

Violent Skies: The Air War Over Vietnam

THURSDAY October 15, 2015

0730: Bus Departs from Crowne Plaza Hotel; Shuttle Bus runs begin from Marina Parking Lot (\$5) 2nd St SW to Marshall Hall, National Defense University.

0800: Registration opens – Atrium Marshall Hall

0900-0930: Welcoming Remarks – Cerjan Conference Room (Room 155)

- Maj. Gen Dale W. Meyerrose, USAF (Ret.), President and Chairman of the Board for the Air Force Historical Foundation
- Brig Gen Darren Hartford, USAF; Commandant, National War College; National Defense University
- Program and Logistics Co-Chairs:
 - Dr. David F. Winkler, Naval Historical Foundation
 - Mr. Matthew Seelinger, Army Historical Foundation

0930-0945: Break

0945-11:45: Plenary Session – Cerjan Conference Room

- The Big Picture; Dr. Mark Clodfelter – National Defense University
- Following short break commentary from Senior Service Retired Officers who served in the air over Vietnam.
 - Maj Gen Carl McNair, USA (Ret.) Carl.McNair@cps-ps.com
 - Vice Adm. Robert F. Dunn USN (Ret.) Robtdunn@aol.com
 - Maj Gen. George W. “Nordie” Norwood, USAF (Ret) gnorw5100@aol.com

1145-1300: LUNCH ON OWN– NDU Cafeteria

(During Lunch the meeting room will be reconfigured to host concurrent sessions.)

1300-1440: Concurrent Session ONE

PANEL 1A: Airpower From The Sea (Cerjan A)

Moderator/Commentator: Vice Adm. Robert F. Dunn, USN (Ret.), Past President, Naval Historical Foundation

Title

National and Theater Intelligence Support
to the Air War

Presenter:

Cdr. Richard Mobley, USN (Ret.)

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Title

An Evaluation of RA 5 Reconnaissance

Presenter

Dr. Rodney C. Anderson

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Operations over North Vietnam in 1967

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Retired Naval Aviator (O-6)

Title

A-6 Intruder Operations from Yankee Station

Presenter:

Capt. Jerry Zacharias, USN (Ret.).
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PANEL 1B: Heavily Defended Skies (Cerjan B)

Moderator/Commentator: Dr. Edward J. Marolda, Senior Historian of the Navy (Retired)

Title

Outside Help

Presenter

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Title

Coming to Grips With SAM Sites

Presenter

Lt. Col W. Howard Plunkett USAF (Ret.)
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Title

More or Less Taking a Hit:
SA-7 Employment in Vietnam

Presenter

Col Matthew M. Hurley, USAF (Ret.) Ph.D.
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Non-resident Fellow Mitchell Inst.
for Aerospace Studies

PANEL 1C: Tracking Enemy Movements Down The Ho Chi Minh Trail (Cerjan C)

Moderator/Commentator: Dr. Bernard D. Cole, National Defense University

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Title

The McNamara Wall – U.S. Air Force
Operation Igloo White

Presenter

Dr. Richard S. Greeley
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Title

VO-67: Naval Aviation's Quick Response
To a Capability Gap

Presenter

Col. Mark A Olinger USA (Ret.)
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Title

The Nimrods – A-26 Attack Missions in Laos, 1966-69

Presenter

Col. Roger D. Graham USAF (Ret.)
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PANEL 1D: POW treatment and Resistance during the Early Years (Room 187)

Moderator/Commentator: Rear Adm. Robert Shumaker, USN (Ret.) Coined the phrase “Hanoi Hilton.” rhshumaker@cox.net

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Title
Colonel M. Neal Jones
Heroic Resistance as a POW in North Vietnam

Presenter
Dr. William H. Forman Jr.
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Title

Presenter
Ms. Taylor Kiland
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1500-1640: Concurrent Session TWO

PANEL 2A: The OV-10 Bronco: Designed For Counterinsurgency (Cerjan A)
Presentation by the OV-10 Bronco Assn.

Title:
OV-10 Concept, Design Competition,
Evaluation, Fielding, Post Employment Development

Presenter
C. Ashby Shoop, USMC
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Commentators:
Chuck Burin (USMC) VMA-211, VMO-2
Ed Sullivan (USN) VAL-4,
Mike McCollum, USMC Aerial Observer VMO-2
Tom Kemp (USAF) 23rd TASS
Rick Atchison (USAF) PAVE NAIL 23rd TASS
Jim Dearborn (USMC) YOYV-10D NOGS

PANEL 2B: Battling the MiGs (Room Cerjan B)
Moderator/Commentator: Vice Adm. John Totushek, USN (Ret.) President and CEO, Navy
Memorial Foundation

Title
Clashes

Presenter
Dr. Marshal Michel
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52nd Fighter Wing Historian

Title
Going Downtown: The Phuc Yen Raids
Of October 1967

Presenter
CDR Peter Fey USN
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U.S. Strategic Command

Title
The Teaball Threat Warning System

Presenter
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Panel 2C: Supporting Ground Operations (Cerjan C)

Moderator/Commentator: Dr. Fred Allison, Marine Corps History Division

Title

Modifications of Air Assault and Airmobile Doctrine
During the Vietnam War

Presenter

Capt. Nathan Herrick, USA
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Title

Close Air Support at Khe Sanh

Presenter

Lt Col. Shawn Callahan USMC (Ret.)
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Title

Air War Over Pleime/Chupong:
The Truth about the Iadrang Valley Battle

Presenter

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PANEL 2D: Researching and Teaching the Air War (Room 187)

Moderator: Cdr. Richard C. "Chris" Renthrow, USN (Ph.D.), U.S. Naval Academy

Title

We were lucky to get what we have:
The Story of the Air Force History of the Vietnam War

Presenter

Dr. James M. Cloninger Jr.
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Title

USAFA's Arguments in Military History:
Teaching the controversy of the air war in Vietnam".

Presenters

Maj. Michael Kennedy, USAF
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Capt. Steven Czak, USAF
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1700: 1st bus to Crowne Plaza, Shuttle Bus to Marina Parking Lot commences.

1700-1830: RECEPTION: (Marshall Hall Atrium)

Welcome: Brig. General Creighton W. Abrams Jr. USA (Ret.)

Preview: *Maryland Vietnam War Stories*

- Kenneth R. Day, Executive Producer, Maryland Public Television
- Screening (Room 155 B)

Presentation of Lapel Pins: Vietnam War Commemoration

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1845: Departure of 2nd bus to Crowne Plaza; Conclude Shuttle Bus to 2nd St. Marina Parking Lot.(\$5)

FRIDAY October 16, 2015

0730: Bus Departs from Crowne Plaza Hotel; Commence Shuttle Bus from Marina Parking Lot.

0730: Registration Table reopens (Marshall Hall Atrium)

0830-1010: Concurrent Session THREE

PANEL 3A: Guidance and Logistical Support (Cerjan A)

Moderator: Capt. Charles T. Creekman, Naval Historical Foundation

Commentator: Dr. John C. Lonnquest, Army Corps of Engineers History Office

Title

Engineers Supporting Air Operations

Presenter

Lt. Col. Adrian Traas, USA (Ret.)
Center for Military History

Title

Special Express: From Port to Stratofortress

Presenter

Dr. **Salvatore Mercogliano**
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Title

Guiding aircraft to target: LORAN

Presenter

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Foundation For Coast Guard History

PANEL 3B: Helicopter Operations (Cerjan B)

Moderator/Commentator: Maj. Gen. Carl McNair, USA (Ret.) Director, Army Historical Foundation

Title

“When I Have Your Wounded,” U.S. Army
Aeromedical Evacuation During the Vietnam War

Presenter

Capt. Dan O’Donnell, USA
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Title

The Seawolves: HAL (3)

Presenter

Capt. Tom Phillips, USN (Ret.)
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Title

Noble Men: Vietnam, The Huey,

Presenter

Lt. Col. Paul J. Fardink, USA (Ret.)

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and the Medal of Honor

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PANEL 3C: B-52 Tactical and Strategic Use in Vietnam (Cerjan C)

Moderator/Commentator: Dr. John Q. Smith John.Q.Smith2.civ@mail.mil

Title

Massive Firepower:
The B-52 in Southeast Asia, 1965-1972

Presenter

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Title

Linebacker Operational and Political Decisions

Presenter

Brig. Gen. Ricardo Aponte
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Title

The Eleven Days of Christmas:
America's Last Vietnam Battle

Presenter

Dr. Marshall Michel
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52nd Fighter Wing Historian

PANEL 3D: Chemicals, Leaflets, and Bullets from Above (Room 187)

Moderator/Commentator: Matthew Eng, Naval Historical Foundation meng@navyhistory.org

Title:

Innovation and Improvisation:
Examples of Fixed-Wing Gunships in Vietnam

Presenter

Dr. Jack Ballard
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Title:

Strategic Surprise:
The Dispersal of Agent Orange in Vietnam

Presenter

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Title

Unarmed, Alone and Unafraid:
Psychological Operations in the Skies of Southeast Asia.

Presenter

Dr. Robert J. Kodosky
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1030-1210: Concurrent Session FOUR

PANEL 4A: SIGINT in the Violent Skies (Room 155 A)

Moderator: Dr. David A. Rosenberg, Class of 57' Chair, U.S. Naval Academy drosenbe@ida.org

Commentator: Rear Adm. H. Winsor Whiton, USN (Ret.) HWWHITON@MSN.COM

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Title
The NSA Overview

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Title
The USAF Security Service

Presenter
Mr. Gabriel G. Marshall
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Staff Historian, 25th Air Force

Title
The Naval Security Group

Presenter
David Meadows
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PANEL 4B: Search and Rescue (Room Cerjan B)
Moderator: Lt. Cdr. Tom Phillips, USN (Ret.)

Title:
Search and Rescue 1972

Presenter
COL Darrel Whitcomb, USAF
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Synopsis: Discussion of how the event of 1972 challenged SAR.

Title:
Search and Rescue: A Coast Guard Perspective

Presenter
Capt. Sean Cross, USCG (Ret.)
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Title:
Navy Search and Rescue

Presenter
Lt. Cdr. Tom Phillips, USN (Ret.)
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PANEL 4C: 1972 Air Ops (Room Cerjan C)
Moderator: Col. Floyd A. "Fleet" Lentz, USMC (Ret.)

Title
Task Force Delta" – Marine Expeditionary Air
Operations from Nam Phong, Thailand

Presenter
Dr. Fred Allison
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Title
Turning Back the Tide:
Airpower in the Battle of An Loc

Presenter
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USA Gen Cmd & Gen, Staff Col.

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Title

Insights from a Marine Aviator

Presenter

Col. Floyd A. Lentz, USMC (Ret.)

Panel 4D: Reflections on Civilian – Military Connectivity (Room 187)

Moderator Dr. David F. Winkler, Naval Historical Foundation

Title

Second Opinions: Robert McNamara, The Institute for Defense Analysis, and Operation Rolling Thunder

Presenter

Thomas A. Reinstein
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Title

Admiral U.S. Grant Sharp

Presenter

Dr. Edward Marolda
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Title

The Firing of General Lavelle

Presenter

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1210-1315 LUNCH at NDU Cafeteria

1315-1430: Plenary Session (Cerjan Conference Room)

PANEL: The Easter Offensive and Linebacker Assessment:

Moderator

Title:

The Mining of Haiphong Harbor

Presenter

Dr. John Sherwood
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Title:

Strategic Decision Making and Competitive Advantage:
America vs. North Vietnam in Linebackers I and II.

Presenter

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1450-1630: Plenary Session (Cerjan Conference Room)

PANEL: Left Behind: The Air War Never Ended

Moderator: Charles A. Stonecipher

Title:

Laos as a Case Study

Presenter

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Executive Director Legacies of War

Title

What has and is being done – U.S. Obligations.

Presenter

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Title

Recovery and Repatriation of Remains

Presenter

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1745 Busses depart for parking lot, hotel

1800 – 1900 Banquet Reception at Crowne Plaza Crystal City

1900- 2130: Banquet

- Captain Todd Creekman Naval Historical Foundation – ceremonial program
- Lt. Gen. Rusty Blackman, USMC (Ret) – welcoming remark
- Dinner
- Adm Bruce DeMars, Naval Historical Foundation – introduction of the speaker

Guest Speaker: Jim Knott, President and CEO, Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund.

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SATURDAY

Tour of Udvar-Hazy

- Bus departs hotel 0915
- Arrives Udvar Hazy approx. 1000

1000-1200 tour of Vietnam vintage aircraft. Led by Scott Willey scottlin.willey@gmail.com

- 1200-1230 onsite lunch
- 1230-1315 Return to hotel

(Note) Those with afternoon flights from Dulles can catch a shuttle bus from the museum to the airport. <http://www.metwashairports.com/dulles/813.htm>