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March Symposium: War Anniversaries

The Vietnam Center's 5th Triennial Symposium is almost upon us—March 17-19 are the dates—but a more imminent deadline is at hand for those wanting to propose papers to be presented at the event. That deadline is Jan. 15.

Another critical time point, too, is the date by which reservations should be made at the hotel in Lubbock where sessions will be held. That deadline: Feb. 15.

Those planning to attend the panel discussions and other Symposium activities are advised to make reservations now for lodging at the Holiday Inn Park Plaza in Lubbock. The Vietnam Center has arranged for a bloc of rooms to be set aside for Symposium attendees. After Feb. 15, reservations can be made only if rooms happen to be available. Telephone: (806) 797-3241. Fax: (806) 791-3781. When calling, tell the hotel you are attending the Vietnam Symposium.

The Symposium will focus on a range of aspects of America's involvement in conflicts in and around Vietnam during the 1960s and 1970s. The year 2005 happens to bring three major anniversaries related to the war: the 40th anniversary of the first major commitment of U.S. 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.

A number of individuals already have proposed papers for the Symposium (see *listing on p.2*). Others interested in making presentations should submit a

one-page proposal formatted to resemble an abstract, with title, thesis/purpose, and main points, in no more than 500 words. It would be helpful if presenters send an email specifying any audiovisual requirements.

Proposals should include the author's name, title/affiliation and contact information. The proposals may be sent by email to Vietnam.center@ttu.edu; by fax to (806) 742-8664; or by mail to The Vietnam Center, Texas Tech University, Box 41045, Lubbock, TX, 79409-1045.

'Abrams Tapes' Now in Print

Vietnam Chronicles--The Abrams Tapes, newly published by Texas Tech University Press, is based on 455 tape recordings of briefings and meetings of Gen. Creighton W. Abrams with his staff and top U.S. officials during his four years' service as commander in Vietnam. The 912-page volume represents the completion of a transcribing and editing project begun 10 years ago by researcher and writer Lewis Sorley. *The Abrams Tapes*, part of TTU Press' Modern Southeast Asia Series, reflects how the concept of the war and the way it was conducted changed during Abrams' command. The book (\$50) may be ordered from Texas Tech University Press by phone at 1-800-832-4042 or by email, TTUP@ttu.edu.

Also new in print from TTU Press: Robert J. Wilensky's *Military Medicine to Win Hearts and Minds* (\$29.95). Wilensky, who was a battalion medical officer in Vietnam, recounts how medical aid to Vietnamese civilians, at first based simply on good will, eventually became U.S. policy in the war.

Symposium Papers, Presenters

DASPO History (Powerpoint) and Combat Cameraman (Video)—Ted Acheson, USA Special Photographic Office (DASPO) 1962-1974

The War Cradle—Shirley Barnes, Operation Babylift

Provincial and Regional Pacification in Vietnam—Thomas J. Barnes

How An Art Form (Photography) Enabled a Vietnamese Medical Program—Dr. Carl E. Bartecchi, M.D., Department of Medicine, University of Colorado School of Medicine

Why Victory Eluded the ARVN and US Advisors Prior to Arrival of US Combat Units—Col. Robert Bayless

A Decade of Reconciliation: Vietnam-U.S. Relations Today and Tomorrow—Dr. Larry Berman, Director of the University of California-Washington Center

The Official History of Australian Involvement in the Vietnam War: Part Played by the Royal Australian Air Force—Dr. Chris Clark, RAAF Historian, Australian Defense Academy

Vietnam: A Culture Overlooked—Sarah E. Franklin, English Department, University of Illinois

To Move A Nation: The USOM and the Refugee Crisis of 1954-55—Dr. Ronald Frankum, Department of History, Millersville University

What's Going On? Marvin Gaye and the Social Consciousness of American Society in the 1970s—Stephen Gennaro, Humanities Department, York University, Canada

Panel on Vietnam and Iraq: Déjà vu All Over Again, or Not?—Dr. Marc J. Gilbert, Department of History, North Georgia College & State University

Franco-Vietnamese War—Dr. Christopher E. Goscha, Ecole Normale Supérieure de Lettres et Sciences Humaines, France

Teaching the Vietnam War Through Film: With Particular Emphasis on the Ia Drang Valley—Brian

Gurian, Department of History, Harrisburg Area Community College

Command Military Touring Shows Vietnam, 1966-1973: Litmus Test for Morale—Dr. Rick Holen, Department of Theatre, Vincennes University

Railroads in Indo-China: Symbol of Western Mercantile Intrusion; Object of Vietnamese Anti-Colonial Revolt—Walter Jones, Special Collections, University of Utah

A Web-Based Online Database for CIA Declassified Documents on the Vietnam War—Vinh-The Lam, University of Saskatchewan, Canada

Learning and Reconciliation Study Tours Through Vietnam and Vietnam Vets—Dr. Steven A. Leibo, Department of History and Politics, The Sages Colleges, International Affairs commentator, WAMC: Northeast Public Radio

On the Politburo of CPV—Abraham Leong, Department of Public Policy and Administration, National Chi Nan University

Laos as a Sideshow of the Vietnam War: 1962-1973—Prof. Patit Paban Mishra, Department of History, Sambalpur University, India

"Dear Diary: Fought a War Today...": Exploring the War through the Battlefield Diaries of American and Vietcong Soldiers—Dr. Todd J. Pfannestiel, History Department, Clarion University, Pennsylvania

Viet Keius After 30 Years; Re-education and Its Aftermath: A Son's Observation; What Should We Tell the Next Generation?—Quang X. Pham

An Analytical Review of the Strategy Debate Between the US Marine Corps and US Army Regarding the Conduct of the Ground War in Vietnam—David Strachan-Morris, University of Wolverhampton, UK

"What's In It For You, GI?" The Surprising Relationship Between GI and Civilian Anti-Vietnam War Activists—Heather Marie Stur, Department of History, University of Wisconsin

Hero Mama—Karen Spears Zacharias



Registering for the Symposium

FIFTH TRIENNIAL VIETNAM SYMPOSIUM MARCH 17-19, 2005

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Members of the Fulbright-Hays group at Can Tho University during a curriculum development mission to Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia this past summer. (All photos here courtesy of Dr. Miriam Mulsow of Texas Tech University's Department of Human Development.)



Lower Left:

Tech professor James Watkins learns about a *durian*, a fruit, from a young man in Dak Lak province.



Above:

Dr. Mulsow shows how VC could quickly descend into a leaf-covered entrance to the Cuu Chi tunnels.