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Virtual Archive Eyes Additional Funding, Development

With the backing of Reps. Randy Neugebauer and Sam Johnson, the Vietnam Center is due to get a \$479,050 grant for continued growth of the Virtual Vietnam Archive. Congressman Neugebauer announced the proposed additional funding last year during a visit to Texas Tech.

This marks the fourth consecutive year that the Vietnam Center has received a significant federal grant for development of the Virtual Vietnam Archive.

The Virtual Vietnam Archive, an on-line research resource that offers free, global access to the Vietnam Archive's uncopyrighted holdings, contains 665,700 pages, including 159,000 records of documents, letters, photographs

and various materials of importance to historians, scholars, veterans and others interested in the Vietnam War. New materials are added daily.

The Vietnam Center and the Vietnam Archive was launched in 1989. It has since become the largest collection of Vietnam documents and historical materials outside the federal government's own holdings.

"Continued federal funding of this important project will ensure those interested in America's involvement in Vietnam will have easy access to relevant documents relating to the war," said Dr. James R. Reckner, Director of the Vietnam Center.

In 2003: U.S. Ship Call in Saigon...And More

By James R. Reckner

The past year has been a noteworthy one, with the first visit to the United States of a Vietnamese Minister of Defense, General Pham Van Tra, who met with senior Administration officials in Washington in November. Shortly thereafter, the first U.S. Navy ship to call in Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City) since the end of the war yielded a series of remarkable images of young Americans, many of whose parents had served in the war, visiting sites long familiar to Vietnam veterans.

Among other things, the ship's liberty party took a tour



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Gen. Pham Van Tra piped aboard U.S.S. Bataan)



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of the Cu Chi Tunnels, now a standard tourist destination; however, during the war, the tunnel system was a vital support system for Communist insurgents in the area just north of Saigon. The Cu Chi Tunnels are in an area with which I once was intimately familiar; in 1971-72, I served on the upper Saigon River, based at Phu Cuong. As we begin 2004, it is useful to note this is the 50th anniversary year of the Battle of Dien Bien Phu, the critical battle of the French-Viet Minh struggle. A group of Texas Tech doctoral students studying the war will visit Dien Bien Phu in June.

We also have one local milestone to note.

Fifteen years ago this May, a group of Vietnam veterans from the community and from Texas Tech faculty, met to decide what we might do, in a positive way, about our Vietnam experience. The Vietnam project was born that day. And thanks to the continuing support of local Vietnam veterans, other veterans and academics from around the country, and generous support from the State of Texas and the federal government, the project has grown and prospered.

We have much to be thankful for, yet there is so much more to be done. The business of preserving the records and memories of those who served in Vietnam remains the core function of the Vietnam Archive at Texas Tech.

This is a time-sensitive mission. We urgently need the assistance of all of our friends to locate and preserve individuals' records, so that we might make them available to researchers.

The Vietnam Center continues to provide a forum for scholars and veterans, anti-war protestors and former enemies, to meet and discuss issues that, even after thirty years, remain remarkably emotional.

For those of us who served, it is encouraging to see the development of a new generation of academics interested in the war. These new scholars, we hope, will not be swayed by the emotional arguments of the right or the left in their examination of the complex issues relating to America's Vietnam involvement. For this reason, the Vietnam Center particularly encourages graduate students to participate in our conferences and symposia.

The existence of the Vietnam Archive at Texas Tech, and particularly the Virtual Archive, assures us that future generations will have available the resources needed to achieve a balanced and nuanced understanding of the events in which so many of us took part.

The 5th Triennial Vietnam Symposium is scheduled for 17-19 March 2005 and will be held at the Holiday Inn Park Plaza, the hotel where the first three triennial symposia were held. The Center has already begun

preliminary planning and has issued a number of invitations for key speakers.

Three key Vietnam-related anniversaries occur in 2005: the 40th anniversary of the first major commitment of US ground forces to Vietnam; the 30th anniversary of the end of the war; and the 10th anniversary of the normalization of relations between the United States and Vietnam. Our symposia are open for papers examining any aspect of the US involvement. We encourage anyone interested in presenting a paper to submit a one-page proposal to the Vietnam Center. These anniversaries, however, suggest topics that participants might wish to explore.

On behalf of the staff of the Vietnam Center and Archive, I thank you for your support and encouragement in 2003 and look forward to working with you throughout 2004.

Cambodian Student: 'Thanks'

For three years, Texas Tech has helped Cambodian and Vietnamese students continue their education in those countries at the university level. This aid is made possible by private donations to provide scholarships to Cambodian and Vietnamese students. One such student wrote James R. Reckner, director of the Vietnam Center, expressing gratitude for such help. The letter said in part:

"I thank you a lot for giving me the scholarship. As you know, all the students that were chosen by the study office (of the Royal University of Phnom Penh) include me...I come from the countryside, from the low-living-standard families. We face a lot of problems.

"Living in the city is very expensive. We need to spend a lot of money on studying, food, books, house, clothes ...The scholarship supports me to spend on that, so that I can continue studying at the university. If I don't get the scholarship, I will have problems. Or I may quit my studying because my family does not have enough ability to support me to live in the city. So, in my life, I will not forget what you are doing to help me...At the end, I wish you good luck, good health and success in all you do.

Sincerely yours,
Khat Sarorn

(Your donations to the Cambodian and Vietnamese scholarship funds really can make a real difference in a young Cambodian or Vietnamese student's life! If you would like to help, contact me directly by email at james.reckner@ttu.edu.)



New Email System for Our Friends

Whenever something exciting or interesting happens in the Vietnam Project, we like to share it with our Friends. Usually we must wait until publication of a forthcoming newsletter, but sometimes the information is time-sensitive or the next newsletter is just too far into the future. To facilitate more rapid dissemination of news and information about our activities, we have created a Vietnam Project Email Information System. This is a one-way email List Service that will allow us to occasionally send you email notices about happenings in the Vietnam Project. This will be a supplement to the quarterly "Friends of the Vietnam Center" newsletter.

We realize that most people get entirely too much junk mail and so some of you might hesitate to sign up. We promise not to add too much clutter to your Inbox. You will create a personalized login with a password and will be able to change your email address or remove yourself from the

email service. As with all personal contact information, we will keep your email address confidential and *not* release it to other parties. Signing up for these email notices will not expose you to messages from other subscribers. We alone will be able to send messages to you. Your email address will not be disclosed, and recipients will not be able to distribute messages through the "Reply" functions of their email programs.

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Vandergrift arriving in Ho Chi Minh City



Americans aboard view the docking

MIA Accounting Team's Work at Vietnam Center Draws Praise

The Joint Task Force-Full Accounting team based at Camp Smith, Hawaii, spent a week in September retrieving information from the Vietnam Archive about those still listed missing in action from the war. Team leader Capt. Ryan Wolfgram (USA) said the archive was a good tool in helping obtain the fullest possible accounting of those still lost. The *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal* took note of the Vietnam Archive's role in the work of the task force in an editorial published Oct. 10, 2003. Said the newspaper:

"The Vietnam Center is obviously a great asset to the university, but it is also a fine asset to our entire nation. It provides scholars, researchers, writers and others who have interests in various facets of the lengthy and complex conflict with the opportunity to glean valuable information about it.

"Even the American government benefits from information contained in the center's archives, as evidenced by a recent visit here from a team from the federal Joint Task Force-Full Accounting.

"The four-person team began its Tech research by examining Central Intelligence Agency Records. They studied battle orders and records in an attempt to track the whereabouts of servicemen who later became missing ...

"We are proud that Texas Tech is the home of such a significant research center, and we hope that the information that was obtained there will help the joint task force team bring closure to families."



Latest Acquisitions for the Vietnam Archive

Each passing week brings a steady flow of Vietnam-related materials from donors. These are among the most recent acquisitions of the Vietnam Archive.

Central Files:

Reconstructing Iraq: Insights, Challenges, and Missions for Military Forces in a Post-Conflict Scenario
ACDIS Occasional Paper: Economic and Political Prospects of Nuclear Pakistan, March 2003

Books: 2

Rural Capitalists in Asia
Classic Civilisations of South East Asia

Newsletters: 12

The Khe Sanh Veterans' Red Clay, Fall 2002
The Log, June 2003
Bridges, Special Edition, 2003 (3x)
Heart of Illinois POW/MIA Association, May-June 2003
Jumping Mustang Bugle, June 2002
Society BB-62 Newsletter, April 2003
Refugee Reports, Sept/Oct 2002; Mar/Apr 2002
Foreign Policy Research Institute Wire, February 2003
Ethics and Public Policy Center Newsletter, Fall 2002
Revetments, June 2003
Counterparts, Spring 2003
Incoming, April 2003

Periodicals: 13

Pacific Affairs, Summer 2002
Vietnam, April 2003
Miller Center Report, Winter 2003
Journal of Asian American Studies, June 2002
Phnom Penh Post, May 9-22, 2003
Phnom Penh Post, November 22-December 5, 2002
Phnom Penh Post, April 11-24, 2003
Vietnam Investment Review, May 5-11, 2003
Vietnam Investment Review, May 12-18, 2003
Vietnam Investment Review, May 19-25, 2003
Human Rights: A Freedom Forum, June 2003
Vietnam, June 2003
Fah Thai, March-April 2003
Far Eastern Economic Review, May 1, 2003

Microforms: 6

CDEC microfilm

Kathy Upchurch Collection. Two photos of Lt. James Upchurch, 1968-1969, photocopy of article in Leatherneck magazine, January 1999, about the death of Lt. Upchurch in Vietnam, and Mrs. Upchurch's trip to that country

Air America Association Collection. Computer printed photographs (3) document Air America service of John

Kirkley, 1966, 1969. Five issues of Air America Log newsletter, 2002-03

Florida Vietnam Veterans. 13th Annual Reunion program

Chris Cruise Collection. Three CDs of collected audio and music compiled by Chris Cruise (copyrighted)

Samuel Crawford Collection. Two books by Mr. Crawford. Brownwater: Getting There is Half the Fun and Brownwater II: The Adventure Begins. Books are comical adventures about becoming a member of and serving with the Brown Water Navy stationed in the Mekong Delta assigned to the Mobile Riverine Task Force

Glenn Helm Collection. Tactical Nuclear Weapons in Southeast Asia, a report from the Institute for Defense Analyses, March 1967

SEATO (South-East Asia Treaty Organization) Reports, 1966-1967, 1968-1969, by Lieutenant General Jesus M. Vargas, Secretary-General. 101 Airborne Vietnam 1969 yearbook.

Hoi Bach Dang Collection. Collection of LUOT SONG, a Vietnamese magazine written by naval officers and enlisted men of the Republic of Vietnam (30 periodicals)

C. W. Standiford Collection. Book: Bury Me With Soldiers: One Grunt's Honest Story about Vietnam

John Gates Collection. Videotape: Bui Diem at West Point, introduced by Professor Gates, then visiting professor, May 1996

Periodicals: 2

Proceedings, June 2003
Far Eastern Economic Review, June 5, 2003

Brian Johnson Collection. DVD documentary Flying Men Flying Machines, undated, copy

Terry Bruner Collection. Air America Club yearbook, 1984

John Anthony Collection. Journal containing photographs of Air America accidents, including locations and types of aircrafts, dated 1965-1971. Loose personal photographs of Air America base, undated. (total 124 photographs)

Richard Burns Collection. Thailand Combat and Pocket Qualification Badges (photocopy)

Map: Joint Operations Graphic (Air)

Posters, 2: Above and Beyond: Medal of Honor Recipients of the Special Forces Vietnam Remembered



Archive's Acquisitions (continued)

Museum Object:
Blood Chit, June 1967

Periodicals: 28.
Behind the Lines

Tom Sullivan Collection. Artifacts, flight crew checklists, handwritten notes, pilots' logs, operations and technical manuals, and aircraft and piloting study guides document Tom Sullivan's career as an Air America pilot in the late 1960s and early 1970s. Artifacts include a radio operator's kit bag of black leather, safety glasses, ear plugs in a case, a plastic navigator plotter, epaulets, a hand-held microphone with cord, and aircraft planning guide, an aerial delivery logistics computer, and a load adjuster and leather case. Handwritten notes include names, addresses, phone numbers and other personal information. Operations and technical manuals, study guides and flight crew checklists provide information for the following aircrafts: T-29 ABC&D, C-118A, VC-118A, C-54, C-47, DC-3, C-47B&D, C-118, DC-6, EC-54, HC-54, Navy C-54 (R50), C-131A. The study-guides, checklists include information on basic aircraft operations and flight procedures, emergency procedures, emergency locator transmitter procedures, interpreting weather reports, flight plans, weight and balance, radio and communications, weapons systems, and daily system maintenance

Jack Drain Collection. 142 page manuscript written by Drain (with Colonel Thomas M. Moe) for his children which includes information about his military career. Photograph: Drain, Korea, 1953, F-84

General Ly Tong Ba Collection. "25 Years of Vietnam War," book written (in Vietnamese) by Ly Tong Ba about his experiences as a brigadier general. Photocopy of article "Tra lai hao quang cho quan luc VNCH qua nhung trang chien su Cao Nguen" by Ly Tong Ba, undated. Photocopy of article "Xuyen tac, ac y do mac cam chien tranh Viet Nam" by Ly Tong Ba, undated

U.S.S. Frank E. Evans Association Collection. Physical and digital copies of USS Frank E. Evans Testimonies of June 3, 2003. "Testimony submitted for S 296 'Fairness to all Fallen Vietnam Service Members Act of 2003' to US Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee." CD-Rom. Four copies, USS Frank E. Evans Association, Inc. DD754, eleventh annual reunion photo album, 5-7 September, 2002 Renaissance Airport Hotel, St. Louis, MO

J. C. Campbell Collection. Photocopy of Testimony Submitted for S296 "Fairness to all Fallen Vietnam Service Members Act of 2003 to U. S. Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee," June 2003. Photocopies

of documents related to announcement of 2004 reunion

Cato Christensen Collection. Letters from Christensen to J. C. Campbell regarding his membership in the USS Frank E. Evans Association and his service aboard the ship. The letters are dated 1999-2001

Jerome Fien Collection. Photographs, correspondence, photocopies of documents, and a commissioning program document the history of the U. S. S. Frank E. Evans and Jerome Fien's service on her in World War II and his participation in the U. S. S. Frank E. Evans Association. The collection includes photocopies of documents from the ship regarding its activities and geographic locations (ship's log?), March-Nov., 1945; correspondence with other Frank E. Evans Association members; photographs of the U. S. S. Frank E. Evans, circa World War II. Photographs: 16, of Fien and others on the U. S. S. Frank E. Evans, circa WWII. Photocopy of article, "Fien recognized by national group" from the West Orange Chronicle.

Michael Cook Collection. Books; video; newsletters; periodicals; publications from the Departments of State, Defense, Army, and Air Force; Congressional reports; correspondence; newspaper articles; calendar; and various documents pertaining to the Vietnam War. Many of the videotapes in the collection are not necessarily about the Vietnam War, but have some reference to the war or the military

Newsletters:

Vietnam Generation Newsletter, Vol. 1, No.1, September 1988

Vietnam Generation Newsletter, Vo. 1, No.2, February 1989

Vietnam Generation Newsletter, Vol. 1, No. 3, June 1989

Vietnam Generation Newsletter, Vol. 2, No. 1, November 1990

Vietnam Generation Newsletter, Vol. 3, No. 1, February 1991

Vietnam Generation Newsletter, Vol. 3, No. 2, June 1991

Vietnam Generation Newsletter, Vol. 3, No. 3, November 1991

Vietnam Generation Newsletter, Vol. 3, No. 4, December-January 1991-1992

Periodicals:

Vietnam Mission, Vol. 1/13, March 1990

Back to Battle Vietnam, February 1986

Vietnam Generation, undated

Vietnam Generation, Vol. 1, No. 1, Winter 1989

Vietnam Generation, Vol. 1, No. 2, Spring 1989

Vietnam Generation, Vol. 1, Nos. 3-4, Summer-Fall 1989

Vietnam Generation, Vol. 2, No. 1, 1990 (Two copies)



More Acquisitions for Archive's Collection

Periodicals:

Vietnam Generation, Vol. 1, Nos. 3-4, Summer-Fall 1989
 Vietnam Generation, Vol. 2, No. 1, 1990 (Two copies)
 Vietnam Generation, Vol. 2, No. 2, 1990 (Two copies)
 Vietnam Generation Vol. 2, No. 3, 1990
 Vietnam Generation, Vol. 3, No. 1, 1991
 Vietnam Generation, Vol. 3, No. 2, 1991
 Vietnam Generation Vol. 4, Nos. 1-2, Spring 1992
 Vietnam Generation, Vol. 4, Nos. 3-4, Summer-Fall 1992
 Vietnam Generation, Vol. 6, Nos. 1-2, 1994
 Vietnam Generation, Vol. 6, Nos. 3-4
 Vietnam Generation, Vol. 7, Nos. 1-2
 Military Review, January 1989
 American Heritage, May-June 1988
 Time, April 24, 1995

John Jenkins Collection. Laminated commissioning program for USS Frank E. Evans, 1945; letter from John Jenkins to Tom Charlie Nobles, 2002, about his service aboard the Evans; chronology of WWII action (photocopy); communique reporting end of WWII, 1945; photograph of USS Frank E. Evans docked at Whang-Poo River, Shanghai, China, November 1945; photocopy of Christmas dinner menu, USS Frank E. Evans, December 1945; photocopy of first anniversary menu, 1946

Al Martin Collection. Two reels of 16 mm film: F-86, P47

David Taylor Collection. Newspaper clipping on David Taylor's Memorial Day address; program Americal Division Veterans Association Annual Reunion, 2001; Vietnam Network newsletter, photocopied articles by David Taylor, "Long-Shot Warriors: Americal Snipers in Vietnam," "The Quiet Hero: Platoon Sergeant Finnis D. McCleery," "Serving God In All Places: The Americal Chaplain-Vietnam," "One Day in the Life . . . of the Americal Division," "A New Season of Life' . Americal Vet Elected to Congress"

Newsletter:

Americal Newsletter, July-September 2002

Neal Creighton Collection. Reproductions of documents: Photo of Creighton in 1968 as CO of the 3/11th ACR; list of US KIA and wounded in the July 21, 1967 ambush on Highway 20; Valorous Unit Citation won by 11th ACR during Tet 1968; Presidential Unit Citation for 3/11th ACR actions March 12-April 1, 1968; SEC ARMY Certificate for 3/11th ACR Presidential Unit Citation; Copy of original 11th ACR submission recommending the 3rd Squadron for the Presidential Unit Citation; report on return trip to Vietnam in March 1998 to area where 3/11 ACR was in March 1968

Idris Traylor Collection. Flag of Vietnam National Univer-

sity-Hanoi, College of Social Sciences and Humanities

Tony Coalson. Three issues of Air America Log, 1971, 1973; cancelled check from 1971

Nevin Williams Collection. Books: 52.

David DeChant Collection. Photographs; slides; artifacts; newsletters; periodicals; newspaper and magazine articles; press releases; correspondence; Maryland Vietnam Veterans Memorial documents; packet from Vietnam Veterans' International Reunion in Australia, October 12-15, 1988; information on the National Salute to Vietnam Veterans Candlelight Vigil, November 10-12, 1982 at the National Cathedral, packet from the Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program; packet on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Design Competition; documents from the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund; and various documents concerning Vietnam Veterans after the war; book, Vietnam Veterans Memorial: Directory of Names. 509 and 115 strips negatives. Slides 467

Posters: 3.

Design Competition for the New York Vietnam Veterans Memorial Vietnam Veterans Memorial Design Competition Constitution Gardens

Museum Objects:

Pen used in signing House Joint Resolution 31, now Resolution 22 of General Assembly of Maryland, 1983
 Mounted Certificate of Appreciation from the Maryland Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc. to David DeChant
 Mounted Certificate of Appreciation from the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund to David DeChant
 Sign for Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program
 Plaque presented to David Dechant from the State of Maryland, November 18, 1985
 Commemorative POW and MIA Stamps

Audio: 11

Purrells Night Club
 Vietnam Vets
 Soldiers of the Clouds by Richard Gill
 Vietnam Vets: Reaching Out (Panel)
 Maryland Vietnam Veterans Memorial Dedication - Sunday, May 28, 1989, Parts 1-2, Parts 3-4
 Vietnam
 A Rose, a Letter, a Poem by Pat Garvey
 "Why Do I Love Her" and "Americans"
 Taped Letter Home from David DeChant
 Welcome Home: Dedicated to Those Who Served

Virginia Vietnam Veteran, January 1989



Graduate Students Set for Trip to Vietnam

This June seven doctoral candidates with interest in the Vietnam War will participate in a two-week study tour that will take them to principal battle sites and other historical points throughout Vietnam. During the trip, the students will have opportunities to meet Vietnamese leadership, academics, and students.

The tour group, accompanied by Vietnam Center Director and associate history professor Jim Reckner and the Vietnam Center's Mr. Khanh Le, will arrive in Hanoi toward the middle of June. From Hanoi they will fly to Dien Bien Phu to spend a day studying factors that influenced that pivotal battle in the 1st Indochina War.

Returning to Hanoi, the group will tour the People's Army Museum, the Air Force Museum, Ho Chi Minh Museum, Ho Chi Minh Trail Museum, the Museum of History and other important historical and cultural sites in the Hanoi area. They also will meet US Ambassador Raymond Burghardt, should his schedule permit.

Moving on to Hue, the group tour the old imperial city, tombs of Nguyen emperors, and other sites around Hue. From Hue they will go to Khe Sanh, the DMZ, the Vinh Moc tunnels and the A Shau Valley.

Leaving Hue, the group will drive to Danang to visit the historical city of Hoi An, and the Cham ruins at My Son. From Danang they will fly to Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon), and will visit the Cu Chi Tunnels and adjacent areas. The group will then drive into the Mekong Delta, visiting the Ap Bac battle site, near My Tho. They will continue into the delta, where, among other things, they will tour Nui Sam, the holy mountain.

After a night in Chau Doc, the group will travel by boat along the Vinh Te Canal—Rach Giang Thanh from Chau Doc to Ha Tien, viewing an area very familiar to Dr. Reckner from his service there in 1969. Along the way, they will stop at the "Bone Pagoda" in Ba Chuc, which commemorates the 1978 Cambodian invasion of Vietnam.

In Rach Gia, the group will visit Kien Giang Community College, with which the Vietnam Center and a group of community colleges has worked in recent years. From Rach Gia: a drive to Can Tho, via Long Xuyen, touring Can Tho University before returning to Ho Chi Minh City. There, the group will visit the former Independence Palace, the Museum of the Revolution, the War Remnants Museum and the History Museum.

The program promises to be unusually busy, the days beginning as early as 0500 and concluding with group discussions after dinner to share impressions about the things seen along the way. The students will maintain

logs of their trip, and each is to produce a research paper that will reflect their particular research interest. Doctoral students making the trip, and their planned dissertation topics, include: Jonathan Bernstein (topic uncertain, but probably will deal with some aspect of tactical aviation in the war); Jennifer Board (the POW experience); Mr. Son Mai, a Vietnamese-American (the Vietnamese diaspora); Mike McNair (the pacification program); Curtis Peoples (the Rural Affairs section of USAID, as well as research into Vietnamese traditional music); Robert Tidwell (the loss of the USS *Frank E. Evans* in waters off Vietnam, after a collision with the Australian aircraft carrier HMAS *Melbourne*); and Jeff Wilhelm, who has come to us from Eastern Carolina University (interested in the impact of strategic geography upon the conduct of war—doubtless, the trip to Dien Bien Phu will be instructive for him).

The Vietnam Center has been able to provide each of the students with some financial support through the sharing out of the interest earned from the Lee Roy Herron Memorial Scholarship endowment, a total of about \$3,500, and donations from two great supporters of the Vietnam Center which total another \$3,500. However, as the estimated cost for each student is about \$2,500 for the airline tickets, hotels and meals for the trip, and as students are always notoriously short of funds, they are busily pursuing all possible avenues to secure additional financial support.

This will, I believe, be a memorable trip for each of the participating students. As all those who served in Vietnam will well know, you can study the Vietnam War for the rest of your life, but until you have actually visited the country, met the people, experienced the oppressive heat and humidity, you really will not know all about the Vietnam War.

For all those who contributed toward the Lee Roy Herron Memorial Scholarship endowment, I would like to thank you on behalf of our lucky students. While the initial intent had been to use the scholarship to pay all the expenses of a single student each year, we have chosen this year to share it amongst all seven students. In this manner, all the students will receive the initial financial support necessary and will be encouraged to raise the remainder of the money themselves.

As a result, I suspect, the students participating will more greatly value the trip. And the Lee Roy Herron Memorial Scholarship will have assisted far more students toward their academic goal. As for the other donors who have chosen to help our students, please accept my personal expression of gratitude.

Jim Reckner



Among Latest Additions of Archive

Walter Wylie Collection (cont.)

DOD/POW-MIA 'Dog Tag' Reports Memo, January 1995; Defense POW/MIA Weekly Update-Summary of SEA Trip, March 24, 1995; brochure for Vietnam Business Mission to the United States from August 15-29, 1995; brochure for Ho Chi Minh City; Vietnam Briefing Book, November 1994; 6th Annual Bridge of Peace Awards, March 4, 1995; Hand-book on California Education for Language Minority Parents (Vietnamese/English Edition), 1986; "New goal in Vietnam is Money, Not MIAs" article, 1994; "Hanoi's new envoy-Vietnam liason to US solicits investment, SF Examiner article, 1994; "US Vietnam Trade Council," undated.

Books, 12:

Land of the Ascending Dragon: Rediscovering Vietnam
Vietnam Then and Now
Taking Refuge in LA: Life in a Vietnamese Buddhist Temple
Voices from the Wall
Why Vietnam Still Matters: The War and The Wall
The Pentagon Papers (Abridged Edition)
The 1994 US-Vietnam Business Guide
Importing from Vietnam
Lemnitzer: A Soldier for His Time
Soldiers, Spies, and the Rat Line: America's Undeclared War Against the Soviets
Lao Tzu Te Tao Ching
Southeast Asia Travel Guide

Museum Objects, 17: Survival cards, Vietnam flag, straw hat, bamboo quiver arrows (11), 2 short swords with scabbards

Newsletters, 146: Indochina Digest, Insider, Interchange, Indochina Interchange, DOD POW/MIA Weekly Report, Vietnam Insight, Vietnam Bulletin

Periodicals, 2

Vietnam Journal, VASC Quarterly

The Vietnam Archive. Shipment of books, 80, from The Book Bin-Pacific, 228 S.W. Third Street, Corvallis, OR, 97333-4630

John Hlavacek Collection. 56 reels of 16 mm film, 1965-1968, taken in Saigon, Cu Chi, Phu Cat, Da Nang, An Khe, Chu Lai, Dong Ha and elsewhere. Collection contains lists of some contents of the films

The Vietnam Archive. Books, 43

William McCall Collection. Approximately 2700 feet of Super 8 Film. 604th Air Commando Squadron at Bien Hoa

Air Base, July 1967-May 1968

Eleanor Lyle Collection. Plaques, model airplanes, officer's formal wear, an Air Force jumpsuit, a foot locker, typewriter, and an autobiographical sketch of William H. (Bill) Lyle

Museum Objects, 17:

T-33 Lockheed model airplane
Modified B-25 Mitchell model airplane
F-4 Phantom model airplane
F-100 Super Sabre model airplane
F-86 Sabre model airplane
F-101 Voodoo model airplane
Unidentified model airplane
Plaque presented to Rivet Top by the 388 TAC FTR Wing, Korat RTAFB Thailand, October 1967
Plaque for Det. 2 TAWC, 5th Practice Reunion, Red River Valley Association
Plaque Presented to Rivet Top by the 355 TAC FTR Wing, Takli RTAFB
Thailand, November 1967
Plaque - USAF, TAWC Det. 2, Sea Operations, 1967-1968
Officer's formal wear accessories (epaulets, bow tie, cuff-links, and cummerbund)
Footlocker
Typewriter
Air Force Jumpsuit
Air Force Formal Dress Jacket
Air Force Formal Dress Jacket and Pants

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Newsletter:

Revetments, July 2003

Periodicals, 12:

The Economist, March 1-7, June 21-27, June 28-July 4, July 5-11, 2003
Far Eastern Economic Review, May 15, May 22, June 12, June 19, June 26, July 3, 2003
Phnom Penh Post, June 6-9, June 20-July 3, 2003

Harold Higginbottom Collection. Diary of D.D. 754 U. S. S. Frank E. Evans by Higginbottom ("Higgy"), April 1945-January 1946

Michael O'Brien Collection. Letters written in 2001, by O'Brien to JC and Sylvia Campbell in which he describes his experiences while serving on board the U. S. S. Frank E. Evans in the 1940s.

Lawrence McAuliffe Collection. Uncorrected proof and advance copy of Purple Sun, a novel about the Vietnam War.

Archive's Additions (continued)

Lawrence McAuliffe Collection. Uncorrected proof and advance copy of *Purple Sun*, a novel about the Vietnam War.

The Vietnam Archive:
Books, 6

Garnett Bell Collection. POW/MIA research material; National Vietnam Research Center Office Files; photocopies and hand-written notes; correspondence; CICV documents; VC/NVA glossaries; Indochina Monographs; POW-MIA fact books; Defense Intelligence Agency documents; Foreign Broadcast Information Service documents; and miscellaneous documents. Non-manuscript material within the collection includes books, photographs, maps, periodicals, newsletters, and videotapes.

Books, 114

Photographs. 221 photographs and 7 strips of negatives

Maps, 448: Of Southeast Asia

Moving Images, 3:
Unlabeled videotapes

Vu Dinh Hieu Collection. "About 'R'", report on supreme command of political and military of the National Liberation Front of South Vietnam (NLF), three CDs, RVN Armed Forces, pictures and books.

Moving Images, 3:
RVN Pics/Doc; Ranger/SF
VCD Disc 1, RVN/Armed Forces - Slide show of images
VCD Disc 2 RVN/Armed Forces

Richard and Carol Verrone Collection. Articles from the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal: "Giving of Himself" and "Program Teaches Senior Citizens, Offers Readers Circle," Feb. 4, 2003

Dudley Foster Collection. Three lists relating to casualties (deaths and personnel that are still classified as missing) sustained by Civil Air Transport, Air America, Air Asia and Southern Air Transport.

John Rowan Collection. Dealing with issue of homeless veterans, particularly Vietnam veterans in the New York-New Jersey area in the 1980s and 1990s. Contains correspondence, news clippings, audio cassettes, and official and photocopied documents from various organizations and New York City and State offices including: The Vietnam Veterans of America, Queens Chapter #32

and the New York State Council of the Vietnam Veterans of America; Joint Veterans Council on Homeless Vets; New York City Coalition for Fairness to Veterans; Mayor's Office of Veterans Affairs and the City of New York's Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs; the City of New York Human Resources Administration; the New York State Temporary Commission on Vietnam Veterans; the Veterans Udgrade Center of New York; the New York State Council of Veterans Organizations; and the New York State Department of Labor. Poster: Equal Employment Opportunity Is the Law. Audio, 14: Cassettes on the New York State Council of Veterans Organizations' hearings on the progress of the Temporary State Commission on Vietnam Veterans. Periodical: City Journal, Winter 1994

Wall That Heals Memorabilia Collection. 4 pins representing the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund

Donlons Aid Endowment

Medal of Honor recipient Roger Donlon and his wife Norma have added \$1,000 to the endowment honoring Gen. William C. Westmoreland and Mrs. Westmoreland.

Donlon, a retired Army colonel, was the first to receive the Medal of Honor for extraordinary heroism in the Vietnam War. Gen. Westmoreland was the commander of U.S. Army forces in Vietnam from 1964 to 1968. He later served as U.S. Army Chief of Staff from 1968 until retiring in 1972.

The Donlon contribution augments an endowment that the colonel established to help medical students at Can Tho University in the Mekong Delta.

James R. Reckner, director of the Vietnam Center, said the annual interest from the Endowment, which now exceeds \$12,000, will be distributed as \$100 scholarships for the students; a \$100 scholarship is sufficient to pay for a full year of tuition at the university.

Reckner pointed out that bringing a Vietnamese student to Texas Tech costs about \$20,000 for a single year—"With that money, we could help educate many more young people in Vietnam."

Donlon, a member of the Vietnam Center's National Advisory Council, has raised nearly \$12,000 to help with scholarships and to aid in other aspects of the center's activities. His most recent contribution was given to the Center in remembrance of Douglas Pike, who was associate director of the Vietnam Center until his death in 2002.

TLCB: Many Served Outside Vietnam

The Thailand, Laos, Cambodia Brotherhood (TLCB) is a charitable, non-profit organization dedicated to the men and women who served in Thailand, Laos, and Cambodia during the Vietnam War. Founded in 1999, the TLCB now comprises nearly 500 members. It occupies a unique position among veterans' groups, attracting people from all of the military branches as well as civilian personnel from many government agencies and dependents of people who served. Members join typically because of TLCB's fraternal nature and the association with men and women who understand them and share similar experiences from Southeast Asia.

The TLCB supports numerous organization-based activities and maintains three internet servers to help members to share views and information. A quarterly newsletter provides articles based mostly on the experiences of members during their in the war.

The TLCB takes most pride in its assistance program in impoverished regions of Thailand and Laos. TLCB representatives in Udorn and Nakhon Phanom, Thailand, and Vientiane, Laos, are given funds to purchase supplies and other materials needed in rural schools, medical programs, and programs to assist handicapped persons. TLCB expanded its program into Laos when it provided 70 tons of rice to a flooded village.

The TLCB has spent more than \$70,000 in donated funds to support these programs. Monthly expenditures now exceed \$2000, split between Udorn and NKP, where nearly 30 schools receive desks, fans, floor mats, sports equipment, computers, books, and other materials. The TLCB has also helped a group of volunteer physicians, Omnimed, visit Thailand and Laos to perform screenings for hypertension, diabetes, and visual problems; provide glasses and contact lenses; educate local health care providers; and more. Omnimed physicians will make a second visit this year. The TLCB also seeks to expand programs into remote areas of Laos and into Cambodia.

In order to honor those who did not return from their service in Thailand, Laos, and Cambodia, the TLCB will erect a monument in Northeast Thailand, believed to be the only one of its kind in Southeast Asia. After informal discussions several years ago, the TLCB was formally invited by the governor of NKP Province to place a Thai-American monument in the most prominent part of a new park in the frontier city of that name. This is a particularly apt location since the American airbase at NKP supported many types of missions in Southeast Asia to include search and rescue, monitoring the infamous electronic fence across the Ho Chi Minh Trail, and coordination or control over most of the bombing

operations over the Ho Chi Minh Trail and North Vietnam. The TLCB has committed to design and fund this monument and major fund-raising efforts are currently underway.

The TLCB is also very proud of the service and sacrifice of its members and is active in preserving the history of our collective and individual experiences in Southeast Asia. For students and historians, TLCB has the potential of providing an especially promising source for information that has been kept officially classified for many years. In addition, many veterans who served in Thailand, Laos, and Cambodia have long thought they played a minimal role in the war, an attitude that influenced many TLC-based veterans to keep quiet regarding their wartime service.

This has been unfortunate since from the Plain of Jars, down the Ho Chi Minh Trail, and into the ancient Kingdom of Cambodia, the US military services, the US Coast Guard, the CIA (and their own air force, Air America), as well as forces from Thailand, Laos, Australia, and others, all participated in a complex war, battling both over the territory on which they fought while contributing to the larger war in Vietnam. Indeed, Khammouane Province of Laos is considered the most-bombed area on Earth. But compared to their counterparts who served in Vietnam, the men and women who served and sacrificed in Thailand, Laos, and Cambodia received less credit and recognition while risking just as much and their story has scarcely been told. One of the goals of the TLCB is to rectify this lack of recognition.

To assist with this mission, the TLCB has designated the Vietnam Archive at Texas Tech as the official archive for the TLCB. The official records of the TLCB will be housed there and we urge all members to establish their personal collections at the Vietnam Archive. In addition, we urge all members to participate in the Oral History Project so that their personal recollections are also preserved and available to current and future generations. It is our hope that through working with the Vietnam Archive at Texas Tech our organization and personal member collections will be preserved and made available to students, scholars, and the interested public so that people will better understand the significance of the service of the men and women who served in Thailand, Laos, and Cambodia.

The TLCB is open to anyone regardless of military service. To learn more about the TLCB, visit its Website at www.tlc-brotherhood.org or contact TLCB President Bill Tilton at BillTilton@Cox.net.



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Diem's Rise and Fall Eyed at Conference 2003

Leading figures on both sides of the Vietnam War joined historians, scholars and others at Vietnam Conference 2003 in examining implications of rise and fall of Ngo Dinh Diem, who served as first president of South Vietnam.

Among guests at the opening-day luncheon was Rep. Randy Neugebauer. He expressed his support for the Vietnam Center and the activities it sponsors such as the annual conference on issues related to the Southeast Asian conflict of the 1960s and '70s.

Among key speakers at the conference October 24-25 was Gen. Nguyen Khanh, former Prime Minister and Head of State of Vietnam. Gen. Khanh discussed Communist operations that were undertaken after Diem was assassinated by dissident South Vietnamese officers in 1963. Joining him at the head table was Bui Tin, a

former colonel in the People's Army of Vietnam who after the war's end in 1975 became disillusioned with the Communist rule in Saigon and fled to France where he now lives in exile.

Moderator at the session featuring Gen. Khanh was Nguyen Xuan Phong, former chief negotiator for South Vietnam at the Paris peace talks of the early 1970s. Ambassador Phong is now senior research associate at the Vietnam Center.

Don Oberdorfer, former Vietnam War correspondent for the Washington Post, discussed his new book about the life and career of the late U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield. It was Mansfield who provided important U.S. political support for Diem to become South Vietnam's leader in the 1950s. Oberdorfer described Mansfield as Diem's "surprising savior" of that era.



Conference 2003: From left, Gen. Nguyen Khanh, Nguyen Xuan Phong, Dr. Laura Calkins and Bui Tin



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"Mansfield" author Don Oberdorfer (above) at Conference 2003. Below: Conference banquet audience

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--Socialist Republic of Vietnam's Deputy Prime Minister Vu Khoan, speaking at the State Capitol in Austin, TX, on Dec. 10, 2003. Looking on: Texas Secretary of State Geoffrey Connor.



