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“1974: Shattered Peace, Continued Conflict, and Preparing for the Final Battle for Vietnam”

April 11-13, 2024

Thursday, April 11

- All day: Participants arrive in Irving (Dallas)
- 12:00 PM - Registration Desk Open
6:00 PM Location: Conference Registration Area, TTU-DFW Site
- 6:00 PM: Welcome Reception
Cash Bar with Heavy Hors d'oeuvres
- Special Welcome Remarks

The Final Mission

Rear Admiral Huan Nguyen, U.S. Navy, Retired

Location: Reception Area

Conference Location: All conference sessions, meals, and activities will take place at:

Texas Tech DFW
4201 State Highway 161
Suite 250
Irving, Texas 75038

There is ample free parking at this site.

Conference Registration: Individual sessions are open to the public (without registration and at no cost). Attendance and participation at any meal event including the receptions, lunches, and banquet, requires paid registration. Thank you in advance for supporting our event!

For more information, please visit us online at:

https://www.vietnam.ttu.edu/events/2024_Conference/

Friday, April 12

7:30 AM: Coffee Service in Conference Area

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

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

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

Location: Conference Center

8:30 AM: Session 1

PLENARY SESSION

The Long 1974: After the Americans Leave, South Vietnam Stands Alone

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

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

The Long 1974: South Vietnam's Ongoing Challenges, June 1973-December 1974

Jay Veith, Ph.D., Independent Scholar

The 92nd ARVN Rangers and the Battle of Ton Le Chan, March-April 1974

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

Vietnam War, Misunderstanding from the American Perspective

Mr. Michael Do, ARVN Veteran, Independent Researcher

Location: Conference Center

10:00 AM: Coffee Break

(Beginning of breakout sessions)

10:30 AM: Session 2

Session 2A

1974 - The Beginning of the End – A Roundtable Discussion

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

1974 – Events in Washington

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

1974 – Events in Saigon, Hanoi and Paris

Stephen Young, Independent Researcher, MACV/CORDS Advisor; author
Kissinger's Betrayal: How America Lost the Vietnam War; Dean and Professor,
Hamline University School of Law

1974 - Events in the Indo-Pacific region, (CINCPAC, Thailand and others)

Stephen Sherman, Independent Researcher, Vietnam Veteran

Location: Room 1

Session 2B

South Vietnam during the War

Commentator/Moderator: Son Mai, MBA, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Organizational
Management Division of Social/Behavioral Sciences &
Business, Midland College Midland, Texas

Economic Survival in a Wartime Country: South Vietnam before 1974

Pham Do Chi, Ph.D., Independent Scholar

***A Predictive Study of the Society in Viet-Nam According to the Strauss-Howe
Generational Theory***

Nguyen Le Hieu, Ph.D., Oklahoma City Literary Club

Location: Room 2

Session 2C

The POW Myth and Other Misrepresentations of the Vietnam War in American Popular Culture

Commentator/Moderator: Dr. Erin McCoy, University of South Carolina Beaufort

The (Literally) Invisible Vietnam Veteran: POW/MIA Mythology in The X-Files

Kerstin A. Tuttle, Ph.D. Candidate, University of Minnesota

Olof Palme, Sweden and the American Prisoners-of-War in North Vietnam

Lubna Qureshi, Ph.D., Independent Scholar

The Trouble with Laos: Henry Kissinger's Missteps and the Birth of The MIA Controversy

Taylor Kiland and Judy Gray, coauthors of *Unwavering: The Wives Who Fought to Ensure No Man is Left Behind*

Location: Rooms 3 & 4

12:00 Lunch

Introduction: Justin Hart, Ph.D., Senior Fellow, Academic Programs, Institute for Peace & Conflict, Texas Tech University

Lunch Presentation

H. Ross Perot, Sr., and the Vietnam War: A Conversation

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

Discussants: Jeffrey Engel, Ph.D., Director, Center for Presidential History, Southern Methodist University
Kali Mercy, Curator, Perot Family Collections

Location: Conference Center

1:30 PM: Sessions 3

Session 3A

South Vietnamese Responses to 1974

Commentator/Moderator: Trong Phan, Ph.D., President, Board of Directors, Vietnamese American Community of the USA

The Paris Accords and Its Consequence

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

Public Relations Campaign Conducted by the RVN Information Ministry in 1974

Walter Nguyen, MSW, Ph.D., Founder & First Executive Director of Mosaic Family Services, Dallas, Texas

Location: Room 1

Session 3B

Official and Unofficial Responses to Wartime Trauma

Commentator/Moderator: Justin Hart, Ph.D., Senior Fellow, Academic Programs, Institute for Peace & Conflict, Texas Tech University

1974: The War at Home and the Vets House Model

Doug Bradley, Distinguished Lecturer Emeritus, UW-Madison

Healing Shame: What Does Humor and Feminism Offer to Veterans Coping with Trauma?

Hope Bentley, McGovern Medical School
Julie Willett, Texas Tech University

The Cases of Children of Vinh Linh Special Zone during the Vietnam War

Le Nam Trung Hieu, Ph.D., Lecturer in Diplomatic History and International Relations, Duy Tan University

Location: Room 2

Session 3C

Vietnamese Missing-in-Action: Recovering Martyr Remains in Vietnam

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

Collaborative Efforts in Finding Mass Graves of Vietnamese Martyrs

Richard Magner, Vietnam Veteran, Independent Researcher

Bob March, Vietnam Veteran, Independent Researcher

Lam Hong Tien, Independent Researcher

Nguyen Xuan Thang, Independent Researcher

Location: Rooms 3 & 4

3:00 PM: Coffee Break

3:30 PM: Sessions 4

Session 4A

OPEN

Location: Room 1

Session 4B

Reporting War: War Correspondents in Vietnam

Commentator/Moderator: Alan Pogue, Vietnam Veteran, Photojournalist/Documentary
Photographer, President of Veterans for Peace Chapter 66

***The Ultimate Protest: Malcolm W. Browne, Thich Quang Duc, and the News
Photograph That Stunned the World***

Ray E. Boomhower, Senior Editor, Indiana Historical Society Press

A Reporter's Perspective from Vietnam, 1974

Don Kirk, Vietnam War Correspondent

Location: Room 2

Session 4C

Vietnam War Legacies

Commentator/Moderator: Roy Vu, Ph.D., Professor of History, Dallas College – North
Lake Campus

Continued Conflict: De-Mining the Past in 21st Century Viet Nam & Cambodia

Erin R. McCoy, Ph.D., University of SC – Beaufort

An Online Mapping and Visualization Tool of Physical War Legacies in Vietnam
Andrew Wells-Dang and Jenny Nguyen, United States Institute of Peace

Ken Burns' Vietnam War Documentary

Jeremy Kuzmarov, Tulsa Community College, Managing editor, Covert Action Magazine

Location: Rooms 3 & 4

5:00 PM – End of first day presentations

6:00 PM: Banquet Reception
Cash Bar
Business Attire

Location: Conference Center

6:30 PM: Special Vietnam Veteran Recognition Program
Hosted by the Vietnam Center & Sam Johnson Vietnam Archive, Texas Tech University

7:00 PM: CONFERENCE BANQUET

7:30 PM: Banquet Keynote Address

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

Keynote Address

Major General Viet Luong, U.S. Army, Retired

8:30 PM: End of banquet

Saturday April 13

8:00 AM: Coffee Service in Conference Area

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

8:30 AM: Session 5

PLENARY SESSION

Second Generation Vietnamese Scholars of the Vietnam War

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

Moderator: Justin Hart, Ph.D., Senior Fellow, Academic Programs, Institute for Peace &
Conflict, Texas Tech University

Roundtable Discussion Featuring:

Alex-Thai D. Vo, Ph.D., Research Assistant Professor, Vietnam Center & Sam
Johnson Vietnam Archive, Texas Tech University

Uyen “Carie” Nguyen, Ph.D., Research Assistant Professor, Institute for Peace &
Conflict, Texas Tech University

Roy Vu, Ph.D., Professor of History, Dallas College – North Lake Campus

Location: Conference Center

10:00 AM: Coffee break - Conference Registration Area

10:30 AM: Sessions 6

Session 6A

Conscientious Objectors

Commentator/Moderator: Dr. Erin McCoy, University of South Carolina Beaufort

***Duty to Serve; Duty to Conscience: The Story of two Conscientious Objector Combat
Medics in Vietnam***

James C. Kearney and William Clamurro

Location: Room 1

Session 6B

Communication during War

Commentator/Moderator: Samantha Storey

Just a Few Lines to Let You Know: Writing Letters during the Vietnam War
Paloma Guerra, Texas Tech University

“Extra, Extra! Read All About It:” The Media and Sexual Assault in the U.S. Military
Rebecca McGee, Texas Tech University

Location: Room 2

Session 6C

The Vietnam Tribunal Judgment of the 1958 Diplomatic Note: A Precursor of the Vietnam War and the 1974 Chinese Invasion of the Parcel Islands

Commentator/Moderator: Mr. Hai Cao, Independent Researcher

Tribunals, Jurisdictions of Tribunals and Authority to Act
Linh Nguyen

The Proceedings: The Evidence Before the Tribunal and Deliberations of the Evidence
Nha Nguyen, M.A., LPC

Evidence
David Tran, MD

Location: Rooms 3 & 4

12:00 Lunch

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

Lunch Presentation

***A Paneled Retrospective:
The Vietnam Wars & American Comic Books***

James A. Sandy, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor
University of Texas, Arlington

Location: Conference Center

1:30 PM: Session 7

Session 7A

OPEN

Location: Room 1

Session 7B

The American Antiwar Movement - Then and Now

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

***Political Influence Operations by Hanoi and Beijing, and their Relative Success
Among the American People***

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

**Discussion: Comparing the Anti-Vietnam War Movement with the Pro-Hamas
Elements Protesting Today**

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

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

Stephen Young, Independent Researcher, MACV/CORDS Advisor; author
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Hamline University School of Law

Location: Room 2

Session 7C

**The Republic of Vietnam as Represented in Film,
The Sino-Vietnamese Battle for the Paracel Islands, 1974, and
Polish Military Intelligence and the ICCS**

Commentator/Moderator: Geoffrey Wawro, Ph.D., Military History Center, University of North Texas

Re-presenting the Republic: Revealing the Self-Image of Vietnam through Film Footage

Alex-Thai D. Vo, Ph.D., Research Assistant Professor, Vietnam Center & Sam Johnson Vietnam Archive, Texas Tech University

Paracels '74: Vietnamization, Maritime Hybrid Warfare and the Ongoing Struggle for the South China Sea

Jeff Schultz, Professor of History, Luzerne County Community College

Clandestine Operations of Polish Military Intelligence in the International Commission for Control and Supervision

Jarema Slowiak, Ph.D., Jagiellonian University

Location: Rooms 3 & 4

3:00 PM: Coffee break - Conference Registration Area

3:30 PM: Session 8

Session 8A

OPEN

Location: Room 1

Session 8B

FILM PRESENTATION

Truths and Myths About the Vietnam War

Film produced by the Atlanta Vietnam Veterans Business Association Foundation and Emmy Award winning film producer David Naglieri. The film features an introduction by Sam Elliott, and by Medal of Honor recipient Patrick H. Brady, as well as other veterans and historians presenting their perspectives on the portrayal of the Vietnam War. Discussion will follow.

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

Location: Room 2

Session 8C

The Postwar Vietnamese Diaspora

Commentator/Moderator: Trong Phan, Ph.D., President, Board of Directors, Vietnamese American Community of the USA

Vietnamese Immigration to Texas

Son Mai, MBA, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Organizational Management
Division of Social/Behavioral Sciences & Business, Midland College Midland,
Texas

Vietnamese American Dispersions, Auto-mobilities and Re-assemblages

Ivan V. Small, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Anthropology, Department of
Comparative Cultural Studies, University of Houston

Vietnamese Americans and Their Food Gardens

Roy Vu, Ph.D., Professor of History, Dallas College – North Lake Campus

Location: Rooms 3 & 4

5:00 PM: Closing Remarks

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

Location: Rooms 3 & 4

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Rear Admiral Huan Nguyen

Deputy Commander for Cyber Engineering, NAVSEA



Rear Adm. Nguyen is a native of Hue, Vietnam. He graduated from Oklahoma State University with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering in 1981 and received a direct commission with the Reserve Engineering Duty Officer (EDO) program in 1993. He holds Master's degrees in Electrical Engineering (Southern Methodist University), Engineering (Purdue University), and Information Technology (with highest distinction) from Carnegie Mellon University.

Nguyen's operational tours include test officer and officer-in-charge of Detachment 113 at Ship Repair Facility in Yokosuka, Japan. Nguyen served as executive officer and chief engineer for Joint Counter Radio-Controlled Improvised Explosive Device Electronic Warfare (CREW)

field office in Camp Victory, supporting Multi-National Corps Iraq, where he was instrumental in the stand-up of Joint CREW Composite Squadron One. With Task Force Paladin and the Combined Explosive and Exploitation Cell, Nguyen supported Combined Forces Command Afghanistan as CREW engineer.

Staff assignments include director, Military Programs at Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA); executive officer for Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA), Enlisted Personnel; Engineering duty officer Community Manager (Reserve Component). His last assignment was as deputy chief information officer for NAVSEA. Selected Reserve assignments include NAVSEA, U.S. Pacific Fleet, and the Office of Naval Research. His first flag assignment is as deputy commander for Cyber Engineering, NAVSEA.

Nguyen's personal awards include the Legion of Merit (two awards), Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, and the Navy Commendation Medal (two awards), among various other individual, and unit campaign and service awards. He is especially proud of the unit awards that honor the shipmates he has had the privilege of serving alongside.



Viet X. Luong

Major General, U.S. Army, Retired

Viet Luong emigrated from Vietnam with his family to the United States in 1975 as a political refugee, upon the fall of Saigon. He received his commission as a U.S. Army Infantry Officer upon graduating from the University of Southern California, serving on active duty for the next 34 years until his recent retirement in 2021.

Throughout his career, Luong had commanded at the rifle platoon to flag level and participated in numerous operational and combat deployments, including OPERATION UPHOLD DEMOCRACY (Haiti), OPERATION JOINT GUARD (Kosovo), OPERATION AMERICAN ASSIST (Hurricane Katrina Relief), OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM 06-08 (Samarra, Iraq), OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM 10-11 (Eastern Afghanistan), and OPERATION FREEDOM'S SENTINEL/NATO RESOLUTE SUPPORT (Kandahar, Afghanistan). Outside of combat, Luong also served in several critically important strategic assignments, including tours as the Deputy Director for the Pakistan Afghanistan Coordination Cell, where he assisted the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs in shaping national policy for the region, and Army G-8 Director of Joint and Integration, where he was responsible for the Army Modernization Strategy and facilitating the Army Requirements Oversight Council (AROC). Most recently, he served as the Commanding General of U.S. Army Japan, from 2018 to 2021. In this capacity, he effectively operationalized his command and improved U.S. Army force posture in Japan in the face of superpowers competition against near-peer adversaries in the region. Just as important, Luong effectively cultivated long lasting relationships with U.S. Allies in the region and promoted a culture of trust, dignity, and respect throughout his command.

Luong currently serves as an Executive Vice President for a technology company and member of the board for several private companies. In addition, he is a Leadership Fellow with the Association of the United States Army and a proud member of Frisco VFW Post 8273.

Luong holds a Bachelor's Degree in Biology from the University of Southern California and a Master of Military Arts and Science from the Army Command and General Staff College. In 2012, he attended Stanford University as a National Security Fellow, where he focused on U.S.- China Policy under the tutelage of Former Secretary of Defense, Dr. William Perry.

His military awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal (1 O/C), Joint Meritorious Service Medal, Legion of Merit (with 2 O/C), Bronze Star (with 2 O/C), Meritorious Service Medal (3 O/C), Valorous Unit Award, Ranger Tab, Senior Parachutist Badge, Combat Infantryman's Badge, and Expert Infantryman's Badge. In addition to his military awards and recognitions, he is a recipient of the 2010 Daughters of the American Revolution Americanism Award, 2016 Andrew Carnegie Great Immigrant, 2018 Republic of Korea Cheonsu Medal, 2021 US Customs and Immigration Service Outstanding American by Choice, and 2021 Japan Imperial Order of the Rising Sun Gold and Silver. He is married to the former Kimberly Lau of Denver, Colorado. They have three children, daughter, Ashley, and sons, Brandon and Justin.