CHRONOLOGY OF MAJOR V'nam EVENTS

-------------------------- 1945 ----------------------------------
9-2 Gov't of the Democratic Rep of V'nam founded by Ho Chi Minh
9-12 British troops arrive to accept Japanese surrender
9-22 French troops come back after Japanese leave
9-24 General Phillip Leclerc named commander of French Forces (Foreign Legion)
9-24 Leclerc proclaims French return to "claim their (French) heritage; and in effect sets today as the start of the V'nam War
12-19 Viet Minh attack French in North

Diem meets and becomes friends with Dr Wesley Fishel of Michigan State Univ. Fishel later gets contract to consult Diem, see MSU file
2-7 US formally recognizes both V'nam's
3-10 Truman issues lat aid to V'nam via France of $15 million; by 1952 US was contributing between 50 and 60 % of aid; between '50 and '54 this aid amounted to approx $3 billion
5-8 US gives $10 million in aid to France for Indochina
6-27 Truman sends 35 military advisers
Jul US aid arrives
8-3 35 US personnel arrive, announce formation of MAAG (Military Assistance and Advisory Group, V'nam)
9-17 Military Assistance Advisory Group/Indochina formed
12-23 US, France, Camb., Laos, and V'nam sign unified pact of common interest

-------------------------- 1950 ----------------------------------

-------------------------- 1951 ----------------------------------

Sep General Jean de Lattre de Tassigny, new French commander, goes to Washington to request more aid; receives 130,000 tons of new equip between 9-51 and Feb 52: 53 million rounds of ammo, 8000 vehicles, 200 aircraft, 3500 radios, 14,000 automatic weapons,

-------------------------- 1954 ----------------------------------
2-17 US offers to train RVN troops;
2-17 LTG John W O'Daniel sent to RVN to replace MG Thomas G Trapnell as MAAG chief
3-13 Giap begins assault on Dien Bien Phu
4-6 Secy State Dulles warns Red China supporting NV offensives
5-7 Dien Bien Phu survivors (French) surrender to Viet Minh
5-8 French losses: 7184 killed, 11000 captured
Vietminh losses: 8000 killed, 12000 wounded
French losses to date ('45-'54): 35000 killed, 48000 wounded
Geneva Conference on Indochina convenes
6-26 Ngo Dinh Diem comes to Saigon as Premier-designate
7-21 Geneva Agreements separate North and South on 38th Parallel
Jul International Control Commission (ICC) formed to monitor peace
Aug Wesley Fishel, MSU, arrives in RVN to set consultation organization
9-8 SEATO established
10-11 Viet Minh gain control of North
10-24 Eisenhower gives Diem direct assistance, bypassing French

-------------------------- 1955 ----------------------------------

-------------------------- 1956 ----------------------------------
CHRONOLOGY OF MAJOR V'NAM EVENTS

1957

Jan Elbridge Durbrow becomes Amb to V'nam

1-3 ICC complain that both No and So are not complying with peace

5-5 Diem addresses Congress

Jun Last French advisors leave South

10- Communists form first armed unit of former Viet Minh fighters

1959

Jan North's Central Executive Committee issues Resolution 15

realigning its strategy in South as military, not political

4-4 Eisenhower makes first commitment to South at Gettysburg Coll.

4-12 Chr. Amb. replaces John Dulles as Secretary of State

May North establishes Group 559 to expand Ho Chi Minh Trail

5-6 Diem issues Law 10/59 to persecute dissenion

7-1 Lyman Lemnitzer becomes Army Chief of Staff, Maxwell Taylor leaves

7-8 Two US advisors killed by communists in Bien Hoa

12-1 Thomas Gates becomes Sec of Defense, Neil McElroy leaves

1960

Jan David Shoup assumes comm of Marine Corps, Randolph McPate leaves

1-17 Communist begin fight in Delta by organizing uprisings

2-15 Communists form People's Liberation Armed Force (PLAF)

Apr North establishes draft, send troops south

5-30 US Green Berets arrive to train ARVN

Sep North calls for "broad united front" in war

Sep LTG Lionel McGarr becomes Commander, Military Assistance Advisory Group-V'nam (HAAG), LTG Sam Williams leaves

Oct Geo Decker becomes Army Chief of Staff, Lyman Lemnitzer leaves to become Chairman, JCS, Nathan Twining leaves

Oct 10-19 Maxwell Taylor and Walt Rostow tour V'nam to review military and civilian aid needs

11-12 Coup attempts against Diem takes over palace and Saigon area

11-12 Coup leaders say Diem to remain as titular Head of State; New govt to consist of General Le Van Ty as Prime Minister. LTC Dong, real leader of coup, announces other members of "Revolutionary Council" to form new govt are Gen's. Xuan, Chieu, Minh, Don, and Kim. Other RC members are Col. Thi Dong, Major Loi, and Roang Co Thuy

12-31 Total Amer troop count at approx 850

1961

Jan Kennedy appoints Dean Rusk as Sec. of State, Robert McNamara as Sec of Defense, and McGeorge Bundy as Nat Security Advisor

1-25 Kennedy announces support for "neutral Laos"

1-28 Kennedy tells Diem to reform govt and military

1-29 National Front for Liberation (NLF) formed in North

3-19 NLF vow to ruin elections

3-27 Rusk meets with RVN SecState Thuan in Bangkok. RVN situation discussed

Apr Frederick Nolting becomes Amb to V'nam, Elbridge Durbrow leaves

5-9 Johnson visits south, recommends "Strong program of action"

5-10 Geneva Conference on Laos begins

5-11 Kennedy sends an additional 400 Green Berets and 100 advisors

Jun Curtis LeMay becomes Air Force Chief of Staff, Thomas White leaves

6-9 Diem formally requests US to train ARVN

Jul Maxwell Taylor becomes military adviser to Kennedy

Jul Kennedy orders military to recruit 200,000 more men

Aug George Anderson becomes Chief of Naval Op, Arleigh Burke leaves

10-1 Diem asks for bilateral defense treaty with U.S.

10-11 US begins massive air supply of RVN troops; begins photo recon

10-18 Diem declares state of emergency

Nov Maxwell Taylor visits South, advises Kennedy to increase troops

Nov Kennedy sends more advisors for combat support only

12-31 Total Amer troop count at 3,200

1962

Feb Green Berets expand training to Montagnards to fight Viet Cong

2-8 Military Assistance Command, Vietnam (MACV) formed, Paul Harkins, Gen assumes command

2-14 Kennedy permits Amer troops to fire back if shot at

2-16 NLF convenes its First Congress

2-27 Diem palace strafed by two disgruntled ARVN pilots

Mar Amer gets involved with strategy Hamlet campaign

May Kennedy sends troops to Laos to put down PAVN/Fathet Lao
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<td>Geneva Accords on Laos agreed upon</td>
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<td>10-6</td>
<td>ACTIV formed to evaluate CAR-15 under combat conditions</td>
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<td>12-29</td>
<td>Nhu states 39% of South now living in strategic hamlets</td>
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<td>NVA pulverize ARVN in Battle of AP Bac</td>
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<td>American aid totals $400 million</td>
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<td>May 1</td>
<td>Buddhists demonstrations begin, self-burning</td>
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<td>Nhu raid pagodas, 9 civilians killed</td>
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<td>7-7</td>
<td>Saigon police beat Buddhist demonstrators, 1400 arrested after Nhu raid pagodas</td>
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<td>Aug 1</td>
<td>David McDonald becomes chief of Naval Operations, George Anderson leaves</td>
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<td>8-21</td>
<td>Diem forces raid Buddhists pagodas</td>
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<td>8-22</td>
<td>Henry Cabot Lodge becomes Amb to V'nam, Fred Nolting leaves</td>
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<td>8-24</td>
<td>Lodge told to order Nhu to stop interfering in govt</td>
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<td>Sep 1</td>
<td>Kennedy downgrades Amer military help to &quot;Support role&quot;</td>
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<td>9-2</td>
<td>Kennedy complains Diem not doing enough to stem protests</td>
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<td>Oct 1</td>
<td>CIA operative Lucien Conien gives Maj Gen's Tran Van Don and Duong American nod on coup attempt</td>
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<td>Oct 11</td>
<td>Diem and brother, Ngo Dinh Nhu assassinated</td>
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<td>Oct 11-22</td>
<td>Kennedy assassinated</td>
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<td>Oct 12-31</td>
<td>Total Amer troop count at 16,300</td>
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<td>Jan 1</td>
<td>General William C Westmoreland becomes Harkins deputy at MACV</td>
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<td>Jan 1-30</td>
<td>Wallace Greene becomes Marine Corps Comm, David Shoup leaves</td>
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<td>VC attack Tay Ninh province</td>
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<td>Johnson orders Amer dependents out of South V'nam</td>
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<td>Apr 4</td>
<td>NVA begins infiltrating troops south</td>
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<td>May 5-27</td>
<td>Lao Gov't collapses, Pathet Lao take Plaine des Jarres</td>
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<td>Jun 1</td>
<td>Earl Wheeler becomes Chairman, JCS. Maxwell Taylor leaves</td>
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<td>Jun 6-20</td>
<td>Westmoreland replaces Harkins at MACV</td>
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<td>Jun 6-30</td>
<td>Ulysses Sharp becomes CINCPAC, Harry Felt leaves</td>
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<td>Jul 5-20</td>
<td>So V'namese navy raids northern islands</td>
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<td>Jul 1</td>
<td>Harold Johnson becomes Army Chief of Staff</td>
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<td>Jul 1</td>
<td>US Navy begins electronic surv of junk near North</td>
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<td>North torpedo boats &quot;attack&quot; USS Maddox</td>
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<td>North torpedo boats &quot;attack&quot; USS C Turner Joy</td>
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<td>Aug 1</td>
<td>Pres Johnson orders massive air strikes against NV coastal facilities</td>
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<td>Aug 7</td>
<td>Gulf of Tonkin Resolution passed by 88-2 vote in Senate and 416-0 vote in House</td>
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<td>Oct 6</td>
<td>China explodes 1st atom bomb</td>
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<td>Kruschev ousted, Brezhnev, Kosygin get promoted</td>
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<td>Oct 8-2</td>
<td>VC kill 5 Amer's in Bien Hoa, destroy 6 B-57 bombers</td>
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<td>11-2</td>
<td>Johnson defeats Goldwater</td>
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<td>12-4</td>
<td>PLAF victory over large US supported ARVN group at Binh Gia</td>
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<td>12-14</td>
<td>US Air Force begins bombing of Ho Chi Minh Trail</td>
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<td>12-23</td>
<td>Johnson announces 500 million defense cut</td>
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<td>VC attack Amer houses in Saigon, kill 2</td>
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<td>12-24</td>
<td>US Air Force begins Barrel Roll operation in Laos</td>
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<td>Dec 15</td>
<td>NVA sends troops south</td>
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<td>Dec 24</td>
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<td>Air Force begins Operation Flaming Dart</td>
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<td>Feb 2-7</td>
<td>John McConnell becomes Air Force Chief of Staff, Curtis LeMay leaves</td>
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<td>2-7</td>
<td>VC attack Amer's at Pleiku, 8 Amer's killed</td>
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<td>2-8</td>
<td>US jets fly massive retaliation against north</td>
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<td>2-11</td>
<td>Johnson orders all US civilian families out of RVN</td>
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<td>2-12</td>
<td>VC blow up GI barrack in Quinonh</td>
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<td>2-12</td>
<td>160 planes attack northern cities</td>
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<td>2-18</td>
<td>Military coup dumps General Khanh</td>
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<td>2-25</td>
<td>Administration announces all-American flight crews will begin air ops</td>
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<td>2-29</td>
<td>In fear of B-52 strikes Hanoi evacuates all northern cities</td>
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<td>3-2</td>
<td>Operation &quot;Rolling Thunder&quot; air strikes on No begin</td>
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<td>3-8</td>
<td>3rd Marine regiment land in Da Nang, form 9th Expeditionary Bd.</td>
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<td>VC bomb destroys US embassy, many killed</td>
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<td>Apr</td>
<td>1st Logistical Command set up near Saigon to control buildup</td>
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<td>Apr</td>
<td>US Air Force begins Operation Steel Tiger in Laos</td>
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<td>4-7</td>
<td>Johnson permits Amer to engage in ground offensive ops</td>
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<td>4-8</td>
<td>North Prime Minister says no to Johnson's peace proposal</td>
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<td>Apr</td>
<td>Students for a Democratic Society protest war in Wash, DC</td>
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<td>May</td>
<td>Army 173rd Airborne Bd and Marine 4th Reg arrives</td>
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<td>May</td>
<td>Navy Operation Market Time begins, enemy coastal traffic targeted</td>
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<td>Jun</td>
<td>US Air Force begins Arc Light ops using B-52’s</td>
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<td>Jun</td>
<td>Johnson authorizes joint ARVN offensive ops</td>
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<td>6-8</td>
<td>General Nguyen Van Thieu selects Air Vice Marshal Nguyen Cao Ky to run with him for VP</td>
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<td>Jul</td>
<td>US Army forms USARV at Long Binh</td>
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<td>7-17</td>
<td>HC Lodge returns as Amb. Maxwell Taylor resigns</td>
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<td>7-21</td>
<td>Johnson increase US combat forces, doubles draft</td>
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<td>8-18</td>
<td>Marine begins op Starlight, kill over 700 VC/NVA</td>
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<td>Sep</td>
<td>US Army 18th Engineer Bd deploys</td>
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<td>10-23</td>
<td>Outnumbered 10 to 1, Amer's begin Drang campaign against NVA</td>
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<td>7-20</td>
<td>USARV (US Army, V'nam) formed</td>
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<td>Oct</td>
<td>Republic of (South) Korea deploys in II CTZ</td>
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<td>10-15</td>
<td>Massive US protest to war begins nationwide</td>
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<td>10-23</td>
<td>US Army 1st Cav Div begin Op Silver Bayonet</td>
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<td>Nov</td>
<td>US Air Force 3rd Tactical Fighter Wing deploys in Binh Hoa</td>
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<td>US Air Force 12th Tactical Fighter Wing deploys in Cam Rahn Bay</td>
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<td>US Army 25th Infantry Div deploys</td>
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<td>Dec</td>
<td>US Air Force begins Op Tiger Hound on border with Laos</td>
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<td>UN head U Thant rebuffed by Hanoi for favoring American position</td>
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<td>12-5</td>
<td>Johnson suspends Op Rolling Thunder</td>
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<td>Xmas truce ends; VC stage attacks, Americans retaliate</td>
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**1966**

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<td>VC's Hobo Forest (III CTZ) stronghold attacked by 8,000 allied troops</td>
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<td>Congress informs Johnson some of his domestic programs will have to take cuts if he wants to continue war escalation</td>
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<td>Op Van Buren begins, Johnson asks for $13 billion for war</td>
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<td>Op's Mashers &amp; White Wing begin in Binh Dinh prov</td>
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<td>Feb</td>
<td>US Air Force sends in 460th Tact Recon Wing</td>
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<td>UN Security Council discusses war; vote deferred on US request to &quot;obtain peace in V'nam by lone Jordan request to postpone vote; Hanoi casts deciding vote to bar UN intervention</td>
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<td>32 protesters arrested for snarling traffic in NY's Times Square</td>
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<td>Mar</td>
<td>US Air Force sends in 366th Tact Fighter Wing, 14th and 315th Air Commando Wings</td>
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<td>Senate refuses to repeal Gulf of Tonkin resolution</td>
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<td>Saigon Generals fire Nguyen Chanh Thi, commander of I CTZ, demonstrations follow</td>
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<td>Buddhist lead massive demonstration to restore a civilian to head gov't</td>
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<td>Massive strikes spread north to DaNang and Hue</td>
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<td>US Army 1st Signal Bd, 44th Medical Bd deploy</td>
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<td>US Air Force 35th Tact Fighter Wing deploys</td>
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<td>5th Marine Reg deploys</td>
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<td>Australia sends in more troops, established 1st Aus. Task Force</td>
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<td>Apr</td>
<td>Op Arc Light extended to North</td>
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<td>Walt Rostow becomes Nat Security Adv, McGeorge Bundy leaves</td>
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<td>Guam-based B-52's bomb North</td>
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5-10 Op's Paul Revere and Than Phone begin in II CTZ
5-15 Ky sends armed troops to Danang
5-23 Ky's forces retake Danang, many dissidents murdered by ARVN
Jun 3rd Naval Bd deploys in Da Nang
6-2 Op's El Paso, Hawthorne, and Dan begins in III CTZ
6-25 Johnson orders bombing of oil refineries near Hanoi and Haiphong
7-4 Op Macon begins, ends 10-27
7-7 Op Hastings and Deckhouse begins
Aug US Army 4th Infantry Div and 196th Light Infantry Bd deploys
Aug Phillipines deploy Phil. Civic Action Group
8-1 Op Paul Revere II begins
8-3 Op Prairie begins
8-6 Op's Colorado and Lien Ket 52 begins
8-26 Op Byrd begins, ends 1-20, 68
Sep MACV announces use of defoliants
US Army 11th Armored Cav, 18th MP Bd, and ROK 9th Inf Div deploys
9-14 Op Attleboro begins, ends 11-24
Oct US Air Force 834th Air Div, 483rd Tact Airlift Wing deploy
Oct Op Sea Dragon commenced by Navy
10-2 Op Irving commences, ends 10-24
10-18 Op Paul Revere IV begins, ends 12-30
10-24 Johnson and Ky meet with 5 other involved nations to end war
10-25 Op Thayer II begins
10-26 Johnson visits V'nam, offers to withdraw troops in 6 months if Hanoi "abandons war"
10-27 Large fire aboard aircraft carrier Oriskany kills 43 GI's
Nov US Army 199th Light Infantry Bd deploys
Dec 1st US Army 9th Inf Div, US Air Force 31st Tact Fighter Wing deploy

1967

1-1 Op Sam Houston begins, ends 4-5
1-6 Op Palm Beach begins, ends 5-31
1-8 Op Cedar Falls begins, ends 1-26
1-31 Op Prairie ends
2-1 Op Prairie II begins, ends 3-18
2-11 Op Pershing begins, ends 1-19
2-13 Op Enterprise begins, ends 3-11
2-14 Kosygin ends visit with British envoy Harold Wilson with mutual promise to help end war
2-22 Op Junction City begins, ends 5-14
3-7 Johnson announces Lottery Draft and end to many deferments
Congress plans debate on student deferments and change in laws regarding random choice of draft
AF begins arming its observation planes
3-21 Economic aid to RVN expected to rise above 700 million
Johnson ends talks with Ky and Thieu in Guam
Apr 26th Marine, 7th (AUS.), and Royal Australian Reg deploy
4-5 Op Francis Marion begins
4-13 Massive anti-war rally in NY, 100,000 attend
AF successfully tests new anti-rain plane for RVN, A-7A Corsair 2
4-21 Op Union begins, ends 5-17
AF announces first tally of civilian wounded rising steadily
4-25 US gives McNamara bases 2 1/2 miles from Hanoi
Westmoreland give speech to 1500 press-men at Waldorf-Astoria, NY and criticizes criticism of war, states it seriously hurts war effort
4-28 Westmoreland address joint Congress
5-1 Ellsworth Bunker becomes Amb, HC Lodge leaves
5-9 Robert Komer becomes deputy director of Civil Ops and Rev Develop.
5-14 Op Kole begins, ends 12-7
5-17 Senator Frank Church sends letter to Hanoi he opposes Amer withdrawal
5-19 Air Force bombs electrical facility in Hanoi
5-20 Allies move into DMZ
5-25 Op Union II begins, ends 6-5
6-30 Ky withdraws from Pres race under pressure, will run as VP
7-4 Op Buffalo begins, ends 7-14
7-7 Congress protests huge cost of war
7-16 Op Kingfisher begins, ends 10-31
8-3 Johnson escalates troop count, charges Amer's 10% surcharge to finance war
Aug Thomas Moorer becomes Chf of Naval Operations, David McDonald goes
8-4 Johnson asks for 10% surcharge on business and personal taxes to pay for war; 45,000 more men
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<td>US Army establishes base at Khe Sanh, close to Ho Chi Minh Trail</td>
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<td>Thieu elected to President of South by 83% of electorate</td>
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<td>Op Swift begins, ends 9-15</td>
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<td>Johnson offers to stop bombing for peace</td>
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<td>Amer public opinion polls say more Amer's are against war than for peace</td>
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<td>Op MacArthur begins, ends 1-31, 70</td>
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<td>Massive protest marches on Pentagon, many beaten by security guards</td>
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<td>Op Scotland begins, ends 3-31</td>
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<td>Op Wheeler and Op Wallowa begins, ends 11-11</td>
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<td>US Army 11th Light Inf Bn, 101st Airborne Div, Australian 3rd Bn, New Zealand deploy</td>
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<td>Op Yellowstone begins, ends 2-24</td>
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<td>Op Muscatine begins, ends 6-10</td>
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<td>Sihanouk announces okay for US to pursue communist into Cambodia under &quot;certain circumstances&quot;</td>
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**Jan**
- Op Clearwater begun by Navy
- 1-3 Sen Eugene McCarthy (Minn) announces Democ. candidacy
- 1-19 Op McLain begins, ends 1-31, 70
- 1-21 NVA attack Khe Sanh
- 1-30 Johnson signs record $186 billion budget
- Massive TET enemy offensive begins
- 1-31 VC attack US embassy in Saigon, VC kill 2,800 civilians in Hue
- 1-31 Leonard Chapman becomes Comm of Marine Corps, Wallace Greene leaves

**Feb**
- US Army 3rd Bn, 82nd Airborne Div deploy
- 2-1 Nixon announces Republican candidacy,
- 2-17 Graduate student deferments end, job exemptions limited
- 2-20 Senate Foreign Relations Comm debates repeal of Tonkin Resolution
- 2-25 Hue re-taken
- 2-27 MACV requests 206,000 more troops
- 2-29 Op Napoleon and Op Saline begins, ends 12-6
- 2-24 Marines and ARVN re-take Hue

**Mar**
- My Lai massacre discovered
- Op Sea Dragon and Niagara ends
- 5th Marine Div and 27th Mar. Reg leave Nam
- 3-1 Clark Clifford becomes Sec of Defense, McNamara leaves
- 3-6 Nixon vows to end war with "new leadership"
- 3-11 Op Sarasota begins
- 3-16 450 civilians killed at My Lai, Sen Robert Kennedy announces candidacy
- 3-23 Admin announces Westmoreland leaving RVN
- 3-30 Op Cochise begins, ends 1-31, 70
- 3-31 Johnson refuses re-election, halts bombing of North
- 4-1 Op Carentan begins, ends 5-17
- 4-1 Op Pegasus/Lam Som 207 begins, ends 4-15
- 4-3 Johnson announces air raids over north not to exceed 225 miles above DMZ
- 4-4 NV agrees to talk to Johnson in Hawaii
- 4-6 Khe Sanh relieved after 77 days; End of Tet marked; American losses: 1001; ARVN losses: 2082; NVA/VC losses: 37000 KIA, 6000 WIA/Captured
- 4-6 Op Burlington Trail begins, ends 11-11
- 4-12 24,500 reserves called to active roll, troop ceiling set at 549,000
- 4-41 Peace talks in Paris open
- 4-15 Op Scotland II begins, ends 2-28, 70
- 4-19 Op Delaware/Lam Som 216 begins, ends 5-17
- 4-26 Massive anti-war rally in NY
- 4-27 Hubert Humphrey announces Democratic candidacy
- 5-3 North states Amer and North Nam agree to peace talks in Paris
- 5-4 Op Allen Brook begins, ends 8-24
- 5-12 Peace talks begin
- 5-13 Amer's and North meet in Paris
- 5-17 Op Nevada Eagle begins, Op Jeb Stuart II begins, ends 11-3
CHRONOLOGY OF MAJOR V' nam EVENTS

5-18 Op Mameluke Thrust begins, ends 10-23
Jun Australia sends in 4th Bn and Royal Reg
6-6 Robert Kennedy assassinated
7-1 US Army 5th Inf Div deploy
7-1 Creighton Abrams assumes MACV command, Westmoreland leaves
7-1 Westmoreland becomes Army chf of Staff, Harold Johnson leaves
7-31 Johnson becomes CINCPAC, USG Sharp leaves
8-28 Anti-war riots and protests at Demo Natl Convention
8-29 Humphrey and his V' nam platform nominated on 1st Democratic ballot
Saigon fighting intense
10-24 Op Henderson Hill begins, ends 12-6
10-31 Johnson halts Op Rolling Thunder and bombing of North
Nov Op Commando Hunt begins
11-2 Thieu refuses to join peace talks
Bombing in Laos increased
Hanoi insists VC have full role in peace talks
11-3 Richard Nixon beats Hubert Humphrey
12-1 Op Speedy Hunt begins, ends 5-31, 69
12-6 Op Taylor Common begins, ends 5-31, 70
12-31 Total Amer troop count at 536,000

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1-1 Op Rice Farmer begins, ends 8-31
1-22 Nixon takes office
2-23 MACV begins TET Counteroffensive
Mar Sec of Def Malcolm Laird announces Vietnamization Program
Mar Nixon bombs Cambodia
3-1 Op Oklahoma Hills begins, ends 5-29
3-1 Op Wayne Grey ends
3-5 Nixon asks Soviets to help end war
VC rocket Saigon
3-18 Op Menu begins
4-6 GI's against the war march in NY
4-15 Op Washington Green begins
4-16 Cambodia re-opens relations with US
4-22 Op Putnam Tiger begins
May "Hamburger Hill" battle begins
5-1 Op Virginia Ridge begins, ends 7-16
5-10 Op Apache Snow begins, ends 6-7
5-12 Communists make over 200 attacks against military and civilians
5-14 Nixon proposes "8 point" peace plan, draft lottery begin'g w/19 yr olds
5-16 Op Lamar Plain begins, ends Aug 13
6-8 Nixon announces 25,000 troops to withdraw, meets w/Thieu
7-7 Op Idaho Canyon begins
7-25 Nixon announces his "Nixon Doctrine"
Aug John Ryan becomes Air Force chf of Staff, John McConnell leaves
8-27 US Army 9th Inf Div leaves without its 3rd Bd
9-3 Ho Chi Minh dies
9-4 Marine commandant L Chapman meets w/press over racial tensions in Corps
10-1 Nixon exempts college students from draft
10-15 Natl Moratorium rally in Wash DC
11-15 New Mobilization Committee sponsors huge Wash DC anti-war rally
11-16 My Lai massacre made public
11-3 3rd Marine Div leaves Nam
12-1 Selective Service holds first draft lottery since WWII
12-7 Op Randolph Green begins
12-11 US Army 82nd Airborne Div sends 3rd Bd home
12-13 Philippines recalls its Civic Action Group
12-31 Total Amer troop count at 475,000

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Feb Op Good Luck begins
2-17 Several US Army units are hit by friendly fire artillery
2-20 Henry Kissinger begins secret Paris talks
Mar Marines send home its 26th Reg
3-18 Cambodian Prince N Sihanouk is ousted by Gen Lon Nol
3-31 Op Randolph Glen ends
3-27 ARVN's and US invade Cambodia
Apr Op Patio begins, ends in May
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4-1 Op Texas Star begins, ends 9-5
4-4 Wash DC hosts largest anti-war rally to date
4-15 US Army 1st Inf div goes home
4-29 Amer/ARVN sweep into Cambodia, Nixon announces it following day
May Op Freedom Deal begins
May Op Menu ends

5-4 Students in US demonstrate, 4 killed at Kent State
5-10 Massive anti-war rally in capital, Nixon talks w/protesters
6-12 Nixon rebuffed by Senate over Cambodia, 52-47 vote
6-24 Senate repeals Tonkin resolution by 81-0 vote
6-30 Cambodian incursion ends, Cooper-Church Amendment bars future Cambodian incursions

Jul Westmoreland returns on fact-finding tour, assassination plan derailed
Jul Thomas Moorer becomes Chairman, JCS; Earl Wheeler leaves
9-5 Op Jefferson Star begins
9-10 Cambodians announce Khmer Republic
10-11 US Army sends home its 3rd Bd
11-21 Special Forces raid Son Tay POW camp in North, camp abandoned
Dec Congress repeals Gulf of Tonkin Resolution
12-7 US Army 4th Inf Div and 1st Logistical Command goes home
12-8 US Army 4th Inf Div leaves without its 2nd Bd
12-14 US Army 44th Medical Bd goes home
12-22 Congress bars US from entering Cambodia
12-31 Total Amer troop count at 334,600

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1-1 Op Washington Green ends
1-20 Op Dewey Canyon II begins, ends 2-7
2-8 ARVN's invade Laos
3-3 5th Special Forces Group goes home
3-5 US Army 11th Armored Cav leaves without its 2nd Squadron
3-29 William Calley found guilty of My Lai massacre, sentenced to life
Apr 1st Marine Div goes home
4-14 3rd Marine Amphl Force goes home
4-20 Massive anti-war rallies in Wash DC and San Francisco
4-29 US Army 1st Cav Div goes home without its 3rd Bd
4-30 Field Force I dissbands, US Army 25th Inf Div sends its 2nd Bd home
5-2 Field Force II dissbands
5-3 Massive two-day anti-war rally in Wash DC
6-13 "Pentagon Papers" released by NY Times, ok'd by Supreme Ct on 6/30
7-1 Supreme Court permits NY Times to publish Pentagon Papers
7-9 Defense of DMZ turned over to ARVN
Aug US permits China to enter UN
8-20 Ky is disqualified from running as VP again, Thieu runs alone
8-23 US Army 173rd Airborne Bd goes home
8-27 US Army 5th Inf Div sends its 1st Bd home
8-31 Royal Thai Army goes home without its 2nd Bd
9-20 US Army 18th and 20th Engineer Bds go home
10-8 Op Jefferson Glenn ends
11-12 Nixon announces US forces only doing defensive ops
11-29 US Army Americal Div, 11th Inf Bd, and 198th Inf Bd go home
12-26 Nixon resumes bombing North
Dec Nixon bombs North
12-31 Total Amer troop count at 1800

-------------------------- 1972 -----------------------------

Jan Robert Cushman becomes Comm of Marine Corps, Leonard Chapman leaves
1-25 Nixon reports Kissinger in secret Paris talks with communists
Feb Koreans recall their Marines
2-21 Nixon goes to Peking
Mar Lon Nol becomes President of Cambodia
3-10 US Army 101st Airborne Div goes home
3-12 Australians recall their Task Force
3-23 Paris Peace talks stall, Amer's announce suspension
3-30 NVA massively attack ARVN bases
3-31 US Army 11th Armored Cav recalls its 2nd Squadron
4-7 NVA attack An Loc in III CTZ
4-16 B-52's raise mission levels over North
4-27 Paris Peace talks resume after bombing increases
May Op Linebacker begins, ends in 10-
5-1 NVA take Quang Tri
5-4 Paris Peace talks end again
5-8 Nixon mines Haiphong harbor
CHRONOLOGY OF MAJOR V'nam EVENTS

5-10 Nguyen Van Bay ("Colonel Tomb") shot down by USAF combat aces Randy Cunningham and RTO Bill Driscoll

5-15 USARV disbands

Jun Fred Weyand becomes Comm MACV, Creighton Abrams goes home

Jun New Zealand recalls its forces

7-1 Bruce Palmer becomes Army Chf of Staff, Westmoreland retires

6-18 NVA lose An Loc

6-26 US Army 196th Inf Bd goes home

7-13 Paris talks resume

8-23 US Army 21st Inf Div sends its 3rd Bn home

Sep Noel Gayler becomes CINCPAC, John McCain goes home

9-15 ARVN’S re-take Quang Tri, NVA Gen Giap loses face

10-16 Creighton Abrams becomes Army Chf of Staff

10-17 Peace talks begin in Laos

10-26 Kissinger reports peace forthcoming

Nov US Army 1st Signal Bd goes home

11-77 Nixon re-elected after clobbering McGovern

11-20 Paris talks begin again but end abruptly on 12-13

12-18 Nixon order resumption of bombing over North

12-31 Total Amer troop count at 24,200

-------------------------- 1973 --------------------------

1-8 Kissinger meets with Le Duc Tho for 4 days

1-15 Nixon halts all US offensive action, threatens to cut aid to Thieu

1-15 if he doesn’t comply with his peace proposals

1-23 Kissinger and Le Duc Tho initiate agreement

1-27 Cease-fire begins

1-30 Elliot Richardson becomes Sec of Defense, Melvin Laird leaves

2-10 Peace agreement signed in Laos

Mar Op’s Market Time, Game Warden, and Clearwater ended

3-16 Koreans recall two more of its units

3-28 US Air Forces sends its 1st Aviation Bd home

3-29 MACV disbands, US Army 18th MP Bd goes home

4-1 Last (released) POW arrives in US

6-24 Graham Martin becomes Ambass., Ellsworth Bunker goes home

7-1 Congress orders bombing halt

7-2 James Schlesinger becomes Sec of Defense, Elliot Richardson leaves

8-14 Op’s Arc Lights and Freedom Deal end

9-22 Henry Kissinger becomes Sec of State, William Rogers leaves

11-7 Congress passes Military Procurement Authorization bill prohibiting money spent in Indochina

11-15 Congress overrides Nixon’s veto of War Powers Act

-------------------------- 1974 --------------------------

1-4 Thieu announces war resumption

1-19 Thieu is permitted run again after Natl Assembly amends constitution

Feb ARVN enter communist-held territory, communists retaliate

Jul David Jones becomes Air Force Chf of Staff, George Brown leaves to become Chairman, JCS; James Holloway becomes Chf of Naval Operations, Elmo Zumwalt retires

8-9 Nixon resigns, Gerald Ford becomes President

8-20 Congress cuts $300 million in aid to Nam

9-4 Creighton Abrams dies, Fred Weyand becomes Army Chf of Staff on 10/3

9-16 Ford offers clemency to draft evaders and military deserters

12-13 NVA attack Phouc Long in II CTZ, claim it on 1-6, 75

-------------------------- 1975 --------------------------

1-8 North orders massive offensive in South

2-5 Gen Van Tien Dung assumes command of all north forces

3-10 NVA take Ban Me Thuot in II CTZ

3-14 Thieu abandons Central Highlands

3-26 NVA take Hue

3-30 NVA take Da Nang

4-1 Lon Nol resigns, goes to Hawaii

4-8 NVA and ARVN battle ferociously for 12 days in Xuan Loc, ARVN’s lose

4-10 Congress rejects Ford request for $972 million emergency aid to Thieu

4-11 Navy evacuate Amer’s from Phnom Penh

4-12 1,000 Viet kids airlifted to US, North’s Political Bureau order Ho

4-14 Chi Minh Campaign to aim for Saigon

4-17 Khmer Rouge take Phnom Penh, Lon Nol leaves

4-20 PAVN break thru Xuan Loc after 19 days fierce defense by ARVN 18th Div

4-21 Thieu resigns on TV, Tran Van Huong assumes office

4-26 PAVN sends 16 divisions toward Saigon

4-28 Duong Van Minh relieves Huong of presidency, assumes power
CHRONOLOGY OF MAJOR V'nam EVENTS

4-30 Minh surrenders
NVA enters Saigon, war ends
5-1 Communists take over Saigon, rename it Ho Chi Minh City

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1976 ---------------------------------
3-26 Kissinger announces resumption of talks with North