



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY
The Vietnam Center™

Seventh Triennial Vietnam Symposium Agenda

March 10-12, 2011

Wednesday, 9 March

- All day: Participants arrive in Lubbock
- 12-5:00 PM: Registration Desk opens at Overton Hotel and Convention Center
Location: Conference Registration Area
PLEASE NOTE: This is the pre-function area in front of the Sunset Ballrooms on the first floor
- 5:30 PM: Welcoming reception at the Overton Hotel and Convention Center
Location: Conference Registration Area
Cash Bar (beer and wine only)
Heavy Hors d'oeuvres

Thursday, 10 March

7:30 AM: Coffee Service in Conference Registration Area

8 AM-5 PM: Registration Desk opens at Overton Hotel and Convention Center
Location: Conference Registration Area

8 AM-5 PM: Books and Displays
Room Location: Conference Registration Area

8:30 AM: WELCOMING REMARKS

Dr. Robert Smith, Provost and Senior Vice President, Texas Tech University

Location: Sunset Ballrooms B/C

9:00 AM: Session 1 – Plenary Session

Dr. Gerald Hickey Memorial Session

Understanding the Ethnic Minorities of Vietnam

Moderator: Dr. Jeff Williams, Texas Tech University

Mr. Neil Olsen, Ph.D. Candidate, University of Utah, Vietnam Veteran, “Edap Enang: Some thoughts on the forced relocation of Vietnamese highlanders during the American War in Vietnam”

Mr. Lap Siu, Texas Tech University, “Life in a New Land: Montagnard Cultural Identity and Adaptation in the United States”

Ms. Tam Nguyen, Ph.D. Student, University of Oregon, “Language Documentation in Vietnam: a case study with Bih”

Location: Sunset Ballrooms B/C

10:30 AM: Coffee Break – Conference Registration Area

11:00 AM: Session 2 – Plenary Session

Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War

The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration is an ambitious international program established by the U.S. Congress and Department of Defense to honor and pay tribute to Vietnam Veterans and their families during the period of the 50th Anniversary of the war. The commemoration program will consist of a series of events and activities that will occur over the course of more than a decade and will be spread across the country.

Presentations provided by the staff of the Department of Defense Vietnam War Commemoration Program Office, Arlington, VA

Location: Sunset Ballrooms B/C

12:30 Lunch

Lunch Presentation:

Geoffrey Wiles, Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, “The New Education Center at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC”

Location: Sunset Ballroom A

2:30 PM: Sessions 3a-b

Session 3a

Graduate Student Research on the Vietnam War

Moderator: Dr. Ron Milam, Texas Tech University

Chau Huy Ngoc, Graduate Student, National University of Singapore, “The Case of Peter Dewey: A Revisit”

Justin Simundson, Ph.D. Student, Texas Tech University, “Official Attitudes toward Vietnam War Reporters”

James Sandy, Ph.D. Student, Texas Tech University, “To Engage or not to Engage: The LRRPs in Vietnam”

Location: Sunset Ballrooms B/C

Session 3b

War and Politics as Depicted on Postage Stamps in French Indochina

Moderator: Dr. Kelly Crager, Texas Tech University

Nat Ward, Philatelist, San Diego, CA, “Postage Stamps as Political Statements in Indochina, 1888-present”

Ron Matteri, Philatelist, San Anselmo, CA, “Events Leading up to the French Indochina War as Indicated by the Production and Materials used in Stamp Printing, 1944-1949”

Location: Horizon Ballroom A/B (Second Floor)

4:00 PM: Afternoon sessions complete – End of first day

Friday, 11 March

7:30 AM: Coffee Service in Conference Registration Area

8 AM-5 PM: Registration Desk opens at Overton Hotel and Convention Center
Location: Conference Registration Area

8 AM-5 PM: Books and Displays
Room Location: Conference Registration Area

8:30 AM: Sessions 4a-c:

Session 4a

Diplomacy and the Vietnam War

Moderator: Curtis Peoples, Southwest Collections, Texas Tech University

Ronald B. Frankum, Jr., Ph.D., Associate Professor, Millersville University of Pennsylvania, "A Failure to Communicate: How Elbridge Durbrow Changed America's Vietnam Experience"

Alex Gagnon, Graduate Student, University of Illinois-Chicago, "The Paris Agreement: Nixon's Critical Reappraisal, Reconciling American Credibility, and the Missed Opportunity with Thieu"

Location: Sunset Ballroom B

Session 4b

US Marine Corps in Vietnam: Civic Action and Pacification

Moderator: Dr. Ron Milam, Texas Tech University

John Southard, Ph.D. Candidate, Texas Tech University, "Becoming a CAP Marine: The Selection and Training Process for Americans entering the Combined Action Program"

Jason M. Sokiera, Ph.D. Student, University of Southern Mississippi, "The Year of Progress: United States Marine Corps Combat and Pacification Efforts in I Corps of South Vietnam, 1966"

Jim Donovan, Independent Researcher, Vietnam Veteran, “Combining Vietnamese Popular Forces (PFs) and U.S. Marines: The Marine Corps Combined Action Program (CAP) in Vietnam”

Location: Sunset Ballroom C

Session 4c

Veteran Perspectives on the Vietnam War

Moderator: Dr. Kelly Crager, Vietnam Center and Archive, Texas Tech University

Larry Chambers, Independent Researcher, Vietnam Veteran (75th Rangers), author of *Recondo - LRRPs in the 101st Airborne*, “The Strategic Importance of the Vietnam War”

W. Howard Plunkett, Lt Col USAF (Ret), Independent Researcher, Vietnam Veteran (F-105 Maintenance Officer), “Coming to Grips with SAM Sites”

Charles L. Byler, Independent Researcher, Former F-105 Weapons Loader, “Colonel James Kasler: Fighter Pilot”

Location: Horizon Ballroom A/B (Second Floor)

10:00 AM: Coffee break - Conference Registration Area

10:30 AM: Sessions 5a-c:

Session 5a

Australian Combat Operations in Vietnam

Moderator: Dr. Ron Frankum, Millersville University of Pennsylvania

Dr. Bob Hall, Visiting Fellow, University of New South Wales, Australian Defence Force Academy, “A New Operational Analysis of the 1st Australian Task Force in Vietnam, 1966-1971

Jeff Schultz, Assistant Professor, Luzerne County Community College, “Australian Implementation of ‘One War’ in Phuc Tuy Province, 1969-1972”

Location: Sunset Ballroom B

Session 5b

US Military Doctrine, Organization, and Strategy in Vietnam

Moderator: Dr. Edward Miller, Dartmouth College

James J. Reynolds, Ph.D. Candidate, Fordham University, “An Invalid Assumption: The ‘New Look’ Strategy of Containment and US Failure in Laos”

Mark A. Viney, Lieutenant Colonel, US Army, Director, U.S. Army Heritage & Education Center, Carlisle Barracks, PA, “A Foot in the Door: General Earle Wheeler’s Plan to Invade North Vietnam”

Jonathan B. Chavanne, Graduate Student, Texas A&M University, “The Role of Inland Sea Power in I Corps, Vietnam 1967-1968”

Location: Sunset Ballroom C

Session 5c

Online Resources and Representations of the Vietnam War

Moderator: Mary Saffell, Vietnam Center and Archive

Ms. Amy Mondt, Reference Archivist, Vietnam Center and Archive, “An Update on the Virtual Vietnam Archive and other online resources at Texas Tech University”

Ron Osgood, Professor, Indiana University & Documentary Filmmaker, Vietnam Veteran (US Navy, USS ORISKANY, CVA 34, 1969-72) “The Vietnam War/American War: Stories from All Sides: An online interactive documentary project”

Location: Horizon Ballroom A/B (Second Floor)

12:00 Lunch

Lunch Speaker: Dr. Larry Berman, University of California, Davis

Brothers in War and Peace: Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr., and Admiral Tran Van Chon

Location: Sunset Ballroom A

1:30 PM: Sessions 6a-c:

Session 6a

Reexamining Major Military Campaigns of the Vietnam War

Moderator: Mark A. Viney, Lieutenant Colonel, US Army

Nicholas Arandia, Graduate Student, Texas Tech University, “The Formation of OPLAN 34A: The Evolution of the Pentagon’s Role in Covert Operations”

Tin Nguyen, Independent Researcher, “What Historians Failed to Tell About the Battle at LZ X-Ray”

Steve Randolph, Ph.D., National Defense University, “Nixon’s 1971 Spring Campaign”

Location: Sunset Ballroom B

Session 6b

Domestic Reactions and Challenges to US Policy in Vietnam

Moderator: Dr. John Barnett, Assistant Professor, Emporia State University

Nicole L. Anslover, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Indiana University Northwest, “‘The U.S. Cannot Be Impotent’: Dwight D. Eisenhower and the Struggle to Formulate America’s Vietnam Policy”

Sal DePasquale, Independent Researcher, Vietnam Veteran, “The Vietnam War: The Price for Black Civil Rights?”

Adam Richards, Graduate Student, Millersville University of Pennsylvania, “William Warren Scranton and the Vietnam War”

Location: Sunset Ballroom C

Session 6c

Film Screening: “My Vietnam, Your Iraq”

Hosted by Ron Osgood, Professor, Indiana University & Documentary Filmmaker, Vietnam Veteran (US Navy, USS ORISKANY, CVA 34, 1969-72)

This documentary film tells stories from eight Vietnam Veterans whose own children served in Iraq. This film will be broadcast on local PBS in 2011.

Location: Horizon Ballroom A/B (Second Floor)

3:00 PM: Coffee break - Conference Registration Area

3:30 PM: Sessions 7a-c:

Session 7a

Political, Military, and Economic Assistance from China, Korea, and Japan

Moderator: Dr. Justin Hart, Texas Tech University

Theresa Monserrat, Graduate Student, Millersville University of Pennsylvania, "Priority of Perception: The U.S.S. Pueblo Crisis and the Vietnam War"

Nguyen T. Trung, Graduate Student, University of Virginia, "Chinese Military Advisors in Vietnam in the early 1950s"

Donovan C. Chau, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, California State University, San Bernardino, "Modest Risks for Tidy Profits: Japan's Strategic Role in the Vietnam War"

Location: Sunset Ballroom B

Session 7b

Red Cross Volunteers in Vietnam

Sherry Connaway and Rachel Torrance, "Donut Dolly Memories - Viet Nam 1969-1970"

Location: Sunset Ballroom C

Session 7c

Film Screening: "Vietnam the Memory"

Hosted by Remy Vlek, director and producer, Filmwerk Remy Vlek, Amsterdam, Netherlands

The subject of this 2002 film is the way the war is memorized by the veterans and people of North Vietnam.

Location: Horizon Ballroom A/B (Second Floor)

5:00 PM: Afternoon sessions complete

6:00 PM: Reception
Cash bar: beer & wine only
Light Hors d'oeuvres
Location: Conference Registration Area

7:00 PM: CONFERENCE BANQUET
Recommended attire: Business Attire
Location: Sunset Ballroom A

8:00 PM: Keynote Address

Keynote Speaker: Mr. Adrian Cronauer

9:15 PM: (Approx) End of banquet

Saturday, 12 March

7:30 AM: Coffee Service in Conference Registration Area

8 AM-5 PM: Registration Desk opens at Overton Hotel and Convention Center
Location: Conference Registration Area

8 AM-5 PM: Books and Displays
Room Location: Conference Registration Area

8:30 AM: Sessions 8a-b:

Session 8a

Why the Vietnam War is Relevant Today

Moderator: Stephen Sherman, Independent Researcher, RADIX Press

Roger Canfield, Ph.D., author of *Comrades In Arms: How the Americong Won the Vietnam War Against the Common Enemy – America*, “Vietnam Lessons on Strategy and Politics: ...Are Afghanistan, Iraq and China, the Sequels?”

Phil Jennings, Vietnam Veteran (Pilot, USMC, Air America) author of *Nam-A-Rama and The Politically Incorrect Guide™ to the Vietnam War*, “Viet Nam: Their Lies, Our (Leftist) Lies, and the Legacy They Perpetuated”

Bill Laurie, Vietnam Veteran, author of *Godzilla at Khe Sanh - Myths, Hallucinations and Mirage of False History* (a work in progress), “Unicorns and Dragons, American Perceptions of Viet Nam”

Location: Sunset Ballroom B

Session 8b

Remembering the Sacrifices and Accounting for the Missing

Moderator: Dr. Steve Maxner, Vietnam Center and Archive

Adrian Cronauer, former spokesman for the Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO), “Accounting for America’s Heroes – from WWII to Afghanistan”

Alejandro P. Villalva, Forensic Scientist and Military Equipment Analyst/Historian, USAF Life Sciences Equipment Laboratory (LSEL), Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, “The role of circumstantial evidence in the overall accounting and identification process of U.S. Servicemen Missing/Unaccounted For in South East Asia/Vietnam War”

Location: Sunset Ballroom C

10:00 AM: Coffee break - Conference Registration Area

10:30 AM: Sessions 9a-b

Session 9a

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder: Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan

Moderator: Dr. Steve Randolph, National Defense University

Darrell D. Turner, Ph.D., Staff Psychologist, Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, Houston, Texas, "Post Traumatic Shame Disorder: The Interaction of Political, Social & Cultural Factors With Combat Trauma in Vietnam Veterans"

Ted Engelmann, Independent Researcher, Vietnam Veteran, "A Brief Comparison of 'Post Traumatic Stress Disorder' Between American Soldiers in Viet Nam, Iraq, and Afghanistan"

Location: Sunset Ballroom B

Session 9b

Postwar Reeducation and Resettlement

Moderator: Dr. Donovan Chau, Assistant Professor, California State University

Ann Mallett, Vietnam Center and Archive, Texas Tech University, "Fate of Our Allies Sentenced to Reeducation: Forgiveness by Blood"

Jason Stewart, Vietnam Center and Archive, Texas Tech University, "From Hell to Home: One Vietnamese Family's Journey from Vietnam to America"

Son Mai, Instructor of History, McNeese State University, Louisiana, "Cong Dong Thanh Nien: Vietnamese Youth Along the Texas Gulf Coast"

Location: Sunset Ballroom C

12:00 Lunch

Lunch Speaker: Dr. Jim Reckner

Location: Sunset Ballroom A

1:30 PM: Session 10a-b

Session 10a

Remembering the Vietnam War: U.S. Policy and Historiography

Moderator: Dr. Ron Frankum, Associate Professor, Millersville University

Brendan McQuade, Graduate Student, Binghamton University (SUNY), “Vietnam and ‘the Sixties’: Tropes and Hegemony in History and Policy”

Kyle Horst, Independent Researcher, Former United Nations Officer, Hồ Chí Minh City/Hà-nội, “Truth Forsaken: The Vietnamese View of American Revisionism”

Location: Sunset Ballroom B

Session 10b

Atrocities in Vietnam; Genocide in Cambodia

Moderator: Dr. Kelly Crager, Vietnam Center and Archive

Brett Reilly, Graduate Student, University of Wisconsin-Madison, “Propaganda or Revelation? The United States Response to Atrocity Accusations Levied Against South Korean Troops”

Gary Kulik, Independent Researcher, Vietnam Veteran, “False Atrocity Stories from the Vietnam War, and Why They Matter.”

Nikki Davis, Graduate Student, Texas Tech University, “One Year Later - Atrocities and Genocidal Reports from Cambodia”

Location: Sunset Ballroom C

3:00 PM: Coffee Break - Conference Registration Area

3:30 PM: Sessions 11a-b:

Session 11a

Post-War Policies, Perceptions, and Normalized Relations

Moderator: Dr. Ron Milam, Texas Tech University

John Barnett, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Emporia State University, “After Doi Moi: Vietnamese Agricultural Policies, 2003-2010”

Hoang Cam Thanh, Graduate Student, Texas A&M Commerce, “America through the Eyes of International Relations Students of Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam”

Thi Diem Ngoc Dao, Ph.D. Student, Heidelberg Center for American Studies, University of Heidelberg, “Overcoming the Shadow of War: Vietnam-U.S. Normalization of Relations, 1975-2006”

Location: Sunset Ballroom B

Session 11b

Sexual Exploitation and Human Rights: Literature and Law as Cultural and Political Discourse

Moderator: Dr. Steve Maxner, Vietnam Center and Archive

Walter Jones, J. Willard Marriott Library, Special Collections Department, University of Utah, “Gender as Colonial Exploitation in French Indochina: Concubines in Selected Pre-1965 Novels Published in or Translated to English”

Quan Manh Ha, Ph.D. Candidate, Texas Tech University, “The Battered Body & Human Rights Discourse in Vietnamese American Non-Fiction”

Stephen Denney, Independent Researcher, “The legal basis for repression and dissent in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam”

Location: Sunset Ballroom C

5:00 PM: END OF SYPOSIUM PRESENTATIONS

6:30 PM: Texas BBQ Dinner
 Overton Hotel
 Location: Sunset Ballroom A