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## Mouza Zumwalt, 1922-2005

Mouza Coutelais-du-Roché was born in 1922 in Harbin, Manchuria, the only daughter of a Russian mother and French Nobleman. Her parents were White Russians who had escaped from Russia in the aftermath of the communist revolution there. However, her family would not completely escape the yoke of totalitarianism as, at the age of ten, she experienced the brutal rule of the Japanese who had invaded Manchuria in 1932. Her ordeal would leave her with a very personal appreciation for the freedoms democracy brings and the costs involved in preserving them.

During World War II, with her mother dying of cancer, Mouza was allowed by the Japanese to take her to the hospital in Shanghai for treatment, but would not allow her father to join her. When her mother died in Shanghai soon after, Mouza was then not permitted by the Japanese to return to Harbin. She would never see her father again.

When the Japanese surrendered in 1945, Mouza remained in Shanghai. On October 1, at a dinner party, fate brought her a dashing Navy officer. Lieutenant (junior grade) Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr., having captured a Japanese gunboat prior to the Japanese surrender, had a few days earlier sailed the first ship flying the American flag into Shanghai harbor after the surrender. His capture of the gunboat, his perilous transit up the Yangtze River, his arrival in Shanghai, and his subsequent encounter with the woman of his dreams were all detailed in a 75-page letter he later wrote to his father.



Wedding photo of Admiral Zumwalt and his wife. Mouza Coutelais-du-Roché Zumwalt passed away on Aug. 23, 2005. Her husband chaired the Vietnam Center Advisory Council.

In that letter he provided a very moving description of first meeting this beautiful Russian girl, one of four at the dinner party that October evening. For the young Navy officer, it was love at first sight. He asked her to teach him Russian; little did he realize that she would teach him about love and life. A week after meeting Mouza, he proposed; two weeks later, they were married.

The early years in the United States were challenging for Mouza. Unfamiliar with American culture, unfamiliar with the language, having to care for young children alone as her husband embarked upon

numerous deployments at sea, she rose to the challenge. As her husband's career took on increased responsibilities, so too did Mouza's. She became very active in counseling and caring for junior wives. Her sensitivity to their problems later became a catalyst in her husband, then the Chief of Naval Operations, issuing one of his famous "Z-Grams" that established the Navy Ombudsman Program and directed all Navy commands to address the problems and issues that the families of junior Sailors faced.

It was Mouza's faith and love of family that enabled her to overcome some of the greatest tragedies of her life, including the loss of her first-born son, Elmo, in 1988 to cancer. With the loss of her beloved husband 12 years later, Mouza continued to dedicate herself to the initiatives he had started.

She was active with The Marrow Foundation, which  
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# ARVN: Reflections and Reassessments after Thirty Years

March 17-18, 2006  
Holiday Inn Park Plaza, Lubbock, Texas

We are fast approaching the dates for our 2006 conference that will take place on Friday and Saturday, March 17 and 18. Please use the registration form on the back of this newsletter to register or you can do so online by visiting [www.vietnam.ttu.edu](http://www.vietnam.ttu.edu) and clicking on the link in the left menu.

## *Draft Conference Agenda*

*Please note: This draft is subject to change. A final agenda will be distributed online and at the Conference*

### Friday, March 17, 2006

#### 8:00 AM - Opening Remarks

**8:15-9:15 AM - Special Keynote Session - Dr. Lewis Sorley:** "The Army of the Republic of Vietnam: A Retrospective Evaluation"

#### 9:20-10:20 AM - Session 1: The History of ARVN: An Overview

**Mr. Stephen Sherman and Mr. Bill Laurie:** "A Brief Overview of the Vietnam National Army and the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces (1952-1975)"

#### 10:30 AM-12:00 PM - Session 2: Early Assessments of ARVN

**Dr. Geoffrey Shaw:** "Sir Robert Thompson and the ARVN: Perspectives from a British Counter-Insurgency Expert."

**Triet Minh Nguyen:** "Army of the Republic of Viet Nam, 1954-1963: At War and In Politics"

**Mr. Tin Nguyen:** "The Truth about the Battle at Plei Me, November 1965"

#### 12:00-1:15 PM - Lunch: Special Guest Speaker: TBA

#### 1:30-3:00 PM - Session 3: ARVN Mid-War: Nixon, Protest, and Lam Son 719

**Mr. Brian Robertson:** "ARVN from the Viewpoint of White House: Nixon's Gamble For Peace, 1969-1971"

**Mr. Tuan Hoang:** "Economic Deprivation, Diminished Manhood, and Anti-Americanism: The Protest Movement of Disabled ARVN Veterans, 1970-1971."

**Dr. Andrew Wiest:** "ARVN Put to the Test: Reflections on Operation Lam Son 719."

#### 3:15-4:45 PM - Session 4: The Regular and Irregular Forces of Vietnam: Rangers, Marines, and the RFPF

**Hieu Dinh Vu:** "Republic of Vietnam Army Rangers"

**Tran Ngoc Toan:** "The Vietnamese Marines and the Binh Gia Front"

**Mr. James Donovan:** "Marine Corps Counterinsurgency and Pacification Efforts in Vietnam – Combining Popular Forces and Marines"

**7:00 PM - Banquet: Special Guest Speaker: ARVN Lieutenant General Lu Lan**

#### Saturday, March 18, 2006

**8:30-9:30 – Session 5A:** ARVN and the Eastertide Offensive

**Mr. Darrell Whitcomb and Mr. Nguyen Van Kiet:** "ARVN and the Rescue of BAT 21."

**9:45-10:45 - Session 5B:** ARVN and the Eastertide Offensive

**Dr. James Willbanks:** "South Vietnamese Combat Performance: A Case Study."

**Mr. Jason Stewart:** "ARVN General Vu Van Giai and the Easter Offensive in I Corps."

**11:00 AM-12:00 PM - Session 6:** "The Historic Sea Battle of the Paracel between Vietnam and China, 1974"

**CPT Kiem Do,** Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations RVN Navy; ISG Lead, Louisiana

**Bob Shirley,** "Tweaking the Tiger's Tail: The Battle for the Paracel Islands - HQ-10 Was Lost But Not Forgotten, January 1974."

**12:00-1:15 PM - Lunch: Special Guest Speaker: Mr. Geoff Connor, Former Texas Secretary of State**

**1:30-3:00 PM - Session 7:** The Death of the South Vietnamese Army

**CPT Kiem Do,** Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations RVN Navy; ISG Lead, Louisiana

**Hai Trieu,** ex-ARVN member; Military writer, author from Vancouver, Canada

**Nguyen The Tien,** former professor at Hanoi & Saigon Polytechnic College under Communist regime, from Sarnon Fraser, Canada

**3:15-4:45 PM - Session 8: The Aftermath of the War**

**Vinh M. Tran:** "Operation New Life or Guam is the Safe Haven of Vietnamese Refugees in 1975."

**Mr. Nguyen Cao Quyen:** "The Communist Reeducation Camps in Vietnam after 1975"

**Dr. Phil Beidler:** "The Invisible ARVN: The South Vietnamese Soldier in American Representations of the Vietnam War"

**4:45-5:00 PM – Closing Remarks**



## From the Director

# Humble Beginnings, Bright Future

With the new year, the Vietnam Center will begin its seventeenth year of operation. I would be remiss if I did not highlight the support and encouragement over all of those years of the Vietnam veterans and others from the Lubbock community. Without that support it is improbable that our project would have enjoyed the successes that we have had over the years.

In May of 1989, the Vietnam Archive at Texas Tech consisted of a single set of letters written by a Navy hospital corpsman while serving with the Marines in I Corps, the northern part of South Vietnam. We now estimate that our holdings exceed twenty million pages of documentation. In 2005 alone, donors contributed 528 collections to the Vietnam Archive, by far, the largest number of such collections donated in a single year. Yet we remain concerned that there is so very much more documentation out there in need of preservation in an appropriate archive, so that these materials will be available for future generations of researchers who will be seeking answers to their own questions about America in Vietnam. Working together, we can ensure that even more material is received and preserved in this New Year.

When we began work on the Vietnam project in 1989, I was the sole employee, and worked for the Center during hours when I was not required for full-time teaching. I still carry a full teaching load, and still work during free hours on Vietnam Center-related business, but the Center now employs around forty staff members. It is they who now make the major contribution to our efforts, and it is they who deserve recognition for the Vietnam Center's many accomplishments in recent months and years. Let me identify just a few of our staff for you: Mary Saffell is charged with the daily management of our archive, particularly the processing and preserving of archival holdings as they arrive at Texas Tech. She also helps supervise the nearly twenty graduate research and undergraduate student staff which process archival collections and digitize materials for the Virtual Vietnam Archive. Her husband, Justin Saffell, is head of our IT and is responsible for the design and functioning of our web-site and all other technology aspects of the project. Victoria Lovelady and Kyla Osborne are responsible for the microfilm scanning project which already has scanned and digitized nearly 4.5 million pages of documentation. That material is coming on line just as rapidly as it can be processed. Ty Lovelady, Victoria's husband, processes collections and assists with supervising and training the archive staff who process materials and digitize collections for the Virtual Archive. Kevin Salsbury digitizes document collections and has

become our audio processing specialist. Most recently, he digitized more than 1,400 audio recordings, which he is now abstracting for inclusion in the Virtual Archive. Thomas Reynolds, our newest full-time staff member, assists with processing and digitizing collections and works on special projects in the archive.



Dr. James Reckner

Assisting with the work of scanning tens of thousands of paper documents and processing millions of digitized microfilmed documents is a veritable legion of graduate research assistants and student assistants. The work of this element of the Vietnam project results in the very professional preservation of all documents donated to the Vietnam Archive, and also the presentation of documents on-line in the Virtual Vietnam Archive.

The Vietnam Oral History Project is headed by Dr. Richard Verrone who supervises the daily operation of the oral history project, sets priorities for interviews, and also conducts many interviews. Very ably assisting him is Dr. Laura Calkins who conducts interviews and assists with supervising the four part-time student assistants who diligently transcribe the oral history interviews and assist with administration of the project. Many of the readers who are members of Vietnam veteran groups will have met Richard and/or Laura at past group reunions, as they have traveled extensively to attend these reunions, as also has the Deputy Director of the project, Stephen Maxner.

Each of these staff members has worked diligently to continue to improve the quality and quantity of information preserved in the Vietnam Archive, and to make it available to you, the end-users of the material. I wish to personally commend their work to each of our friends and supporters.

As we begin the New Year, too, there are two particularly noteworthy occasions that I will call to your attention: our regular annual conference, "ARVN: Reflections and Reassessments after 30 Years," will be held on 17-18 March 2006 at the Holiday Inn Park Plaza in Lubbock. The deadline for paper proposals for this conference is February 15. Our reservation block at the conference hotel will be held until noon on March 1, so please make sure you have made reservations by that date. All of the information is available online at [www.vietnam.ttu.edu](http://www.vietnam.ttu.edu).

We also have agreed to co-host with the CIA's Center for the Study of Intelligence a conference on "Intelligence in the Vietnam War." This conference will be held 20-21 October 2006 at the Holiday Inn Park Plaza. A call for papers for this conference appears elsewhere in this newsletter.

Lastly, let me extend my special thanks to Mr. Chuck

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## The Vietnam Archive Graffiti Project

Carlock of Fort Worth for his generosity in donating four fully restored Vietnam helicopters to the Vietnam Center at Texas Tech. See the accompanying story. These helicopters will go into temporary storage until we have completed the work of funding and building the Vietnam building at Texas Tech, after which they will become important artifacts in the planned 75,000 square foot museum within the new building. ■

-Dr. James Reckner

# Graffiti Project Website Open

The Vietnam Archive at Texas Tech University announces the opening of the Vietnam Graffiti Project website - <http://www.vietnam.ttu.edu/graffiti/index.htm>. The Vietnam Graffiti Project is a joint endeavor between The Vietnam Archive at Texas Tech University and The US Department of Transportation Maritime Administration (MARAD). The US National Defense Reserve Fleet under MARAD oversees a number of troop transports and other ships. The Vietnam Archive is primarily tasked with collecting and preserving materials from the ships, as well as providing access to a remarkable array of historical materials from various ships that supported the military forces in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War.

Of the wide variety of materials collected from these ships, the highlight is the canvas bunk bottoms removed from the troop transports. These bunk bottoms, covered in graffiti written by the many young soldiers on their three week journey across the Pacific Ocean, provide a unique perspective on the thoughts, feelings and the creativity of the soldiers who served in Southeast Asia. This graffiti could be anything from a simple "I was here" to elaborate artwork, and at times can be comical, philosophical, vulgar, and innocent. The messages left behind on the canvases are an interesting and important addition to the cultural and social history of the Vietnam War.

The goal of the Vietnam Graffiti Project is to preserve and provide access to these materials, both onsite in our reading room, and on the internet through the Virtual Vietnam Archive (<http://www.vietnam.ttu.edu/virtualarchive/index.htm>). Additionally, the Vietnam Archive would like to invite other museums and institutions to request these canvases for loan to display in their museums. In order to facilitate the loan process, a search page specifically for the canvas bunk bottoms has been created, and can be accessed through the Vietnam Graffiti Project website. This search page allows users to search through the entire canvas collection by keyword or contents subject. The text of all canvases has been transcribed, and most drawings described, to facilitate the searching process. Users can then select canvases to request a loan, and request the items online.

The Vietnam Archive would like to welcome all visitors to this new site, and will welcome any request for loans. ■

## Zumwalt

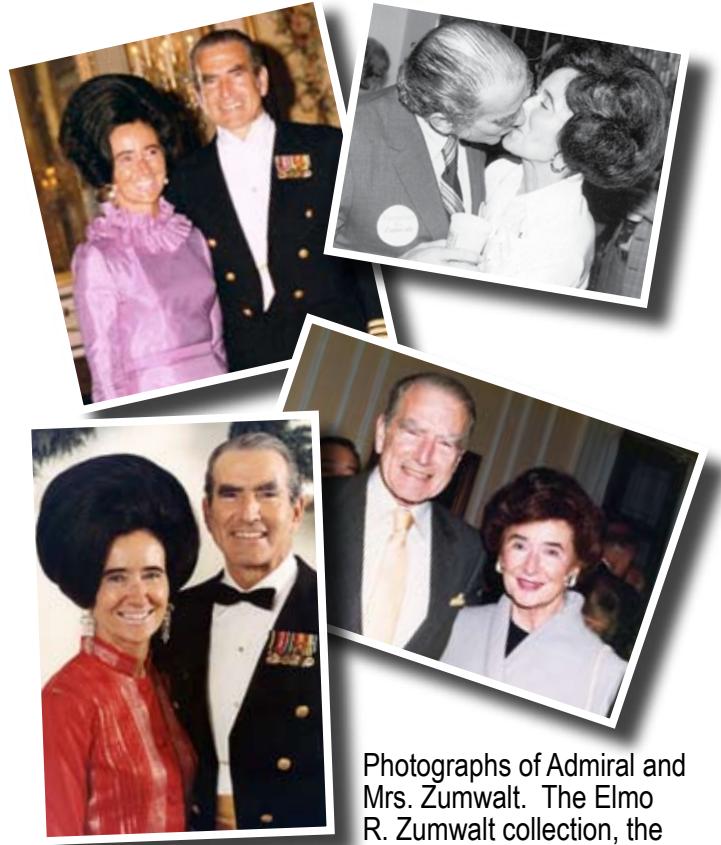
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recognized her efforts on its behalf by establishing the Mouza Zumwalt Good Deed Fund to financially assist those donating their bone marrow to save the lives of cancer victims. She participated in teaching high school students in North Carolina about unique aspects of the Vietnam War from the perspective of a wife and mother who had loved ones serving there. She also played a significant role in helping her beloved Russian Orthodox Church in some of its building reconstruction efforts.

Even as the road of Mouza's life came to an end, she continued to teach those around her. The peace of mind, the forgiveness she gave and sought of others, the love and concern she exhibited towards those in her presence were all evidenced by the radiant smile upon her face at her death.

In his 1945 letter to his father, Lt. Zumwalt concluded with a description of his wedding and the words, "We faced the music which continued for another fifteen minutes." Thirty years later when publishing this letter as the first chapter of a book, he added a postscript: "I was wrong. The music never stopped." While the music has stopped for both in this life, perhaps if we listen closely, we will hear the faint refrain of music for them in the next. ■

*-Article from funeral program used with permission*



Photographs of Admiral and Mrs. Zumwalt. The Elmo R. Zumwalt collection, the Vietnam Archive, Texas Tech University



# The Beginning of a New Year

The Oral History Project (OHP) at the Vietnam Archive is the nation's largest oral history initiative dedicated to the Vietnam War. Dr. Laura Calkins, my colleague in the OHP, and I are very excited about 2006! We invite more involvement in the Project, and our numbers continue to grow. In 2005 we conducted over one hundred interviews, and made contact with hundreds of additional potential participants. As of mid-January 2006, the OHP has a total of 2,030 participants and has completed, or has in progress, 509 interviews.

Let me briefly outline our interview process. To fulfill the overall mission of the Vietnam Archive to collect and preserve the history of the war, the OHP was inaugurated in 1999 to record the personal recollections of those who served in the war in SE Asia or were otherwise involved in the "Vietnam era." Our goal is to include the voices of those with personal connections to the war, whether in SE Asia itself, through service elsewhere in the world, or through experiences here in the United States. We interview anyone who was involved including veterans from all sides of the conflict, both friend and foe, family members of the veterans, civilian employees, anti-war protestors, conscientious objectors, policymakers, and others. Each story is important, and there are no political 'tests' involved in participating. The Vietnam era was complex, and we must capture that complexity. The Archive operates in an unbiased, agenda-free atmosphere, and the work of the Oral History Project reflects that policy.

Before the interviews, participants complete short questionnaires which allow us to learn about each person's experiences; this in turn aids our preparation for the interview itself. While we concentrate on the Vietnam period, we also want to know about the life of the interviewee before and after the war. This approach will allow listeners many years from now to garner a better sense of the personal and historical contexts of the Vietnam experience.

For efficiency's sake, most interviews are conducted over the telephone. We pre-schedule interview appointments at mutually convenient times, and we are flexible in making arrangements. The sessions usually last an hour or two, with appropriate breaks. We take such time as is needed, often conducting multiple sessions, to capture the full and un-edited

individual stories. Participants recount only the experiences that they wish to share, and they do so in their own words. These are unedited interviews—they are your interviews! Again, the objective is to make sure that others can learn about what happened directly from those who lived it.

After the sessions are completed, our student staff members transcribe the interview. The transcriptionists this year are Laura Darden, Jessica Harrell, Eunice Lee, and Mindy Moser. All are Texas Tech University students who are trained in the transcription process; while pursuing their degrees, they work for the Archive in their "spare" time. These dedicated young professionals work hard on each interview: one hour of interview time requires roughly four hours of transcription time! The draft transcript that they

produce is sent to the participant, who makes corrections and contributes additional comments as necessary. When the corrected transcript arrives back at our office, another thorough review process begins, to ensure complete accuracy. Finally, a Preservation Copy of the interview, both audio and transcript versions, is deposited in the Vietnam Archive. Digital copies also go into the "Virtual Vietnam Archive" where they are made available on-line to students, researchers, other veterans, and interested members of the public. Each participant also receives a copy of the interview on CD.

We encourage anyone who is interested in participating in the Oral History Project, or who would like more information, to get in touch with us. If you have not yet registered, please consider this your invitation to do so!

You can also help us target our resources effectively: if you know someone whom the OHP should

include, and who might be willing to participate, please take a few moments to contact us about them. It is particularly important that we reach out now to some of the oldest veterans, and to those whose health may have declined. We will need permission from the individual to contact him or her. Once this has been secured, please contact us and supply his or her contact information (address, telephone number, and email, if available).

There are several ways that you can get in touch with us. Our mailing address is: The Oral History Project, The Vietnam Archive, Texas Tech University, P.O. Box 41041, Lubbock, TX, 79409-1041. You can also call our office at

### New Additions and Upcoming OHP Interviews

- Rufus C. Phillips, III – USCIA/USA/US Foreign Service
- Richard E. Carey – USMC
- Timothy P. Vail – USA
- Roger H.C. Donlon – USAF/USA, MoH
- I. Thomas Sheppard – USA
- Robert D. Kreger – USA
- Helen Louise Brooks – USN
- Mattie E. Tippitt – USN
- Ralph C. Erchinger – USAF
- John Hubenthal – USA
- Gerald M. Sampont – USCG
- Gary L. Noller – USA
- Robert Ordoñez – USN
- Barry Zorthian – US Foreign Service
- Richard Moser – USAF
- Rene Defourneaux – US Foreign Service
- Lloyd Ramsey - USA



## Oral History Project (cont.)

806.742.9010, or contact us via email at [vaoralhistory@ttu.edu](mailto:vaoralhistory@ttu.edu).

Laura and I feel very privileged to undertake this important work. We are also humbled when OHP participants entrust their material collections to the Vietnam Archive. The entire Archive staff works each day to insure that all these contributions to the historical record will be safely preserved and made available to researchers, now and in the future. With each interview, we are creating original historical materials that are also living testaments of the Vietnam era—voices that will resonate generations into the future. At this time we

have just two oral historians, but rest assured that we will get to you! With patience, determination, and dedication from everyone involved, we all will get the job done together.

For those with internet access, we encourage you to explore the transcripts and audio recordings of completed interviews on the Vietnam Archive's website: [www.vietnam.ttu.edu](http://www.vietnam.ttu.edu). Just click on "Oral History Project" to read all about the OHP and listen to and/or read a few interviews. Then take the first step, as so many others have done: contact the Vietnam Archive and get involved! ■

- Dr. Richard Verrone

# The Virtual Vietnam Archive Update

On September 1, 2005, the Virtual Vietnam Archive started its fifth year of work, resulting from very strong support from the US Congress and funding through the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The Virtual Vietnam Archive continues to grow at a remarkable rate. With more than 2.3 million pages and in excess of 300,000 individual records, it is the largest online archive of Vietnam War related materials in the world. We add approximately 30,000 - 35,000 pages of new material online each month making the Virtual Vietnam Archive a very dynamic electronic research resource.

What is most rewarding about placing archive collections online is the knowledge that they are being used. In 2005, the Virtual Vietnam Archive accommodated nearly 245,000 online research sessions. That means researchers, veterans, and others went online more than 660 times per day to search the Virtual Vietnam Archive for documents and materials. That is more researcher traffic than most of the world's largest and most important archival facilities. The digital era truly has transformed the way in which historical research is conducted. Virtual Vietnam Archive researchers downloaded more than 934,000 documents, photos, and other online artifacts – a total of more than 1.12 Terabytes of material. Some of the interesting online collections include:

US Marine Corps Vietnam War Documents Collection

(12,000+ Documents)

Combined Document Exploitation Center (CDEC)

Collection (9,000+ Documents)

Foreign Relations of the United States, 1958-1960, Laos

Documents (700+ Documents)

Many more...

To access these and numerous other online collections, please visit [www.vietnam.ttu.edu](http://www.vietnam.ttu.edu) and access the Virtual Vietnam Archive.

### Now Available Online

Total Pages	2,377,412
Number of Records	312,265
Documents	194,935
Photos and Slides	86,836
Periodical Articles Indexed	12,395
Newsletters	5,142
Microfilm and Microfiche	4,337
Moving Images	1,838
Audio Recordings	1,724
Museum Objects	2,615
Finding Aids	1,379
Oral History Interviews	390
Newspapers	357
Electronic Media	322

### 2005 Web Statistics

Successful Request for Pages	1,018,314
Distinct Hosts Served	251,644
Distinct Files Requested	934,058
Data Transferred (GB)	1,121

### Publication of Vietnam Archive Holdings

Several years ago, due to increasing costs, we decided to suspend publication of a consolidated and annually updated listing of Vietnam Archive holdings. Due to the extensive and rapid growth of the Archive in recent years, we have reconsidered this policy and will this year reissue this publication. A complete listing will be published this year, with holdings as of Dec. 31, 2005, listed. We then will issue annual appendices listing new acquisitions for the following four years. At the end of the five year cycle, we will publish a consolidated listing of all holdings as of Dec. 31, 2010, and then annual appendices until Dec. 31, 2015. Due to production and mailing costs, we must limit circulation of these publications to paying members of the Friends of the Vietnam Center.



## Additions to the Archive

The following is a complete list of all accessions received in 2005. Due to the increasing number of collections received each year, we will no longer be publishing detailed collection information in this newsletter. Only the names of each new accession will be listed in upcoming issues. Please refer to "Publication of Vietnam Archive Holdings" on the previous page for more information.

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# Record Year in Donations for Archive

The archive enjoyed a record year in 2005, having received 528 collection donations! That is 1/5th of our total collection donations for the past sixteen years. One of the most important reasons for our success in 2005 was the continued generosity of our nation's Vietnam veterans and other Vietnam War participants. Their daily contributions to the Vietnam Archive are our life's blood and they are what make this project so dynamic. Each day we receive new materials in the archive that shed new light on yet one more perspective on the war. Additionally, each week veterans and civilian participants contribute of their time as they sit for oral history interviews. All of this work is so important if we are going to fully understand America's Vietnam Experience.

Through their hard work and dedication, the Vietnam Center and Archive staff continues to convince veterans every day that the Vietnam Archive is the best possible home for their cherished materials. In particular, I want to draw your attention to some of the staff on the front-line of this activity:

**Dr. Richard Verrone and Dr. Laura Calkins:** As the Oral History Team at the Vietnam Archive, Richard and Laura are in constant contact with veterans and other participants as they are just learning about the Vietnam Center and Archive. The interviews they conduct are extremely important contributions to the historical record of the war as they record recollections and create new historical documents that would otherwise not exist (please see the report from Richard for more information on recent interviews). These important interviews often serve as a foundation upon which is built both a strong relationship and an archival collection. Richard's and Laura's travel to numerous reunions each year serves to inform thousands of veterans of the Vietnam Center and Archive projects. Their professionalism and enthusiasm have convinced

countless veterans and participants to entrust their materials to the Vietnam Archive and we are grateful for their many contributions.

**Mary Saffell and Ty Lovelady:** As our Archive Processing Team, Mary and Ty are responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Archive. In addition to managing the hundreds of collections that arrive annually, they must supervise nearly 25 full and part-time staff that both process materials for archival storage and on-site researcher access and digitize them for online access. This is labor-intensive work that requires constant supervision and attention to detail. Their constant interaction with the men and women who contribute to the archive is essential to building long-term relationships with our many friends. Through their sincere dedication and professionalism, donors become convinced that we take great pride and honor in being the custodians of their treasured collections and that we will do all we can to properly preserve their historical artifacts for many generations to come. Of special note, Mary Saffell is now a Certified Archivist with the American Association of Certified Archivists. I hope you will join us in congratulating her on this important achievement.

**Justin Saffell:** Justin is the head of all of our Information Technology and, as such, he is responsible for the development and maintenance of the Virtual Vietnam Archive Databases as well as all of our web sites and other computing systems. This is a gargantuan task as the Virtual Archive has grown to more than 2.3 million pages of material online – more than 300,000 individual documents, photos, and other digital artifacts. The Virtual

Archive allowed for more than 245,000 individual online research sessions in 2005 – that's more than 660 research sessions each day. Additionally, Justin creates custom databases for the project that are instrumental to both an



Archive Processing Team Mary Saffell and Ty Lovelady



Dr. Laura Calkins and Dr. Richard Verrone, Oral Historians at the Vietnam Archive



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Head of Information Technology



## A Message from the Archive (cont.)

efficient researcher experience as well as a well-organized archive.

Through the generosity of Vietnam veterans, both military and civilian, and many other wartime participants, coupled with the hard work and dedication of the Vietnam Center and Archive staff, the Vietnam Archive continues to set

the standard in the collection and preservation of historical materials related to America's involvement in Southeast Asia. Please join me in congratulating everyone – contributors and staff members alike - for a stellar performance in 2005. Together we will continue to expand what is already a national treasure! ■

- Stephen Maxner

## Call for Papers: October Conference on Intelligence in the Vietnam War

**O**n October 20-21, 2006, the Vietnam Center at Texas Tech University and the Center for the Study of Intelligence (CSI) will co-host a conference on "Intelligence in the Vietnam War," which will be held in Lubbock, Texas, at the Holiday Inn Park Plaza. The purpose of this conference is to examine intelligence activities in Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, and elsewhere as they impacted the Vietnam War. We welcome papers that discuss intelligence analysis and operations from all sides of the conflict and desire presentations that discuss US, RVN, DRV, VC, USSR, PRC, Warsaw Pact, and other intelligence activities as they related to the Vietnam War. While the focus will remain on historical events, it is our distinct hope that appropriate historical lessons might be drawn of more immediate application to current wars and conflicts. To that end, we are seeking paper and panel proposals on all subjects related to Intelligence in the Vietnam War to include but not limited to the following topics: Intelligence and counter-intelligence operations to include human, electronic, signals, and imagery intelligence; Terrorism and counter-terrorism; Infiltration operations into

North Vietnam, the Viet Cong infrastructure, and elsewhere; Psychological operations; The Phoenix Program, Provincial Reconnaissance Units, and other attempts to neutralize the VCI; Rolling Thunder, enemy order of battle, the will to persist, and other analytical issues; Inter-agency cooperation and conflict between the CIA, DIA, and other intelligence organizations; The politics of intelligence (e.g. the producer v. the consumer in the development of estimative products); the use of RAND and other private analytical resources as intelligence; etc... This conference will offer students, scholars, intelligence officials, policy makers, and others with an excellent opportunity to discuss and learn from intelligence activities from America's longest war along with the many issues that surrounded these complex activities and events. If you are interested in providing either an individual presentation or a panel discussion, please submit a proposal (single page or less) to Mr. Stephen Maxner, Deputy Director at the Vietnam Center at [steve.maxner@ttu.edu](mailto:steve.maxner@ttu.edu) or call (806) 742-9010 for more information. ■

## Conference Commemorates 40th Anniversary of the Battles for the Ia Drang Valley

**O**n November 10-12, 2005, the Vietnam Center at Texas Tech University and the Ben Franklin Global Forum co-hosted an interview project and a one day historical seminar to help the 1st Cavalry Division Association and the Pleiku-Ia Drang Veterans commemorate the 40th anniversary of the battles for the Ia Drang Valley at their reunion in Washington, DC. Over the course of the three days, Vietnam Archive staff and supporters conducted 55 video interviews with veterans. In addition, the one day seminar on Saturday was open to the public and an audience of approximately 150 persons attended.

Ia Drang Combat Veterans Video Interview Project: Over the course of an intense three days, Dr. Richard Verrone (head of the Vietnam Archive Oral History Project), along with Dr. Ron Milam (Assistant Professor of History at Texas Tech University), and Dr. Phillip Napoli (Assistant Professor of History at Brooklyn College in New York City, NY) interviewed a total of 55 individuals, including Lt. Gen. Hal Moore, Joe Galloway, George Forrest, Bill Beck, Bob Edwards, Ed "Too Tall" Freeman, and Tony Nadal. Video recording was provided courtesy of the Ben Franklin

Global Forum and local U.S. Navy and Army ROTC units. In addition, Kevin Salsbury (Archival Specialist at the Vietnam Archive), assisted the interviewers by coordinating many activities. A list of all of the interviews and streaming web versions are available online at [www.vietnam.ttu.edu](http://www.vietnam.ttu.edu).

**The Battles for the Ia Drang Valley Historical Seminar:** Lieutenant General Hal Moore, Mr. Joe Galloway, and Dr. James Reckner provided brief opening remarks and established a tone for the seminar inviting open, honest, and civil discussion of the Vietnam War and events surrounding the Ia Drang Valley battles. Presentations included keynote remarks by Mr. David Halberstam, accomplished author and journalist. Presenters included military and civilian veterans from the war, to include Lieutenant General Nguyen Dinh Uoc from the People's Army of Vietnam. In addition to the first hand accounts, several scholars discussed some of the latest research regarding the battles and LTG Moore provided a remarkable lunch presentation.

All sessions were video recorded and the agenda for the seminar and streaming versions are available online through the Vietnam Center web site: [www.vietnam.ttu.edu](http://www.vietnam.ttu.edu) ■



# Vietnam-Era Helicopters Donated to Vietnam Center and Archive

**O**n January 18, 2006, the Vietnam Center and Archive received one of the most remarkable collections donations and most generous gifts to the project – four fully refurbished Vietnam War era helicopters. The donation is from Mr. Chuck Carlock of Fort Worth, Texas. Mr. Carlock is a Vietnam veteran who served as a combat helicopter pilot from 1967-1968. He is also the distinguished author of *Firebirds*, an autobiographical account of his service in Vietnam and *History of the Tenth Texas Cavalry Dismounted Regiment, 1861-1865: "If We Ever Got Whipped, I Don't Recollect It"*, which tells the story of the unit in which his great-grandfather served during the Civil War.

The donation includes an AH-1 Cobra Gunship, a UH-1 Huey, an OH-58 observation helicopter, a TH-55 training helicopter.

We first met Mr. Carlock at a reunion of the 71st Assault Helicopter Company in Las Vegas in 2001. Mr. Carlock, a collector of Vietnam-era aircraft and historical artifacts, successfully refurbished the helicopters and designed and built four special trailers that are used to transport them. In addition to the aircraft, Mr. Carlock donated a remarkable assortment of artifacts as well as a small hangar full of spare parts for the helicopters.

Mr. Carlock accompanied by Steve Maxner, Kevin Salsbury, and Thomas Reynolds of the Vietnam Archive, as well as Mr. Chester Grudzinski, a close friend and associate of Mr. Carlock and a graduate of the Texas Tech Law School, pulled the

helicopters in a convoy from Fort Worth to Lubbock on January 17. Accompanied by their wives, Mr. Carlock and Mr. Grudzinski received a warm welcome from Texas Tech University President, Dr. Jon Whitmore, at a welcoming ceremony at Memorial Circle the next day.

The aircraft will be stored off campus and will be used for educational programs and special events until they can be placed on permanent display in a new Vietnam Center, Archive, and Museum when that facility is built.

This gift has established a new foundation for the Vietnam Center and Archive artifact collection and promises to be a landmark for current and future generations studying the Vietnam War. These artifacts tell a very unique story and will be studied by students and scholars for many years to come. ■



AH-1G Cobra - This model was first deployed to Vietnam in Sept. 1967.



UH-1 "Huey" was used for MedEvac, troop transport, and air assault.



The OH-58A Kiowa was used for light observation and scouting.



The TH-55A Osage was used as a training helicopter in Vietnam.

**Chuck Carlock helicopter dedication ceremony pictures on back page—**Top row, left to right: Local Army ROTC cadet standing guard next to UH-1 Huey helicopter. Cadets watching over the AH-1G Cobra helicopter. Chuck Carlock explaining the history of the helicopters to a reporter. Bottom row, left to right: Cadet at attention next to TH-55 trainer helicopter. Cadets stand around Cobra helicopter. Texas Tech University President Jon Whitmore speaking at the dedication ceremony, Cobra helicopter and Local Army ROTC cadet in background.

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