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Conferences, Symposia, and Events

To encourage continued study of all aspects of America's Vietnam experience, the Vietnam Center has developed an active program of conferences and symposia. Through these annual conferences and symposia, the Vietnam Center has brought together scholars, diplomats, statesmen, military professionals and veterans to discuss, debate and further understand the complex events that shaped the American experience in Southeast Asia. Past participants and speakers at these events include the Vietnam Center's former National Advisory Council Chairman Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr.; former CIA Director William E. Colby; Ambassador Douglas "Pete" Peterson; former South Vietnamese Prime Minister General Nguyen Khanh; Peoples Army of Vietnam Lieutenant General Nguyen Dinh Uoc; General William B. Rosson, US Army (retired); noted journalist Peter Braestrup and many others.

In addition to annual conferences, the Vietnam Center and Archive hosts a range of other events throughout the year, ranging from guest lectures to banguets to our annual Vietnamese New Year (Tet) celebration.

(Howard Breedlove Collection [va029479])

Upcoming Conferences and Symposia

Event Date(s) Time(s) Location Contact 7th Trionnial Vistnam Symposium 10 Mar. 12 Mar. 2011 9:00 am. 5:00 pm Overteen Hetel and Stave Mayner





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THE VIETNAM CENTER AND ARCHIVE CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH

With the desegregation of the American military during the Korean War, military careers became increasingly attractive to the African American community in the early 1980's. The military offered young men and women employment, education, training and for African Americans a chance to achieve one's goals in an environment that was more tolerant than the still segregated civilian arena. As the Vietnam War continued, racial issues in Southeast Asia and the military began to mirror the Civil Rights movement back home; with both groups struggling for equality and respect. Many African American soldiers began questioning the need to fight for the freedom of a country halfway around the world when they were not fully free themselves back home in the United States. By the end of the war both African American and white soldiers were disenchanted with their service in a war that was rapidly losing popularity with the American people. Despite the issues and hurdles faced by African American soldiers, these young men played a key role in Vietnam: serving their country in a time of war. The Vietnam Center and Archive wishes to honor the African American infantryman, medic, pilot, sailor, marine, nurse and soldier for Black History Month.

Spotlight on African Americans in the War

Sergeant Stanley C. Goff



Sergeent Stanley C. Goff presented eward by Brigadler General Joh Freund (circs-1987) Stanley C. Goff grew up in Tyler, Texas and moved to San Francisco, California in 1988. After deciding that college was not for him, he was drafted into the Army in January of 1988. Goff was part of the 198th Light Infantry Brigade Bravo (B) Company operating in the I Corps Tactical Zone throughout northern Vietnam. After four months in combat, Goff earned the Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) medal for bravery under fire in 1989. Prior to receiving his DSC medal, Goff also served as the brigade bugler for LZ Baldy, also known as Baldy Airfield, near Huong An, Vietnam. Despite experiencing heavy combat in the jungles of Vietnam during his tour of duty, Goff returned to the US unscathed in 1989. Goff later co-wrote Brothers: Black Soldiers in the Nam (LC Call # DS559.5 G63) with Robert Sanders and Clark Smith.

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The Tet Offensive (Tết Mậu Thân)

During the early morning hours of 31 January 1968, Viet Cong and North Vietnamese forces launched surprise assaults on nearly all of the provincial capitals and urban areas of the Republic of Vietnam in an effort to bring about the collapse of the South Vietnamese government. The attack, which came to be known as the Tet Offensive, became a major turning point in the war, setting the stage for American withdrawal and the eventual downfall of South Vietnam. Militarily, the Tet Offensive was a major defeat for the communists, but politically it became a stunning victory as the American will to fight the war began to wane.

In the months leading up to the Tet Offensive, the Vietnam War had reached a point of stalemate. Main force American units had been fighting in Vietnam for over two and half years, and the insurgency in South Vietnam showed no signs of slowing, despite the fact that American firepower had taken a major toll on the Viet Cong's ranks. Since the fighting in Vietnam began, the communists had been willing to absorb massive numbers of causalities, but clashes with the Americans were beginning to sap the strength of the Viet Cong, and the communist leadership began to fear that continued losses would limit their ability to strike at American and South Vietnamese forces. Thus, in January of 1968, Hanoi elected to cast aside its strategy of protracted warfare and gambled everything on a massive surprise attack on the major urban areas of the Republic of Vietnam. Their strategy, known as General Offensive and Uprising (*Cuộc Tống tiến công và nối dậy*) was to strike American and South Vietnamese military and government installations and trigger a general uprising among the population that would topple the South Vietnamese holiday of Tet, the Vietnamese lunar new year. In the previous years of the conflict belligerents on both sides observed a cease fire during the Tet holiday. By taking advantage of the proposed cease fire, the communists hoped to maximize the advantage of surprise by striking during a time of supposed peace.



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The staff of the Vietnam Archive have created a number of Subject Guides in order to provide better and more comprehensive access to the materials in our collections on certain popular subjects. New subject guides are added as they become available.

If you would like to request a specific subject guide topic, please use our comments form.

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The Conflict in Vietnam: ... Here are some camera close-ups of that struggle, where United States Army troops are serving as advisers and trainers to the South Vietnam fighting forces.; Regular Vietnam Army forces, unloading from United States Army helicopters in a heavily infested guerrilla zone, push on to seek Communist Viet Cong concealed in brush and thicket. (Douglas Pike Photograph Collection [va002160])

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Agent Orange Still Images

The images listed below are photographs from individual soldiers, military photographers and others who have donated their photographs to the Vietnam Archive. The photographs for the most part are from the Vietnam War era and can be a good tool for visualizing the events of the war related through our documents or oral history interviews.

Please note that these images are only a sampling of the ones available from the Vietnam Archive. To find more use the advanced search module and the keywords Agent Orange, narrow the media type to images in the right hand gray colored menu, click start search, then display search results and the database will display all of our Agent Orange photographs.

Click on the item number to view the complete record for the image or click on the thumbnail to view a larger image.

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Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr. Collection

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Paul Cecil Collection (Ranch Hand Association Vietnam)

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ned 60 in mortar mission that fell short and caused 4 WiA's in the patrol. At 1740 at YD 098257 Company B observed 2 persons wearing tan clothing watching the companies perimeter. An artillery mission was fired with negative results.

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