

The Vietnam Project

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THE VIETNAM ARCHIVE



The Vietnam Archive, Texas Tech University.
An Example of one of the thousands of photographs available at the Vietnam Archive and online at the Virtual Vietnam Archive.

The Vietnam Archive mission is to collect and preserve the historical record of the Vietnam War. The first collection received by the Archive - a package of letters from a Navy hospital corpsman to his family while serving in Vietnam - symbolizes our commitment to preserve the record of individuals and provide greater understanding of their experiences. While the Vietnam Archive continues this commitment as its primary objective, it has expanded its collection to include records of veterans' organizations and scholars of the period as well as other individuals and organizations who share experiences from the war in Vietnam.

The Vietnam Archive has collected millions of pages of material and tens of thousands of photographs, slides, maps, periodicals, audio and videotapes, and books related to the Vietnam War, Indochina and the impact of the war on the United States and Southeast Asia.

In addition to its mission of collecting materials concerning Vietnam, the Vietnam War, and Southeast Asia, the Vietnam Archive currently administers two projects, the Oral History Project and the Virtual Vietnam Archive.

THE VIRTUAL VIETNAM ARCHIVE

On December 17, 2000, the Vietnam Archive received a four-year \$2 million grant from the United States Congress and the Institute of Museum and Library Sciences to create the Virtual Vietnam Archive. The Virtual Archive contains documents, photographs, audio and video recordings, maps, posters, military manuals, official records and images of artifacts, and is organized using an inverse relational database allowing for very rapid searching and retrieval of materials.

The Virtual Archive can be used for any type of research project enabling student, scholars, teachers, Vietnam veterans, and everyone interested in this remarkable period of history to conduct research directly from the comfort of their universities, schools, libraries, and homes. People who donate materials to the Vietnam Archive benefit from knowing that their materials are not only being preserved in a state-of-the-art facility, but are also being made available to and being used by a much wider audience via the Virtual Archive.

The Virtual Archive is available free to anyone with an Internet connection.

THE ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

In 1999, the Vietnam Center initiated the Oral History Project. An element of the Vietnam Archive, the mission of the Oral History Project is to create and preserve a more complete record of the wars in Southeast Asia by preserving, through recorded interviews, the recollections and experiences of the men and women who participated in these wars, as well as those military and civilian personnel involved in activities surrounding the wars on the homefront. The Archive believes that the history of the wars in Southeast Asia is not complete without the inclusion of the voices of the men and women who were involved in the wars. The Oral History Project employs full-time oral historians and several transcriptionists to fulfill this mission.

The Oral History Project is partnered with the Library of Congress Veteran Oral History Project and also works with the Marine Corps History and Museum Division and the Navy Historical Foundation to preserve and make available Vietnam-era oral histories conducted by those organizations. The public can read and listen to all of the Vietnam Archive's completed oral histories at the Vietnam Archive and online at the Virtual Vietnam Archive.

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