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*1973: The Paris Peace Accords and the Allied
Withdrawal from South Vietnam*
Conference Agenda

March 2-4, 2023

Thursday, March 2

All day: Participants arrive in Lubbock

12:00 PM - Registration Desk opens at the MCM Elegante Hotel

6:00 PM Location: Conference Registration Area near Hotel Registration Desk

6:00 PM: Welcoming Reception

Cash Bar with Heavy Hors d'oeuvres

Location: Atrium (near pool)

Friday, March 3

7:30 AM: Coffee Service in Conference Area

8 AM-5 PM: Registration Desk opens at MCM Elegante Hotel
Location: Conference Registration Area near the Hotel Registration Desk

8:00 AM

WELCOMING REMARKS

Ron Milam, Ph.D., Executive Director, Institute for Peace & Conflict, Texas Tech University

Tosha Dupras, Ph.D., Dean, College of Arts & Sciences, Texas Tech University

Administrative Remarks

Stephen Maxner, Ph.D., Director, Vietnam Center & Sam Johnson Vietnam Archive, Texas Tech University

Location: Petroleum Room

8:30 AM: Session 1: Plenary Session

Ambassador's Roundtable

Introduction: Ron Milam, Ph.D., Texas Tech University

A Discussion Featuring:

Ambassador Ron Neumann
Ambassador Chase Untermeyer

Moderated by Justin Hart, Ph.D., Senior Fellow, Academic Programs, Institute for Peace and Conflict, Texas Tech University

Location: Petroleum Room

10:00 AM: Coffee Break

(Beginning of breakout sessions)
10:30 AM: Session 2

Session 2A

Rethinking 1973: The Republic of Vietnam's Best Moments and Its Legacies

Commentator/Moderator: Alex-Thai D. Vo, Ph.D., Texas Tech University

The Republic in Its Best Moments: Government and the Press in South Vietnam, 1973-1975

Tuong Vu, Ph.D., University of Oregon

The US Withdrawal and the Need to Preserve the Republic of Vietnam's History

Chau Thuy, Vietnamese Heritage Museum

Vietnamese Dual Language Immersion (VDLI) Program in the public school system: Vietnamese Refugees and the Struggle for Their Heritage Preservation

Hong Tien Tran, Caltrans and DeMille Elementary School

Location: Petroleum Room

Session 2B

**“Captain Canada’s” ICCS Challenge:
Overcoming Obstructions to Peace in A War Zone**

Commentator/Moderator: Rebecca McGee, Ph.D. Student, Texas Tech University

Sense of Humour and Teamwork Required: Canadian ICCS Experiences While Monitoring War In The Company of “HIP’ Colleagues

James Baldwin, Oral History Project/Researcher, The Military Museums
(Calgary), Alberta Canada

“Captain Canada’s” Personal Experiences in POW (including John McCain) Release Exchanges of Vietnamese and Americans

James Baldwin, Oral History Project/Researcher, The Military Museums
(Calgary), Alberta Canada (Sources: ICCS Captain Norman Altenhof = “Captain Canada”)

“Boots On The Ground Perspectives”: Canadian ICCS Veteran Experiences Presentation and ICCS Veteran Panel Questions

Captain Tony Burton, ICCS Canadian Veteran (Retired)

Lt. Colonel Fletcher Thomson, ICCS Canadian Veteran -Captain In 1973 (Retired)

Colonel Charles Simonds, ICCS Canadian Veteran, (Retired)

Location: University Room

Session 2C

“A Grain of Rice is Worth a Drop of Blood.”

Commentator/Moderator: Stephen Sherman, Vietnam Veteran, Independent Researcher

History of Rice in Southeast Asia 1939-1979

Bill Laurie, Vietnam Veteran, Independent Researcher

Land Reform in North and South Vietnam (1954-1978)

Nghia Vo, Vietnam Veteran, Independent Researcher

Rice in 1973

Stephen Sherman, Vietnam Veteran, Independent Researcher

Location: Cotton Room

Session 2D

BOOK ROOM OPEN

Location: Heritage Room

12:00 Lunch

Welcoming Remarks: Ron Milam, Ph.D., Texas Tech University

Lunch Presentation

The Vietnamese Communist Playbook & the Russo-Ukrainian War

Pierre Asselin, Ph.D.

*Professor of History, Dwight E. Stanford Chair in U.S. Foreign Relations
San Diego State University*

Location: Atrium

1:30 PM: Sessions 3

Session 3A

Paris Peace Accords

Commentator/Moderator: Ms. Jenny Nguyen, United States Institute of Peace

Leaving Vientiane: Ambassador Godley, the USAF Ravens, and the Embattled Defense of Laos, 1972-1973

Jeffrey Schultz, Luzerne County Community College

The Paris Peace Accords and South Vietnam

Hieu Vu, Ph.D., Fort Hays State University

The Two Vietnams

Nghia Vo, Independent Researcher

Location: Petroleum Room

Session 3B

**Roundtable Discussion on the Failure of ICCS:
The Vietnamese American Perspective**

Commentator/Moderator: Ms. Rachel Quý Le

Mr. Cao Thai Hai, Vietnamese boat people refugee in 1975, businessman, and politician

Mr. Dao Le, son-in-law of an ARVN special force intelligence, survived boat people refugee, and an eyewitness of post-war 1975

Ms. Le Hang My (aka Ms. Michelle Le-Chen), author of *The Children Hope- The story of Đảo Minh Le* (Major General Đảo Minh Le is her father and served as commander of the 18th ARVN Division and as ground commander during the final Battle of Saigon)

Ms. Paula Hicks-Le: BBA, Accounting Information Systems, Pace University, New York, ARVN descendant, an accountant, former president of New Jersey Vietnamese-American Community Association (2014-2018), and AICC of PPA73 advocate

Location: University Room

Session 3C

Why the U.S. “Lost” the Second Indochina War: Kissinger, Congress, and the Anti-War Movement in 1973

Commentator/Moderator: Stephen Sherman, Independent Researcher, Vietnam Veteran

The Paris Accords

Steve Young, Independent Researcher

Congress and Vietnam: a 1973 case study

Professor Robert Turner, Distinguished Fellow, Center for National Security Law, University of Virginia School of Law (Retired)

The Fog of War, Politics, and Peace: How the Antiwar Movement Won the Political War in Congress, and the Peace Movement Lost the Peace in Indochina and in the USA

Roger B. Canfield, Ph.D., Independent Scholar, Vietnam Veteran, ATN2, USN 1959-1964

Location: Cotton Room

Session 3D

BOOK ROOM OPEN

Location: Heritage Room

3:00 PM: Coffee Break

3:30 PM: Sessions 4

Session 4A

Enforcing the Paris Peace Accords

Commentator/Moderator: James Baldwin, Oral History Project/Researcher, The Military Museums (Calgary), Alberta Canada

Between a Rock and Hard Place: Canada and the International Commission of Control and Supervision

Michael Carroll, Ph.D., MacEwan University, Canada

New Commission – Same Commission? Polish Delegation in the International Commission for Control and Supervision

Jarema Slowiak, Ph.D., Jagiellonian University, Poland

Post-Paris Peace Accords: Violations or Ambiguity (1973)?

Jerry Silverman, Ph.D., Vietnam Veteran, Independent Scholar

Location: Petroleum Room

Session 4B

Understanding the last phase of U.S. Advisory Efforts through District Teams, Mobile Advisory Teams, and South Vietnamese Territorial Forces

Commentator/Moderator: James H. Willbanks, Ph.D., LTC, USA Ret, Professor Emeritus of Military History, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College

Local Security at the Bottom Rungs: Mobile Advisory Teams and Territorial Forces

Uyen H. “Carie” Nguyen, Ph.D., Texas Tech University

In the Mouth of the Dragon: A Memoir of a District Advisor in the Mekong Delta, 1971-1973

John B. Haseman, Vietnam Veteran, Independent Researcher

An Unconventional Approach to Unconventional Warfare

David L. Priddy, Vietnam Veteran, Independent Researcher

Location: University Room

Session 4C

The Importance of Humanitarian Organizations during the Vietnam War

Commentator/Moderator: Daniella McCahey, Ph.D., Texas Tech University

The Vietnamese Buddhists soft power and its limits in the context of the Vietnamese War: The case study of the Overseas Vietnamese Buddhist Association, 1963-1975

Guilhem Thorez, Ph.D. Candidate, Aix-Marseille University, France

Facing the 1973 Paris Peace Accords: The Red Cross Movement's Struggle for Humanitarian Protection and Assistance for Victims of War in Vietnam

Marie Cugnet, Ph.D. Candidate, University of Fribourg, Switzerland

The Paris Peace Accords and the Fate of Human Rights in Vietnam
Stephen Denney, Independent Researcher

Location: Cotton Room

Session 4D

BOOK ROOM OPEN

Location: Heritage Room

5:00 PM – End of first day presentations

6:00 PM: Bus Departs MCM Elegante for Banquet
Texas Tech University International Cultural Center Hall of Nations

Reception
Cash bar
Business Attire

6:20 PM: Bus returns to MCM Elegante

6:30 PM: Final Bus pickup for Banquet

6:45 PM: Special Vietnam Veteran Recognition Program
Hosted by the Vietnam Center and Archive, Texas Tech University

7:15 PM: CONFERENCE BANQUET

7:45 PM: Welcoming Remarks:

Ron Milam, Ph.D., Executive Director, Institute for Peace and Conflict,
Texas Tech University

Lawrence Schovanec, Ph.D., President, Texas Tech University

Keynote Address:

Larry Berman, Ph.D.
Professor Emeritus, University of California, Davis

The Past Has Another Pattern

8:30 PM: End of banquet

Bus departs ICC for MCM Elegante

Saturday March 4

7:30 AM: Coffee Service in Conference Area

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

8:30 AM: Sessions 5

Plenary Session

The Paris Peace Agreement at 50: A Roundtable Discussion

Commentator/Moderator: John Burns, Director, Midway Institute for Teachers, USS Midway Museum, San Diego, California

Larry Berman, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus, University of California, Davis
George Veith, Ph.D., Independent Scholar
Pierre Asselin, Ph.D., Professor of History, San Diego State University

Location: Petroleum Room

10:00 AM: Coffee break - Conference Registration Area

10:30 AM: Sessions 6

Session 6A

Reporting and Commentary about the Vietnam War in 1973

Commentator/Moderator: Sean Cunningham, Ph.D., Texas Tech University

Without Honor: Defeat in Vietnam and Cambodia

Arnold Isaacs, War Correspondent, Independent Researcher

Photographs of 1973 - The End Was In Sight (Or So We Thought)

Neal Ulevich, War Correspondent, Independent Researcher

Vietnam and the Era of the Watergate Scandal

Jeremy Levine, Ph.D. Student, Stony Brook University

Location: Petroleum Room

Session 6B

The Ground War in 1973

Commentator/Moderator: Trevor Yates, Ph.D. Student, Texas Tech University

The Cambodian Incursion

Isaac Mounce, Independent Researcher

1973: Fighting on Alone

James H. Willbanks, Ph.D., LTC, USA Ret, Professor Emeritus of Military History, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College

Will the Last Medic Leaving Please Turn Out the Lights: Shutting Down the U.S. Army Health Service System in the Republic of Vietnam, 1972—1973

Donald Hall, Ph.D., Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences

Location: University Room

Session 6C

Prisoners of War

Commentator/Moderator: John Nelson, Ph.D., Texas Tech University

Hour of Deliverance: Operation Homecoming and the End of America's War in Vietnam

J. Keith Saliba, Ph.D., Jacksonville University

Tiger Cages

Justin Simundson, Ph.D., U.S. Air Force Academy

Location: Cotton Room

Session 6D

BOOK ROOM OPEN

Location: Heritage Room

12:00 Lunch

Welcoming Remarks: Justin Hart, Ph.D., Texas Tech University

Lunch Presentation

The Paris Peace Agreement: Reflections on a Failed War

*Carolyn Eisenberg, Ph.D.
Hofstra University*

Location: Atrium

1:30 PM: Session 7

Session 7A

Comparison and Discourse: The Comparative Legacy America’s War in Vietnam

Commentator/Moderator: Kyle Rable, Ph.D. Student, Texas Tech University

Victims of Peace: Comparing and Contrasting the Paris Peace Accords (1973) and the Doha Agreement (2020)

James Pomeroy, Graduate Student, Texas Tech University

Decolonization and sovereignty: Recontextualizing the cold war perspectives in the Nigerian and Cambodian civil wars, 1967-1975

Emmanuel Ojelabi, Ph.D. Student, Texas Tech University

Proxy Wars: Seemingly Unrelated Conflicts, More of the Same, and How They Start

Ryan Miller, Graduate Certificate in Strategic Studies, Texas Tech University

Location: Petroleum Room

Session 7B

1973: The Air War Continues in Vietnam

Commentator/Moderator: Philip Webster, Ph.D. Student, Texas Tech University

Residual Forward Air Controller (FAC) Operations – 1973

Darrel Whitcomb, Independent Researcher, Vietnam Veteran

Vietnam helicopter pilot who served in 1973 discusses combat incidents that continued in 1973 after the cease-fire

John M. Harris, CW5, USA Ret, Independent Researcher, Vietnam Veteran

Location: University Room

Session 7C

OPEN SESSION

Location: Cotton Room

Session 7D

BOOK ROOM OPEN

Location: Heritage Room

3:00 PM: Coffee break - Conference Registration Area

3:30 PM: Session 8

Session 8A

The Implications of the Paris Peace Accords

Commentator/Moderator: Clayton Kozan, Ph.D. Candidate, Texas Tech University

Difficulties Attendant to Researching the American – Viet Nam War from 1954 through the 1973 Paris Peace Accords, American Withdrawal and Beyond

Frank Scotton, Field Operative Viet Nam 1962-1973; author *UPHILL BATTLE* published by Texas Tech Press

Ambassador Martin's Mission Impossible – And Fatal Misjudgment

Frank Snepp, Vietnam Veteran, Central Intelligence Agency

Location: Petroleum Room

Session 8B

Legacies of the Vietnam War

Commentator/Moderator: Justin Hart, Ph.D., Texas Tech University

Our Commitment to Freedom: The Creation of the All-Volunteer Force in 1973 and Its Legacy

William A. Taylor, Ph.D., Angelo State University

Teaching the Vietnam War in High School - A New Orientation

Drew Gibson, Independent Researcher

Republic of Vietnam and United States Militaries Arsenic Contribution to the Mekong Delta Groundwater during the Vietnam War

Kenneth Olson, Ph.D., University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana

Location: University Room

Session 8C

The Hanoi Hilton's Silver Lining

Commentator/Moderator: Rebecca McGee, Ph.D. Student, Texas Tech University

What Vietnam POWs Have Taught Us

Taylor Kiland, Independent Researcher

Location: Cotton Room

Session 8D

BOOK ROOM OPEN

Location: Heritage Room

5:00 PM: Closing Remarks

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

Location: Cotton Room

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