boots, pants, socks, underwear, handkerchief, towel, belt, t-shirt, shirt, clothes hanger. Periodicals (4): Tour 365, Winter 1969 The Hurricane, September 1969 The KYSU, Spring 1970 The KYSU, Fall 1969.

James Woodworth Collection (0.40 linear feet). Photographs and captions document Woodworth's service in the 195th AHC, in 1968. Photographs (119) taken by Woodworth while he was in the 195th AHC.

Richard and Valerie Kyle Collection (0.10 linear feet). One copy of Nurse Week periodical, August 19, 2002. Periodicals: (1) Nurse Week, August 19, 2002.

Hap Lutz Collection (0.40 linear feet). Essay titled "Genesis of the McCoskie/Threshold Foundation; photocopy of article by Hap Lutz, "Operation Jungle Jim," which appeared in the Journal of Special Operations Medicine, Volume 2, Edition 1, Winter 2002; "One More Time" by Hap Lutz, compiled after action reports from trip through Thailand and Laos. Museum Objects (1): Blood Chit (Escape Flag) from the Korean War, published in 1951. Newsletters (1): Air Commando Association Quarterly Newsletter, September 2002.

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# Educators from U.S. visit Vietnamese Community College

The recently established Kien Giang Community College in the Mekong Delta was the focus of a visit to Vietnam by a delegation from Texas Tech University, New York's Mohawk Valley Community College and Kentucky's Community and Technical College System.

The U.S. community college team will be providing curriculum as well as faculty and administrator training to help KGCC to develop. Highlights of the itinerary in November and December included visits to education facilities, tours of factories and briefings by company representatives about their worker training needs.

The delegation provided a two-day seminar on American community colleges at Can Tho University and a one-day seminar on the accreditation system at Vietnam National University in Ho Chi Minh City.

The participants over the course of the three-week schedule of activities included:

Dr. Sandra Engel, head of the Humanities Department at Mohawk Valley Community College.

Dr. Anthony Newberry, president of Jefferson Community College.

Dr. Analy Scorsone, director of Global Studies and International Partnerships, Kentucky Community and Technical College System.

Dr. Diane Oliver, deputy director of The Vietnam Center at Texas Tech.

Mr. Khanh Le, Vietnam Center language specialist.

Also with the delegation was Ms. Effie Laman, doctoral student in Tech's College of Education. She was conducting research on education for the deaf in Vietnam, and, more specifically, reviewing the need for a Vietnamese sign dictionary.

## Archive Expands With Latest Acquisitions (cont'd)

John Brennan Collection (0.20 linear feet). Newsletters (7): Vietnam Echoes, April 1990, June 1990, October 1990, June 1991, November 1991, January 1993, March 1995.

Craig Hancock Collection (0.50 linear feet). Reproductions and original administrative documents relating to Hancock's military service, including a DD-214, orders, certificates, documentation of medals given, and individual flight records. Also included is Field Manual No. 90-1, Employment of Army Aviation Units in a High Threat Environment. Slides (136): "Tour of Vietnam."

Bryan Grigsby Collection. Photographs, DASPO administrative documents, artifacts, printed material document Grigsby's service in Vietnam. Material was arranged by donor to cover three subjects: Grigsby's first combat operation with the 25th Infantry Division, Operation Tran Hung Doa II, in February 1968; May or Post-Tet Offensive of 1968 including propaganda materials collected by Grigsby at the time; text of DASPO power point presentation written by Grigsby and his wife, Susan Van Dongen. Also included are personal recollections of Tran Hung Doa and May Offensive by Grigsby. Photographs: Quantity: 27 Description: Operation Tran Hung Doa II, 29 February, 1968; May Offensive, 1968

Glenn Helm Collection (0.60 linear feet). Action Report for Lam Son 487 and 720; Washington DC newspaper clippings from 1969 on Vietnam; US Coast Guard in SE Asia during the Vietnam War.

Vernon J. Anderson Collection (0.10 linear feet). Eleven photos of sentry dog training classes from 1966-December 1968. Classes included Army, Navy, Marine, and Air Force dog handlers. 8 photos of USAF basic training flight photos, undated, from Vietnam era. Original flight roster of Anderson's basic training flight. 28 photos of USAF basic training flight photos-Vietnam era veterans. Photographs (47) of sentry dog training classes and basic training flights.

Richard Verrone Collection (0.20 linear feet). "Out of the War" by Kelly Starling-Lyons; newspaper clipping from the News Observer, undated.

Jackie Wright Collection (2.00 linear feet). Artifacts and slides collected and created by Mr. Wright during his military service in Vietnam, 1967-1968. Personal letters written during 1967-68 tour; personal letters from 1971-1972 tour. Photographs (9): graphic negative strips, page from album containing 5 photographs. Slides (157): November 1967-September 1968. Maps (1): 1967-68, area in southern Vietnam. Museum Objects (24): Asian female dolls (2x), 1 baton Ladie's painted, beaded, high-heeled shoes, red and black (2x) small oil lamp vase containing chopsticks plaque miniature screen black rubber sandals carved wooden elephant figures (2x) wooden dagger/stake flag-red and blue with yellow star purple flag with red border flag-Soviet Union tortoise shell folding fan personal fan made of feathers personal fan made of palm leaves small wooden figures, women painted on front (2x) small, blue wooden object decorative painted Vietnamese plate (2x) framed certificate (in Vietnamese) given to Mr. Wright.

David C. Martin Collection (0.30 linear feet). Facsimile of Christmas program, 1970; Knights of the Roundtable Lancers, 2003 Directory; periodicals, newsletter, book and artifacts. Books (1): One More Mission by Oliver North and David Roth. Museum Objects (4): Button "VVA Celebrates Vietnam Women Veterans Memorial;" B

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*When they are not studying . . .*



## Archive Expands With Latest Acquisitions (cont'd)

Troop bumper sticker lighter with map of Vietnam engraving Watch, Airborne Newsletters (1): Knights of the Roundtable Lancers, Oct/Nov/Dec 2002. Periodicals: Quantity: 4 Description: DAV Nov/Dec 2002 Veteran, Sep/Oct 2002 (2x); Nov 2002 (2x).

Douglas Pike Collection (Personal Papers). Thesis by Dr. Pike, "The Use of Humor in International Propaganda," 1959; Institute of East Asian Studies, UC Berkeley, Annual Report 1987-1988; Manuscripts by Dr. Pike, Collected readings edited by Dr. Pike, including Indochina Bibliography and History of the Vietnam War Reader.

Envelopes commemorating Year of the Rooster (1993) and Year of the Dog (1994). Newspaper clippings, Chinese, Vietnamese, American newspapers. Photographs (2): Large, poster size photo of Saigon from the air; photograph of refugees in 1954 Exodus North to South. Slides (701): Assorted. Posters (4): Government and Communist Party Structure of Vietnam (3x), Hue. Museum Objects (27) round, flat basket, framed illustration and quote by Pike. Cone-shaped basket Quiver (arrow holder) Painting of scholar on silk 1999 Vietnamese Calendar Stamps (11x) Yellow flag, 3 red stripes Framed illustration of soldier lighting cigarette The Vietnam Veterans Trivia Game The Vietnam Caper (damaged) Hue game (2x) Defiance: Battle of Xuan Loc game: Operation Pegasus Task Force game #8: The Fall of South Vietnam: A game of Combat in South Vietnam: 1973-1975; Year of the Rat: Communist 1972 Spring Offensive in Vietnam game. Audio (1): Vietnam Reconsidered: Lessons from a War (Lectures recorded at USC, 12 tapes). Periodicals (10): Vietnam magazine, April, June, July 1991, June 1992 Vietnam 1975 (5x) Time Out 1996. Microforms: Quantity: 1 Description: Laos Microfiche Supplement, 1993

Jim Keck Collection (0.10). Two videotapes: Tibetan Boots-August 2002 (bad video and sound quality) Air America Interview, Seattle June 2002.

Phil Price Collection (0.10 linear feet). Videotape, Flight Line: The Army Helicopter Pilots of Vietnam. Video: Flight Line: The Army Helicopter Pilots of Vietnam.

Lynn Wesley Holmes Collection (0.20 linear feet). Administrative and personnel documents related to Holmes' military service, 1966-1970.

Jackson Bosley Collection (0.20 linear feet). Periodicals (5): The Hurricane (A publication of II field force in Vietnam), Oct, Nov, Dec, 1969; Feb, Mar 1970.

U.S.S. Frank E. Evans Association Collection (0.20 linear feet). Items in the collection were received by Ron Frankum during his visit to the National Archives of Australia. Includes two copies of a memo and transcript from the June 10, 1969 BBC program "Twenty Four Hours." The material concerns the collision between the HMAS Melbourne and the USS Frank E. Evans on June 3, 1969. The television transcript also discusses additional accidents at sea involving Australia from 1958-1969.

Krzystof Kubiak Collection (0.40 linear feet). Books (2): Rozwoj Morskiej Sztuki Wojennej (Rys Historyczny) Wojna Falklandzka 1982.

Ernie Sylvester Collection (0.10 linear feet). CD Rom containing digital copy of transcribed copy of diary written by Ernie Sylvester during his two tours of duty as a Dust Off (medical evacuation) helicopter pilot in Vietnam, 1964-1965 and 1970-1971. Sylvester's first tour of duty was from March 9, 1964 to February 25, 1965. He served with the 57th Medical Detachment (Helicopter Ambulance). Sylvester's second tour of duty from July 4, 1970 to June 28, 1971 was with the 54th Medical Detachment (Air Ambulance). One highlight of the diary is Sylvester's participation in Operation Lam Son 719 in the spring 1971. Along with a day-to-day account of Sylvester's Activities in Vietnam, the diary contains an After Action Report, Lessons Learned, and additional statistics from Lam Son 719.

James Reckner Collection Books. (1): Vietnam, 1964-1973: An American Dilemma (Special Bibliography Series, United States Air Force Academy Library, published October 1990).

Herbert Koenig Collection. Photocopies of US Army administrative documents, August 1971-May 1972, related to the military service of Herbert P. Koenig.

Bob Kanzinger Collection (0.20 linear feet). Photographic slides document the 9th Med Lab area, Saigon, Vung Tau, China Beach and other locations, 1970-1971. Slides (136) from the 9th Med Lab area, Saigon, Vung Tau, China Beach, and other locations, 1970-1971.

Mike Teutsch Collection (0.30 linear feet). Photographs (53) of the USS Manitowoc (LST-1180) in Long Beach, San Diego, Philippines, Mexico and Honolulu (Pearl Harbor). Commissioning Ceremony program for the USS Manitowoc, January 1970.

Lyle Warner Collection. Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam Road Map, approximately 30x40," on oilcloth. Maps: Quantity: 1 Description: Oil cloth road map of Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam, approx. 30x40."

Nguyen Ngoc Linh Collection (6.00 linear feet). 1990-2002 issues of Ngay Nay newspaper, a Vietnamese language newspaper from Houston, TX; Subscriber and advertiser information in English and Vietnamese, undated; business cards and other contact information, in Vietnamese and English.

Dominick Cirincione Collection. Books and photocopies of newspaper articles document the use of helicopters in the Vietnam War. Books (2): Bonnie-Sue: A Marine Corps Helicopter Squadron in Vietnam Primer of the Helicopter War.

Paul Roberts Collection (0.80 linear feet). After Action Reports (photocopies); an essay on the Vietnamese Special Forces; a map, and two staff journals (A-124); final report and transcripts of hearings before the Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs of the US Senate, 1993; four copies of list of unaccounted for US personnel by the Office of Senator Bob Smith, Vice-Chairman, Senate Select Committee on POW/MIA affairs, December 1, 1992; printed copy of An Examination of US Policy Toward POW/MIA, 1991. Maps (1): Ap Phuoc Hoa. Periodicals (5): Green Beret Magazine, 1966-1970.

Air America Association Collection (0.20 linear feet). Three issues of the Air America Log newsletter, 1998-2001, document the activities of the Air America Association.

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Johnny Hutcherson Collection (0.20 linear feet). "Two-One! You're on Fire!" written by Johnny Hutcherson. A short story.

Anonymous Collection (0.10 linear feet). Collection of North Vietnamese books and periodicals. Books (26): Vietnam: A Sketch People's War, People's Army by General Vo Nguyen Giap The Vietnamese Revolution: Fundamental Problems Essential Tasks (Hanoi 1973) Nixon's True Colours The Inventor of Twig-Triggered Mines: A Narrative by Vien Phuong (South Vietnam, 1970) Indochina, 1971-1972 U.S. Neo-Colonialism in South Vietnam Chemical Warfare In the Shadow of the American Embassy (2x) Glimpses of U.S. Neo-Colonialism (pt. 1) North Vietnamese Medicine: Facing the Trial of War (Hanoi, 1967) Vietnamese Women Traditional Vietnam: Some Historical Stages (2x) 25 Years of Health Work The Crimes Perpetrated by the Saigon Administration Against Detainees, Patriotic and Peace-Loving People and Against People Living in Areas Under its Control in South Vietnam L'Accord de Paris sur le Vietnam (Hanoi, 1973) The truth on the U.S. Policy of "Vietnamisation" of the War The Mountain Trail Stories (Hanoi, 1970) Prison Diary by Ho Chi Minh (Hanoi, 1972) In Thieu's Prisons (Testimony) (Hanoi) 1973 Glimpses of Vietnamese Classical Literature (Hanoi 1972) History of the August Revolution (Hanoi 1972) Tu Hoc Sao President Ho Chi Minh's Testament, Appeal and Last Tribute of the Central Committee of the Viet Nam Workers' Party (Hanoi 1969). Periodicals (4): Femmes Du Viet Nam/Women of Viet Nam (1972-1973).

Ronald Reiter Collection (0.10 linear feet). Photographs (8) document Reiter's service in Vietnam, 1970-1971.

Peter Braestrup (39.00 linear feet). (See story, p. 5).

Robert Horn Collection (0.10 linear feet). Videotape by Robert Horn using recently declassified sources documents Operation Swordfish, circa 1962, the first and only live firing of an ASROC armed nuclear depth charge and its detonation. The tape contains film shot from the USS Anderson, one of the ships allowed near the detonation. Includes aerial photos that show the flight, entry, explosion, mushroom plume, and base surge of the detonation.

Vietnam Center (3.40 linear feet). Newsletters (26): Brown Water Messenger, Winter 2002 (2x); Conference Brief, undated; Curbstone Ink, Fall 2002; Duty First, Summer 2002; Foreign Policy Research Institute Calendar, Spring-Summer 2002 (2x); Foreign Policy Research Institute Calendar, Winter-Spring 2002; Foreign Policy Research Institute Footnotes, December 2001; Foreign Policy Research Institute Footnotes, May 2002; Foreign Policy Research Institute Wire, April 2002 (2x); Heart of Illinois POW/MIA Association, May-June 2002; Incoming: 101st Airborne Division Vietnam Veterans, December 2001, November 2002, December 2002, February 2003; Independent Scholars of Asia, Inc. December 2001; Interchange, Fall 2002; Jumping Mustang Bugle, December 2002; National Conference of Viet Nam Veteran Ministers, Daybreak Newsletter, December 1, 2002 (2x); National Endowment for Democracy, Fall 2001; Overseas Vietnamese Collectors Newsletter, January-March 2003; Revetments, January 2003; SDSC Newsletter, June-December 2002; Swords and Ploughshares, Fall 2002; The Cyclone: West Texas Historical Association, August 15, 2001; The Log, January 2003; University of California, Irvine Libraries, Southeast Asian Archive Newsletter, Fall Quarter 2002; US Institute of Peace Special Report, November

14, 2001; Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 115, November 14, 2002; Vietnam Veterans of America, Dec. 12, 2002; Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc, December 2002; Vietnam Veterans of America, January 2003; Wolfgram, Winter 2002; World Partnership Ministries, Inc., Fall 2002. Periodicals (21): Australian National University Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies Quarterly Bulletin, September 2002, March 2002 (2x); Breakthroughs, Spring 2002; Duty First, Spring 2001; Eastern Economic Review, December 2002; EDA Eglises d'Asie, November, December 2002 (4x); Morza, 2002; Pacific Affairs, Fall 2002; Perspectives, December 2002; Proceedings, December 2002, January 2003; Quarterly Bulletin, December 2002; Rolling Thunder Magazine (May 2001, 2x; May 2002, 2x); Small Wars & Insurgencies, Summer 2001, Summer 2002; VFW, December 2002; Vietnam a jour, Dansk Vietnamesisk Forening 2002; Vietnam, December 2002; VietNow, Fall 2002. Books (3): MIT Security Studies Conference Series, Future of the Trident Force, May 2002; Crimes of the Vietnamese Communist Party; Military Style Guidelines-Vietnam Era pamphlet. Museum Objects (2): Lapel pin depicting Vietnamese flag and Olympic rings given by VN delegation, Denver, Colorado, 1995; Commemorative plaque, First Cavalry Division, donated to archive by men who served from the state of New Mexico. Photographs from Dr. Reckner's visit to Vietnam and southeast Asia. Periodicals, newsletters, Vietnam Archive user registry, 1996. Computer disks and hard copies of three papers given at the Vietnam Symposium, 2001; programs from the symposium.



Pilot and his plane



People's Army of Vietnam Museum



# War Interviews: More and More Come Online

The Oral History Project of the Vietnam Archive has conducted interviews with nearly 300 persons who participated in the wars in Southeast Asia. Oral Historian Steve Maxner calls attention to the fact that transcripts may be read or streaming audio may be heard online for many of these interviews. Indulge your interest in them at [www.vietnam.ttu.edu/oralhistory](http://www.vietnam.ttu.edu/oralhistory)

The Vietnam Archive Oral History Project also is partnering with the US Marine Corps History and Museums Division to transcribe its more than 3,000 Vietnam-related interviews. These will then be available online in transcript and in streaming audio format through the Virtual Vietnam Archive.

The Oral History Project is continuing its community outreach project by providing another Oral History Workshop to a group of more than 50 Colorado City, Texas, middle school students. Colorado City has received a grant to interview veterans in that community. The Vietnam Archive's Oral Project, TexasTech University's sponsor of this effort, will be providing several hours of instruction on the conduct of oral history interviews.

Recent additions to the Vietnam Archive's Oral History Project Website include interviews with:

**Ambassador Nguyen Xuan Phong (RVN)** - Originally from the village of Bac Tri in southern Vietnam, Phong served in a variety of posts in the government of the Republic of Vietnam. Born in 1936, Phong was educated at the Lycee Chasseloup Laubat in Saigon, the Lycee Michelet in Paris, the University of London, and Oxford University. Upon graduation from Oxford in 1960, he returned to Saigon to work for Esso, an affiliate of Standard Oil New Jersey, as an executive in charge of industrial relations. He joined the South Vietnamese government in 1965, at age 29, as Minister of Labor (1965-66). He subsequently served as Minister (Chief of Staff) at the Prime Minister's Office (1966), as Minister of Welfare (1966-68), and as the first Chieu Hoi Minister (1967-68). In 1968, he was named Deputy Leader of the RVN's delegation to the Paris Peace Talks. He later became Minister-of-State in Charge of Negotiations in Paris and Head of the RVN at the Conference between the two South Vietnamese Parties at Celle Saint Cloud. Phong returned to Saigon in April of 1975. After the fall of the RVN to the North Vietnamese, he was sent for "re-education" in May 1975. He spent nearly

five years in prison outside of Hanoi in Camp A15 before being released in January 1980. Afterwards, he worked in Ho Chi Minh City as a private businessman. Ambassador Phong is now Senior Research Associate at the Vietnam Center at Texas Tech.

**Vang Bee** - served in the Royal Laos Air Force as a T-28 pilot.

**Michael Morris** served with the United States Army in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968. He served as an infantryman, squad leader, and platoon sergeant with the 25th Infantry Division, 4th Infantry Division, and Task Force Oregon.

**Al DeMailo** served with the United States Army in Vietnam from April 1967 to April 1968 as a Huey gunship pilot with the 1st Cavalry Division. He returned to Vietnam in January 1970 where he again served with 1st Cavalry Division as a Cobra Gunship pilot. He participated in the Tet Offensive, Cambodian Incursion, and Lam Son 719 ( the 1971 incursion into Laos).

**Timothy C. Lockley**, originally from Jackson, Mississippi, served in the U.S. Air Force from 1966 until 1973. He first went to Southeast Asia TDY in December 1966 where he was based out of Tan Son Nhut AB as a member of the maintenance team with the 773rd Tactical Airlift Squadron (TAS) until April 1967. He was among the first crews to participate in the dropping of "Daisy Cutter" ordnance. Tim went back to Southeast Asia TDY from 1968 to 1969 to Mactan and Clark AFB, The Philippines, as a member of the 763rd TAS ("The Green Weasels"). He was based out of Saigon and Cam Ranh Bay during this deployment while flying in South Vietnam. Tim was eventually promoted to Maintenance Supervisor and Crew Chief. In 1971, he was sent to Ching Chuan Kan AFB, Taiwan ("Peppergrinder") and flew missions in South Vietnam and Laos. In 1972, he spent time at Udorn RTAFB with the 7th Airborne Command and Control Squadron. Overall, Tim served 27 months of his seven-year enlistment in Southeast Asia.

**Ben Van Etten** served with the United States Army in Vietnam from 1965 to 1966. After returning to the US and working at Fort Wolters as a helicopter instructor pilot, he went to work for Air America in 1968. He served in Thailand and Laos from 1968 until 1972, flying the H-34.



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