



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY
Vietnam Center & Archive™



A Medical History of the Vietnam War Symposium Agenda

March 10-12, 2016

Thursday, March 10

- All day: Participants arrive in San Antonio
- 12-5:00 PM: Registration Desk opens at the Holiday Inn San Antonio Airport
Location: Symposium Registration Area near Hill Country Ballroom
PLEASE NOTE: This is near the pre-function area in front of the Ballrooms on the first floor
- 5:45 PM: Meet downstairs and start to board buses
- 6:00 PM: Bus departs hotel for Welcoming Reception (***Please be sure to bring ID***)
- 6:30 PM: Welcoming Reception
Location: AMEDD Center for History and Heritage
Fort Sam Houston, Texas
Heavy Hors d'oeuvres
- 8 PM: Bus returns to hotel

Friday, March 11

7:30 AM: Coffee Service in Symposium Registration Area, Hill Country Ballroom

8 AM-5 PM: Registration Desk opens at Holiday Inn San Antonio Airport
Location: Symposium Registration Area, Hill Country Ballroom

8:00 AM: WELCOMING REMARKS

Stephen Maxner, Ph.D., Director, Vietnam Center and Archive, Texas Tech University

Robert Driscoll, Chief of the Army Medical Department Center of History and Heritage,
US Army Medical Command

Location: Prairie and Mesa Rooms (Hill Country Ballroom)

8:30 AM: Session 1

Medical Advising Programs in Vietnam

Moderator: Sanders Marble, Ph.D.

COL (R) James G. Van Straten, Ph.D.: *A Different Face of War: Memories of a
Medical Service Corps Officer in Vietnam*

MAJ (R) Scott C. Woodard, MA: *“Praise the Host and Pass the Nuoc Mam: Medical
Advisors in the Vietnam War”*

Location: Prairie and Mesa Rooms (Hill Country Ballroom)

10:00 AM: Coffee Break

(Beginning of breakout sessions)

10:30 AM: Sessions 2

Session 2A

Military Veterinary Service Missions in Vietnam

Moderator: BG John Poppe, USA (Ret), US Army Veterinary Corps

BG John Poppe, USA (Ret.), *History of US Army Veterinary Services in Vietnam*

Kent Kerr, Colonel (Retired), *US Army Veterinary Corps: US Army Veterinary Service Missions in Vietnam*

Location: Prairie Room

Session 2B

Medical Service Corps Combat Level Operations

Moderator: Gus Kappler, M.D.

Donald Hall: *"Happy New Year Long Binh!" The 44th Medical Brigade in the Tet Offensive*

Gus Kappler, MD: *Trauma Surgery at the 85th Evac. '70-'71*

William Mahaffey: *"Charlie Med," the Navy-staffed Charlie Company, 3rd Medical Battalion, 3rd MARDIV*

Location: Mesa Room

12:00 Lunch

Lunch Presentation: Allen Clark, Vietnam Veteran

Location: Canyon Room

1:30 PM: Sessions 3

Session 3A

Agent Orange: Lasting Legacy of War

Moderator: Susan Schnall, BSN, FACHE; Assistant Adjunct Professor, School of Professional Studies, New York University; Honorary Doctor of Humanities, Ohio Wesleyan University

Paul Cox, Vietnam veteran, Marine Corps Infantry, 1969-1970; and Susan Schnall, Lt.JG, USNR, 1967-1969, Oak Knoll Naval Hospital, Oakland, California: *The Things We Leave Behind: Agent Orange and Unexploded Ordnance*

Jean Grassman, Environmental Sciences; Associate Professor, Health and Nutrition Sciences, Brooklyn College: *A Poisoned Land*

Carole A. Baraldi, RN, Ed.D.; Assistant Professor of Nursing, Mercy College: *Healing the People*

Heather Bowser, MSeD, LPCC, Preferred Care Counseling: *A Daughter's Perspective*

Location: Prairie Room

Session 3B

The Medical Corps in the Vietnam War

Moderator: Robert B. Daroff, MD

Carl Gunderson, Col MC (Ret) Professor Emeritus Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Bethesda MD: *The Medical Corps in the Vietnam War*

Robert B. Daroff, MD: *Cerebral Malaria in U.S. Forces in Vietnam*

Location: Mesa Room

3:00 PM: Coffee Break

3:30 PM: Sessions 4

Session 4A

Vietnam Redcatcher Medics of the 199th Light Infantry Brigade (1966-1970)

Moderator: MAJ (R) Scott C. Woodard, MA

199th Light Infantry Brigade Medics

Location: Prairie Room

Session 4B

Conscientious Objection and Veteran Protest during the Vietnam War

Moderator: Stephen Maxner, Ph.D.

Gary Kulik: *The Forgotten Medics of the Vietnam War*

Amy M. Hay: *GI Guinea Pigs: Veterans Protest Agent Orange*

Location: Mesa Room

5:00 PM – End of first day presentations

6:00 PM: Reception
Cash bar
Light Hors d'oeuvres
Location: Canyon Room and Pre-function Area

6:30 PM: Special Vietnam Veteran Recognition Program
Hosted by 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Commemoration Program

7:00 PM: SYMPOSIUM BANQUET
Recommended attire: Business
Location: Canyon Room

7:40 PM: Keynote Address

Keynote Speaker:

**LTG Quinn Becker, USA (Ret), Surgeon General of the United States Army
1985-1988**

LTG Becker also served as the Chief, Professional Services, 85th Evacuation Hospital, United States Army Vietnam from February to May 1970 and then as Division Surgeon and Battalion Commander, 15th Medical Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), United States Army Vietnam from June 1970 to February 1971.

8:30 PM: End of banquet

Saturday March 12

7:30 AM: Coffee Service in Symposium Registration Area

8 AM-5 PM: Registration Desk opens
Location: Symposium Registration Area

8:30 AM: Sessions 5

Session 5A

Medicine on 'the Other Side' during the Vietnam War

Moderator: Stephen Maxner, Ph.D.

Alan Hawk, Museum Specialist, National Museum of Health and Medicine: *"Do our best for the wounded" - The Creation of the Viet Cong Medical Department*

Professor C. Michele Thompson: *Winning Hearts and Minds through Medicine*

Rob Whitehurst: *Medicine on 'the Other Side' during the Vietnam War*

Location: Prairie Room

Session 5B

The Involvement of Medical Allies during the Vietnam War

Moderator: Sanders Marble, Ph.D.

Wolfgang Eckart: *Between Medical Humanitarianism and Cold War Engagement: German Medical Assistance Programmes for the Vietnamese People, 1966-1989*

Jane Kim: *The Mercenaries of America: The South Korean military medicine and the sub-Imperialization of the Vietnam War, 1964-1973*

Location: Mesa Room

10:00 AM: Coffee break - Symposium Registration Area

10:30 AM: Sessions 6

Session 6A

Australian Medical Experiences in the Vietnam War

Moderator: Sanders Marble, Ph.D.

Peter Yule, Ph.D., University of Melbourne: *The Medical Legacies of the Vietnam War: An Australian Perspective*

Location: Prairie Room

Session 6B

The Impact of Disease during the Vietnam War

Moderator: Stephen Maxner, Ph.D.

Dr. Dennis Graham PhD, RN, ANP: *Malaria: A Soldier's Story of the Vietnam War's Second Front*

Dr. Bradford Waters: *Viral Hepatitis in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and in Vietnam era Veterans*

COL Andrew Cottingham: *The Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, the Field Epidemiology Survey Team, and Malaria and Plague in Vietnam.*

Location: Mesa Room

12:00 Lunch

Location: Canyon Room

1:30 PM: Session 7

Mental Health Aspects of Service in the Vietnam War

Moderator: Stephen Maxner, Ph.D.

Norman 'Mike' Camp, MD: *Salient findings from US Army Psychiatry in the Vietnam War: Cautionary tale or perfect storm?*

Mike Doidge: *U.S. Military Traumatic Brain Injury and Psychological Healthcare in the 1970s*

Nicholas Efstathiou: *Vietnam Veterans and Self-Medication*

Location: Mesa Room

3:00 PM: Coffee break - Symposium Registration Area

3:30 PM: Session 8

Vietnam Veteran Care When There Are War Remnants

Moderator: Sanders Marble, Ph.D.

Myrna Armstrong: *Vietnam Veteran Care When There Are War Remnants*

Patricia Conrad: *Vietnam Veteran Care When There Are War Remnants*

Location: Mesa Room

5:00 PM: END OF SYPOSIUM PRESENTATIONS
