

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series IV. Vietnam War series, c. 1960-2011, (bulk 2002-2011), .1 cu. ft.

Series Abstract/Description:

Materials include oral interviews, occasionally supported by military documents, photographs, or other related materials. Some items are photocopies. The Vietnam War Series of the Veterans History Project Collection includes materials relating to Nashville area residents and veterans who served in the military or supported the war effort as civilians. Contents are also useful for examination of the Cold War era, as not all individuals who participated in this project served in the Vietnam theatre of operations. Many individuals also continued their service after the Vietnam War and their narratives can be useful for study of the armed forces in the decades after Vietnam.

The majority of the materials are interviews conducted with veterans from 2002 to 2010. Some interviews, beginning in the fall of 2003, were conducted with the assistance of Operation Stand Down, a local non-profit organization that assists veterans who are homeless, or who have been homeless. A number of these individuals were veterans from the Vietnam era.

Other formats of materials include snapshots donated by Marion F. "Sonny" Smith, which document jump training and a jungle school operated by the 173rd Airborne Brigade (Separate) in 1966 and 1967 near Bien Hoa. Snapshots of Orman Eugene "Gene" Waller of the 374th Tactical Airlift Wing show mostly airmen at leisure and sight-seeing, but include some photographs of negotiations with the North Vietnamese in Hanoi in November 1974; North Vietnamese prisoners being transported in February 1973; and a High Altitude Low Opening (HALO) jump over Koke Thiem, Thailand in May 1973. His materials also include a DVD about tactical airlift operations featuring the C-130 Hercules aircraft, entitled: "The Way It Is: The Tactical Airlift Story" (approx. 53 min.) followed by a shorter film (approx. 15 min.) entitled: "A-10 Thunderbolt II" about the specialized tank-killing aircraft built by Fairchild Industries. No dates of either film are provided, but they appear to be from the mid-1970s. Other materials in the Vietnam War series include a videocassette containing footage of unknown provenance which appears to have been shot in Vietnam, possibly at an airbase. Originally shot on color Super8 movie film, and transferred to videotape circa 2000, scenes include soldiers relaxing on base; views of the countryside and village scenes shot from a moving vehicle; a variety of aircraft arriving and departing; and scenes of children at an orphanage or school, including a dance performance.

Frequent letters from Darrell Holt, who served as a medic in the Air Force, 1966-1969, to his parents and brother, Wayne, reveal a young man who struggled to remain optimistic and resilient while finding boot camp and military life intensely lonely and difficult. Letters from boot camp talk about his fears and uncertainties, especially his concern over the possibility of being sent to Vietnam. As he receives additional training stateside as a medic, he continues to worry that his ultimate destination is Vietnam. Ultimately, however, he serves a year in the Philippines, where his hospital treats many of the wounded who have been stabilized but are coming out of Vietnam. Most of

Darrell's letters discuss the daily routine of life on base, and some travel, as well as observations and interactions with local civilians. He occasionally mentions specific cases in the hospital in the Philippines, including gruesome details about the human wreckage after a helicopter crash (July 12, 1968), the wounds of war that he witnesses (May 26, 1968), and airmen who attempt suicide or "crack up" from the strain (Jan. & Feb. 1969). Holt also occasionally expresses his disgust with politicians and the overall conduct of the war. His letters also reveal him to be a man strongly connected to his Christian faith who is often morally disgusted with the behavior and language which surrounds him in the military. He speaks about some of the difficulties he experiences in attending church overseas, including a schism that develops at one church. The specific denomination to which he belongs is never mentioned.

Darrell's brother, Wallace Wayne Holt (who went by Wayne), also sent letters home to his parents while he served in 1966 in the Navy as a cook aboard the destroyer *USS Agerholm*. Wayne's letters provide information about various routine matters aboard ship, including the difficulties of cooking, serving, and eating on a rolling ship. A few letters appear to have been written after he got out of the service, possibly while attending college at the University of Hawaii.

Arrangement: Alphabetical by veteran's last name.

Container List:

Akins, Dominick. Army, 1st Battalion, 2nd Infantry, 1st Infantry Division. (1965-1968) Vietnam.

Oral History: Tapes 359 -362 (2 interviews); index available (filed with transcripts). Also available on CD in standard audio format – VHPAkinsD

Alexander, Eddie. Army, 197th Battalion, medic. (1973-1976). Ft. Benning, Georgia.

Oral History: Tape 200, index available (filed with transcripts). Also available on CD in standard audio format – VHPAlexanderE

Other: *see Administrative Files, Promotional and Educational Materials, Operation Stand Down 2003, student papers.*

Anonymous Operation Stand Down veterans. Unknown service history.

Manuscripts: Letter of complaint, 2004.

(This document was left at the Nashville Public Library's information table at Operation Stand Down event, Nov. 20, 2004. Incidents mentioned in this letter bear some similarities to the experiences recounted by Horace Benson Hatcher.)

Baker, Carter G. Army, 88th Supply and Service Battln. (1963-1970). Stateside; Pleiku, Republic of Vietnam; Berlin, Germany.

Manuscripts: Memoir, "From Cambodia to the South China Sea: Organization and Leadership in the 88th Supply and Service Battalion (Direct Support) Pleiku, RVN 1967"

Baxter, Edward Bruce. Marines, 1st Marines, I co. 3/5. (1965-1969). Vietnam, Operation Hastings.

Oral History: Tapes 284, 285 & 286, index available (filed with transcripts). Also available in digital format (MP3 file) - VHPBaxterE

Bell, Kathryn L. Air Force. 4385 SVSQ, 6950 SEC SVC, 603 MASS, 63APS, 3743 BMTS, 6920 Security, DET175 Tuslog CDI, 3950 Transportation Sq. Stateside, United Kingdom, Okinawa, Turkey.

Oral History: Tape 354, index available (filed with transcripts). Also available on CD in standard audio format – VHPBellK

Bennett, Harvey E. Navy, *USS Tattnall (DDG-19)*, *USS Ranger (CVA-61)*. (1965-1969). Caribbean, Mediterranean, Gulf of Tonkin, Sea of Japan.

Manuscripts: Brochures from Veterans for Peace rally, 2003.

Oral History: Tapes 347 & 348, index available (filed with transcripts). Also available in digital format (MP3 file) - VHPBennettH

Boatman, Howard. Army, Battery C, 2nd Battalion, 138th Field Artillery. (1968-1969). Da Nang, North Vietnam.

Manuscripts: Biographical information

Oral History: Tapes 67 & 68, transcript. Also available in digital format (MP3 file) - VHPBoatman

Borgman, Alfred J. Civilian service, road construction.

Manuscripts: civilian service documents. (photocopies)

see also World War II series.

Bratton, Tillman William “Bill”. Marines, 1st Battln, 3rd Marine Regt., 3rd Mar. Div. (1968-1972). Stateside; Vietnam; Okinawa; Mediterranean Sea.

Photographs: 4 photographs

Oral History: (digital recording – MP3 file) – VHPBrattonT; transcript #520

Briggs, Harrison. Air Force. (1958-1966). Japan, Okinawa, Thailand, Vietnam.

Oral History: Tapes 25 & 26, transcript. Also available in digital format (MP3 file) – VHPBriggs

See also World War II and Korean War series.

Broadwater, Tommie Ray. Marines, 1st Battln, 4th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division. (1970-1974). Correctional section leader (brig warden), Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Florida.

Oral History: Tapes 237 & 238, index available (filed with transcripts). Also available on CD in standard audio format – VHPBroadwaterT

Bronaugh, Preston E. Army. Stateside, Thailand, Panama Canal.

Oral History: Tape 363, index available. Also available on CD in standard audio format – VHPBronaughP

Brown, Clarence Eugene. Army, 1/22 Artillery, 4th Armored Division. Germany.

Oral History: Tape 374

Brown, John Pope. Air Force, headquarters and logistics. (1963-early 1970s).

Oral History: Tapes 30 & 31, transcript. Also available on CD in standard audio format - VHPBrownJP

Burns, Rodney R. Marines, 1st Marine Division. Phu bai; Danang; Chu Lai, Vietnam.

Oral History: Tapes 292 & 293. Also available in digital format (MP3 file) - VHPBurnsR

Cash, Kathy K. (Creager). Air Force. Nurse, health promotion. Stateside, Turkey, Azores, Greece.

Oral History: Tapes 352 & 353, index available (filed with transcripts). Also available on CD in standard audio format - VHPCashK

See also: Other Conflicts or Peacetime Series

Caston, Albert J. Navy, MACV support. Operation Sea Float, Vietnam. (1967-1970).

Oral History: Tape 379. *Restrictions apply – see transcript file.*

Collier, Alvin Norman. Navy, 1st Division, USS Cayuga (LST 1186). (1973-1974). South Pacific.

Oral History: Tape 330, index available (filed with transcripts). Also available on CD in standard audio format - VHPCollierA

Crankshaw, Robert "Bob" or "Doc". Marines, 3rd Battln, 4th Regt., 4th Div. (1965-1972). Quantri Province, Vietnam.

Oral History: Tapes 178 & 179, transcript. Also available in digital format (MP3 file) - VHPCrankshawR

Cullom, Oscar. 9th Infantry Division, Vietnam (1964-1971)

Oral History: Tapes 209 & 210, index available (filed with transcripts). Also available in digital format (MP3 file) - VHPCullomO

Special media: VHP CD #5. Machine readable Microsoft PictureIt! Xtractor files containing two slides shows of scanned photographs (54 images each) entitled: "BCO 3rd Platoon, 5/60th Infantry Mechanized, 9th Infantry Division, 1968 South Vietnam."

Drummond, Landson. Marines, 2nd Battln, 7th Regt., 1st Div. (1968-1969). Camp Lejeune, NC; Khe Sanh, Vietnam.

Manuscripts: Command chronology, 2nd Battln., 7th Marines

Photographs: 2 photographs

Oral History: (digital recording – MP3 file) – VHPDrummondL, transcript #538.

Donofrio, John A. Navy cook.

See World War II series.

Durrett, Charles Wesley II. Army. 144th Aviation Company (Radio Reconnaissance), 224th Aviation Battalion (Radio Reconnaissance), 509th Radio Research Group. Electronics. (1966-1970). Vietnam, Tet Offensive.

Manuscripts: Photo processing envelopes from Vietnam

Snapshots: Approximately 138 snapshots, mostly black and white, but some in color, taken between March 1968 and September 1968 during Durrett's service in Vietnam. Images, some with captions on the back, show scenes on base and in barracks, electronic equipment, military vehicles, Vietnamese women ("mamasans"), friends in the military, especially scenes at leisure, views of the Vietnamese countryside and Saigon, and scenes shot from the audience during a performance in Vietnam by Grand Ole Opry comedian, Elmer Fudpucker and singer Liza Jane Taylor, and other musicians. Identified locations include Tan Son Nhut and Nha Trang. Arranged generally in chronological order, and identified by the designation of roll and frame number (as found in negatives). A small series of prints which have no accompanying negatives appear at the end and are numbered sequentially.

Negatives: Many of the snapshots described above have matching 35mm negatives. In a few rare instances, there may be no print to match a negative. **RESTRICTION:** *Negatives for staff use only.*

Slides: Approximately 248 color slides, from June 1967 to April 1969 showing scenes on base and in barracks, military vehicles and aircraft, Vietnamese women

("mamasans"), friends in the military, especially scenes at leisure, views of the Vietnamese countryside and towns, and a number of images of musical performances, shot from the audience, including a Vietnamese band and a performance by Grand Ole Opry comedian, Elmer Fudpucker, singer Liza Jane Taylor, and other musicians and performances. Identified locations include Vung Tau, Tan Son Nhut, and Nha Trang. Slides are housed in sheets, and annotations by Durrett often form a running story line, from slide-to-slide and phrase-by-phrase. Slides are housed in sheets by roll, generally in chronological order as organized by donor, and numbered in continuous sequence by library staff during processing. The final page contains slides which appeared out of sequence. Some slides were missing at time of processing and have been so identified within the collection.

Oral History: (digital recording – MP3 file) – VHPDurrettC; transcript #530.

Dusel, Fred. Army, Special Forces. (1963-1968). Vietnam.

Oral History: Tapes 32, 33, & 34, transcript. Also available on CD in standard audio format – VHPDuselF

Restrictions apply – see transcript.

Elam, David C. Navy corpsman, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment. (1967-1968). Vietnam.

Oral History: Tapes 241 & 242, index available (filed with transcripts). Also available in digital format (MP3 file) – VHPElamD

See also Persian Gulf series.

Ezell, Andrew G. Air Force, mechanic. (2 tours between 1965-1970). Vietnam.

Oral History: Tapes 349, 350, & 351, index available (filed with transcripts).

Finkelstein, Edward R. Army, 4th Infantry Division and IFFV. (1969-1971). An Khe, Pleiku, and Nha-Trang.

Manuscripts: Memoir, "Ed Finkelstein's Speech for Congregants' Hour on Yom Kippur, The Temple, September 16, 2002."

Oral History: Tapes 223 & 224, index available (filed with transcripts). Also available in digital format (MP3 file) - VHPFinkelsteinE

Floyd, Marcus T. Jr. Army, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment. (1969-1971). South Vietnam, Cambodia.

Oral History: Tapes 204, index available (filed with transcripts). Also available on CD in standard audio format – VHPFloydM

Other: *see Administrative Files, Promotional and Educational Materials, Operation Stand Down 2003, student papers.*

Forbes, Corinne W. Civilian. Civil Air Patrol, Air Force Youth Auxiliary. Nashville, TN.

Oral History: Tapes 332 & 333, index available (filed with transcripts). Also available on CD in standard audio format – VHPForbesC

Foster, Harold Emmett Jr. Army, 1/52, 198th Infantry. (1969-1973). "Camp Bayonet" Chu Lai, Vietnam.

Oral History: Tapes 339 & 340, index available (filed with transcripts). Also available on CD in standard audio format – VHPFosterHE

Frey, Susan L. Navy, military police. Stateside, Phillippines.

Oral History: Tape 301, index available (filed with transcripts). Also available in digital format (MP3 file) - VHPFreyS

Other: see *Administrative Files, Promotional and Educational Materials, Operation Stand Down 2004, student papers.*

Fritz, Frederick F. Marines, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Division, reconnaissance. (1972-1978). Spain; Philippines; Okinawa; Saigon, Vietnam.

Oral History: Tapes 355 & 356, index available (filed with transcripts). Also available on CD in standard audio format – VHPFritzF

Furgess, John. Army, 23rd Infantry (Americal) Division. Vietnam, Tet Offensive.

Oral History: (digital recording – MP3 file) - VHPFurgessJ; transcript #528

Gibson, Joseph "Joe". Army, 61st Assault Helicopter Company. (1968-1971). Stateside, Republic of Vietnam.

Oral History: Tapes 181, 182, & 183, transcript. Also available in digital format (MP3 file) - VHPGibsonJ

H.---, James H. Army, 1st Infantry Division.(1968-1971). Stateside, Vietnam.

Restriction: Participant identified by first name, middle and last initials, only.

Oral History: Tapes 192 & 193, Index available (filed with transcripts). Also available in digital format (MP3 file) – VHPH---JH

Hall, Blanton. Army, 6th Infantry. (1963-1968). Stateside, Vietnam.

Oral History: Tape 201, transcript. Also available in digital format (MP3 file) - VPHHallB

Other: see *Administrative Files, Promotional and Educational Materials, Operation Stand Down 2003, student papers.*

Harvey, William M. Army, 5th Special Forces Group A.B. (1963-1967) Vietnam.

Oral History: (digital recoding – MP3 file) - VPHHarveyW; transcript #507.

Hastings, Thomas Larry "Pappy." Air Force, 6994th Security Squadron. (1964-1973). Philippines, stateside, Saigon, South Vietnam.

Oral History: Tape 329, index available (filed with transcripts). Also available in digital format (MP3 file) - VPHHastingsT

Hatcher, Horace Benson. Army, 765th Transportation Division. Stateside, Vietnam.

Manuscripts: Memoir, 2004.

Oral History: Tape 305, index available, (filed with transcripts). Also available in digital format (MP3 file) - VPHHatcherH

see also Vietnam Series – Anonymous Operation Stand Down veterans

Hill, Julius Charles. Army, Erroneous Enlistment Board, clerk, 121st Evacuation Hospital. Stateside, Ft. Knox, Korea.

Oral History: (digital recording – MP3 file) – VPHHillJC; index available (filed with transcripts #551).

Holmes, James Ronald Army, 20th Engineers, 35th Land Clearing (538th), Vietnam .

Oral History: (digital recording – MP3 file) - VPHHolmesJ; transcript #506.

Holt, Darrell Linwood. Air Force, medic, Clark Air Force Base hospital, Philippines; stateside. (brother of Wallace Wayne Holt)

Manuscripts: (34 folders)

- 1) Letters, Sept. 1966
- 2) Letters, Oct. 1-9, 1966
- 3) Letters, Oct. 10-30, 1966
- 4) Letters, Nov. 1-11, 1966
- 5) Letters, Nov. 14-30, 1966

- 6) Letters, Dec. 1966
- 7) Letters, Jan. 1967
- 8) Letters, Feb. – Apr. 1967
- 9) Letters, May 1967
- 10) Letters, June – July 1967
- 11) Letters, Aug. 1967
- 12) Letters, Sept. 1967
- 13) Letters, Oct. 1967
- 14) Letters, Nov. – Dec. 1967
- 15) Letters, Jan. – Feb. 1968
- 16) Letters, Mar. – Apr. 1968
- 17) Letters, May – June 1968
- 18) Letters, July 1968
- 19) Letters, Aug. 2-15, 1968
- 20) Letters, Aug. 20-29, 1968
- 21) Letters, Sept. 5-13, 1968
- 22) Letters, Sept. 19-28, 1968
- 23) Letters, Oct. 1968
- 24) Letters, Nov. 2-17, 1968
- 25) Letters, Nov. 20-29, 1968
- 26) Letters, Dec. 1968
- 27) Letters, Jan. 1-17, 1969
- 28) Letters, Jan. 24-30, 1969
- 29) Letters, Feb. 2-13, 1969
- 30) Letters, Feb. 14-27, 1969
- 31) Letters, Mar. 1969
- 32) Letters, Apr. 1969
- 33) Letters, misc. 1961-2012
- 34) Letters from David Robinson to Holt family, n.d. [circa 1967]

Oral History: (digital recording – MP3 file) – VHPHoltD; restrictions filed under transcript #559 (no transcript presently exists).

Restrictions apply. See interview summary finding aid or administrative file for details.

Holt, Wallace Wayne. Navy, USS Agerholm (DD-826), cook. (1966). Japan, Tiawan, Vietnam. (brother of Darrell Linwood Holt)

Manuscripts: (11 folders)

- 1) Letters, Nov. – Dec. 1965
- 2) Letters, Jan. 1966
- 3) Letters, Feb. 1966
- 4) Letters, Mar. 1966
- 5) Letters, Apr. 1966
- 6) Letters, May 1966
- 7) Letters, June 1966
- 8) Letters, July 1966
- 9) Letters, Sept. – Oct. 1966
- 10) Letters, 1967-1968

11) Letters, June – Aug. 1969

Hoyal, James A. 13th Air Force, chaplain. (1965-1969). Thailand.

Manuscripts: "Military Service James A. Hoyal"

Oral History: Tapes 197 & 198, index available (filed with transcripts). Also available in digital format (MP3 file) - VHPHoyalJ

see also Korean War series

Hunt, Walter R. "Walt." Army, signals. Europe.

Manuscripts: Military documents, 1960-1962.

Ingle, Harry. Army, 25th Infantry, 4/23 Mechanized Infantry. (1969-1970). Vietnam near Saigon and Cambodia.

Oral History: (digital recording – MP3 file) – VHPIngleH; transcripts #513 (& #514)

See also Persian Gulf War series.

Jackson, Oliver Leroy Jr. Army, 8th Engineer Division, 1st Air Cavalry Division; 326th Engineer Division, 101st Airmobile Division. (1966-1969). Vietnam, from DMZ to Siagon. Water purification.

Oral History: (digital recording - MP3 file) – VHPJacksonO; index available (filed with transcripts #544).

Johnson, Michael Hall. Air Force, 91st Bombardment Wing, 9th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing. (1967-1970). Stateside, Japan.

Oral History: (digital recording – MP3 file) – VHPJohnsonM; transcript #540.

Johnson, Willie C. Hotel Company, 1st Marines. (1968-1971). Camp Pendleton, California; Vietnam.

Oral History: Tape 207, transcript. Also available on CD in standard audio format – VHPJohnsonW

Other: *see Administrative Files, Promotional and Educational Materials, Operation Stand Down 2003, student papers.*

Joy, Willie H. (Williams) Marines, Co. B, 1st Battalion, 7th Regiment, 1st Division. (1968-1969). Vietnam.

Oral History: Tape 161, transcript. Also available in digital format (MP3 file) - VHPJoyW

Kelly, Ellis Wayne. Army, Charlie Company, 1st, Americal (20th) Infantry Division. (1970-1972). Vietnam.

Oral History: (digital recording – MP3 file) – VHPKellyE; transcript #517.

Kelly, Leslie Dorris. Navy, Pentagon.

Oral History: Tapes 282 & 283. Also available in digital format (MP3 file) - VHPKelleyLD

Kline, Richard Bert. 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines. (1966-1972). Danang, Vietnam.

Oral History: Tape 203, index available (filed with transcripts). Also available on CD in standard audio format – VHPKlineR

Kurtz, Walter C. 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry, 1st Infantry Division. (1966-1969). Stateside, Vietnam.

Photographs: 3 photographs

Oral History: (digital recording – MP3 file) – VHPKurtzW; transcript #536.

Lee, Daniel Eugene. Army, signals. (1970-1972). Long Bien.

Oral History: Tapes 69 & 70, transcript. Also available on CD in standard audio format – VHPLeeDE

Lemke, Dean Alan. Air Force, "Triple Nickel." (1966-1970). Dangan, Tuc Hoe, Cam Ram.

Oral History: Tape 327, index available (filed with transcripts). Also available on CD in standard audio format – VHPLeMkeD

Lockridge, John William. Army aviation. Germany, Vietnam.

Oral History: Tape 300, index available (filed with transcripts). Also available on CD in standard audio format – VHPLockridgeJ

Other: see *Administrative Files, Promotional and Educational Materials, Operation Stand Down 2004, student papers.*

Lomax, Arthur Eugene. Army. see *World War II series.*

Longhauser, Robert V. Army, 1st Inf. Div. Stateside; DiAn and Lai Khe, Vietnam.

Oral History: (digital recording – MP3 file) – VHPLonghauserR; transcript #508.

Macon, Robert "Bob". Army infantry. 2 years in Vietnam.

Oral History: Tapes 135 & 136, index available (filed with transcripts). Also available in digital format (MP3 file) - VHPMaconR

See also *World War II and Korean War series.*

Maynard, Mary D. – see *Ross, Mary D. (Maynard).*

Moore, Ray. Navy aviation, USS Enterprise. (1964-1968). Tonkin Gulf.

Oral History: Tapes 176 & 177, transcript. Also available on CD in standard audio format - VHPMooreR

Nesbit, Thomas B. Navy aviation, USS Yorktown (1966-1986). Pacific.

Oral History: (digital recording – MP3 file) – VHPNesbitT; transcript #527.

Newsom, Silas T. Air Force, 36th Combat Support Group, military police, training, support. Stateside; Pleiku, Vietnam; Bitburg, Germany; Air Force Academy.

Manuscripts: Military documents, Code of the U.S. Fighting Force (1979)

Oral History: (digital recording – MP3 file) – VHPNewsomS; transcript #534.

Ohlinger, John F. Navy aviation, helicopter, supplies. (1969-1971). Cam Ranh Bay Detachment Ton Son Nhut; Saigon.

Manuscripts: (2 folders – mostly photocopies)

1. Four papers written at Naval War College; 2 letters from W.S. Shepherd
2. Articles; flight log book; change of command program; Naval Academy class profile 2010

Oral History: (digital recording – MP3 file) - VHPOhlingerJ; transcript #512.

Paladin, Gene. Army, 173rd Airborne Brigade (Separate). (1966-1967) Vietnam.

Photographs - Snapshots: photocopies of photographs taken by Paladin while in Vietnam. Most photocopies are of good quality; all have identification information and/or captions on the back. Though copies, they nevertheless provide a helpful visual history of the conditions and operations of the 173rd Airborne Brigade (Separate) during 1966-1967. Some images may be available as photographic prints as part of the Marion "Sonny" Smith collection within the Vietnam Series of VHP.

Subjects of Paladin's photocopied photographs include: Bien Hoa airbase; soldiers at leisure, in camp, at base, and on patrol; helicopters; a children's hospital; chaplain and religious activities; tunnels; jungle defoliated by the use of Agent

Orange; soldier "graffiti" on vehicles and helmets; a scout dog used by the military; Christmas truce; and scenes from the following military Operations: Aurora II; Toledo; Atlantic City; Winchester; Canary-Duck; Big Springs; Junction City; and War Zone D. Notable individuals include: Maj. Gen. Richard Stilwell awarding his son the Combat Infantryman's Badge; entertainer Martha Rae; a few images of Paladin and friend and jungle school instructor, "Sonny" Smith.

See also: Smith, Marion "Sonny" in Vietnam War Series.

Patterson, Larry R.P. Air Force, Strategic Air Command, communications, (1967-1971). Keesler AFB, Miss.; Westover AFB, Mass.; Robins AFB, Georgia.

Oral History: Tapes 345 & 346, index available (filed with transcripts). Also available in digital format (MP3 file) - VHPPattersonL

Phillips, Bill R. Air Force, MACV – Advisory Team 1. Da Nang, Vietnam; I Corps; Vandenberg AFB, Calif; Lackland AFB, Texas.

Oral History: Tapes 294 & 295, index available (filed with transcripts). Also available in digital format (MP3 file) - VHPPhillipsB

Pirtle, Victor Claude. Navy, USS Enterprise (CVN-65), NAS Guam, California. Ordnance & supply, (1966-1969)

Oral History: (digital recording – MP3 file) – VHPPirtleV; transcript #525.

Powell, Alfred Lee. Air Force, cargo missions, special missions. Vietnam, stateside.

Oral History: (digital recording – MP3 file) – VHPPowellA; transcript #519.

Pritchett, Vaughan. Navy, USS Jamestown (AGTR3), communications. (1965-1969).

Restrictions apply to all materials for Vaughan Pritchett. No publication without his permission. Details available with materials.

Manuscripts: correspondence, military scrip, ticket (some photocopies)

Photographs: 1 photo

Oral History: Tapes 126 & 127, transcript. *Restrictions apply – see transcript.* Also available on CD in standard audio format - VHPPritchettV

Reid, Larry Eugene. Army, 4/47th Infantry Battalion, 2nd Brigade, 9th Infantry Division. Mobile Riverine Force. Combat engineer. (1967-1969). Mekong Delta.

Manuscripts: "Vietnam diary," news articles, military records, misc. (photocopies)

Photographs: 21 printouts from scanned images

Oral History: (digital recording – MP3 file) - VHPReidL ; transcript #511.

Robertson, James Dale. Army, D Battery, 2nd Battalion, 320th Artillery (Airborne), 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division. Artillery forward observer, attached to 3rd Battalion (Airborne), 506th Infantry. (1969-1971) Ft. Sill, Ft. Benning, Qui Nhon, Vietnam, Fort Gordon.

Manuscripts: "Vietnam Journal" (1970) with transcript and annotations (2009); memoir: "Memories of Nam and the Action Army" (2007); poetry (2009); Special Orders no. 106; cartoon of 101st Airborne "When We Rain Death" (all photocopies)

Oral History: (digital recording – MP3 file) – VHPRobertsonJ; index available (filed with transcripts #543).

Robertson, Keith Baron. Army, Ft. Leonard Wood, Ft. Hood, stateside. Special Services – boxing.

Oral History: Tape 370, index available (filed with transcripts). Also available on CD in standard audio format - VHPRobertsonKB

Ross, Mary D. (Maynard). Army, Women's Army Corps (WAC), communications, psychiatric care. Stateside, Berlin, Germany.

Photographs: 3 photographs

See also Persian Gulf War series.

Oral History: (digital recording – MP3 file) – VHPRossM; transcript #500 and #501.

Rucker, Darryle Glover. Air Force, 389th Strategic Missile Wing, 565th Squadron. Stateside, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Oral History: Tape 308, index available (filed with transcripts). Also available on CD in standard audio format - VHPRuckerDG

Other: *see Administrative Files, Promotional and Educational Materials, Operation Stand Down 2004, student papers.*

Sams, Sue. – *see Spence, Sue (Sams)*

Sanders, Jerome C. Air Force. (1963-1967). Bangor, ME; Thailand (1964-1965); DaNang, Vietnam (1966-1967).

Oral History: Tape 372, index available (filed with transcripts). Also available on CD in standard audio format - VHPSandersJC

See, Frederick. Army, 27th Field Artillery. (1963-1995). Fort Sill, Oklahoma; Germany; Vietnam.

Oral History: Tape 208, index available (filed with transcripts). Also available in digital format (MP3 file) - VHPSeeF

Simpson, John Brent. Marines, Co. B, 3rd Engineer Battln., 3rd Marine Division. (1968-1969). Vietnam, Camp Carroll, DMZ, Ho Chi Minh Trail.

Photographs: 5 photographs

Oral History: (digital recording – MP3 file) - VHPSimpsonJB; transcript #511.

Smith, Marion F. "Sonny". Navy (1957-1961), Mediterranean. Army, 173rd Airborne Brigade (Separate). (1961-1977). Okinawa; Bien Hoa airbase, Vietnam.

Photographs - Snapshots:

Holdings consist of 98 black and white snapshot photographs, most, if not all, taken by Gene Paladin and collected by Marion F. "Sonny" Smith. Scenes include soldiers of the 4th Battalion, 503rd Infantry, 173rd Airborne Brigade (Separate) in 1966 and 1967 in Vietnam, especially in the area near Bien Hoa. Many scenes are at the location of a special jungle training school, located near Bien Hoa. Images include candid portraits and scenes of soldiers at leisure; but also include scenes during parachute jump training, especially jumps taken from a training tower; jungle training scenes, including an area designed to look like a Viet Cong camp; soldiers wearing camouflage during their jungle training; discovery of Viet Cong weapons caches; a wounded comrade in the hospital; "Operation Revenge" a real mission taken in response to an ambush upon trainees by the Viet Cong; general scenes of life on base and in camp including military personnel, vehicles, supplies, living conditions, and similar subjects. A few images are of civilian village storefronts in Vietnam, particularly laundries. One photograph is of posters encouraging soldiers to take preventive measures against venereal disease, next to an illustration of Viet Cong and North Vietnamese soldiers designed to aid U.S. soldiers in recognition of the enemy.

Oral History: (digital recording – MP3 file) - VHPSmithM; transcript #516.

See also: Paladin, Gene in Vietnam War Series.

Southall, Thomas William. Army, communications advisor to South Vietnamese. (1966) Vietnam, near DMZ.

Oral History: Tapes 270, 271 & 272, transcript. Also available in digital format (MP3 file) - VHPSouthallT

See also separate collection: Thomas W. Southall Papers

Spence, Jack Robert. Marines, 3rd Marine Division. (1950-1970) Vietnam, near DMZ (1965-1966). Casualty Notification, Little Rock, Ark. (1968)

Oversize Drawer L-2, Folder 8:

3 maps (no dates):

1. Trung Phan showing city of Da Nang and area to the south
2. Da Nang and area to west and north
3. Trung Phan and portion of South China Sea

Oversize Drawer G-2:

4 maps (no dates unless noted):

1. Dien Sanh showing central Vietnam, border of Quangtri and Thua Thien provinces, along Gulf of Tonkin
2. Da Nang and areas south and west
3. Thon Bai An and Thon Ha Thu'o'ng (2 maps taped together) shows portion of South China Sea, city of Quang Tri, and Demilitarized Zone (DMZ), c. 1964
4. San Clemente, California USGS map, showing Camp Pendleton. "X" marks spot where Spence's battalion trained. c. 1951

Oral History: (digital recording – MP3 file) – VHPSpenceJandS; transcript #524. Joint interview with his wife, Sue (Sams) Spence.

Spence, Sue (Sams). Civilian, military wife. Little Rock, Ark.

Oral History: (digital recording – MP3 file) – VHPSpenceJandS; transcript #524. Joint interview with her husband, Jack Robert Spence.

Still, James W. 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines, 3rd Marine Division. (1963-1967). Camp Lejeune; Cuba; I Corps area, Vietnam.

Oral History: Tape 206, transcript. Also available on CD in standard audio format - VHPStillJ

Other: *see Administrative Files, Promotional and Educational Materials, Operation Stand Down 2003, student papers.*

Thomas, Garry. Army, 2nd and 4th Field Artillery. (1972-1975). Fort Hood, Fort Campbell, Fort Lewis.

Manuscripts: Poem: "One of the Lucky Ones," 2005

Oral History: (digital recording – MP3 file) - VHPTThomasG; transcript #504.

Thurman, Jim. Civilian, search and rescue attached to military. (circa 1962-1963). Vietnam.

Oral History: Tape 336, 337, & 338, index available (filed with transcripts). Also available in digital format (MP3 file) - VHPThurmanJ

Trigg, James Knox. Air Force. Supply. *see World War II series.*

Tuke, Robert Dudley "Bob". Marines, Combined Action Company 2-4, 2nd Combined Action Group, III Marine Amphibious Force. (1969-1973). Camp Lajeune; Hoi An Province, Republic of Vietnam; Okinawa, Japan; Ft. Meade, MD (NSA).

Manuscripts: Map, printout from internet, of CACO 2-4, area of operations.

Slides: (shelved separately from rest of collection).

CAUTION & HEALTH ADVISORY: Some slides have inactive mold still present!

SPECIAL HANDLING INSTRUCTIONS: Researchers and staff should take adequate steps to protect themselves from possible release of mold spores into the air. Recommended protective measures include wearing a protective mask; wearing latex or similar protective gloves; washing hands immediately after handling mold-contaminated materials, before handling any other uncontaminated items, including uncontaminated items from the same collection. Avoid getting mold-contaminated materials damp or wet, whether from wet hands, wet clothing, perspiration, beverages, or other sources.

Slides include 163 images from February 1971 through June 1971, most of them taken by Bob Tuke, during his tour of duty with the Combined Action Company 2-4 of the U.S. Marines. Scenes include:

Slides #1-23: (Feb. 1971) - arrival in Vietnam and DaNang, landscape scenes; Marine compound, barracks, buildings, etc.; Buddhist temple at An My;

Slides #24-49: (Feb.-Apr. 1971) - Hieu Nhon district (aerial scenes); Hoi An village (ground); helicopters; Marine compound, including weapons; Vietnamese civilians;

Slides #50-80: (April 1971) - CAUTION! MOLD! - Korean Marine show; Bob Tuke with weapons, his desk and bunk, Cobra gunship attacking at night with flares and tracers;

Slides #81-109: (April - May 1971) - Tuke with .50 cal. machine gun; CACO 2-4 Stand Down ceremony; Vietnamese women and children; landscape scenes including bursting shell and Viet Cong burning a village at night;

Slides #110-141: (May 1971) - long distance shots of airplanes on tarmac; large black smoke cloud near airbase; city scenes in Hong Kong, including street scenes and images of ships, both civilian and U.S. Navy vessels, in the harbor;

Slides #142-163: (May-June 1971) - CAUTION! MOLD! - Vietnamese women, singers and dancers; countryside around Route 1, Republic of Vietnam; Buddhist temple at Dien Ban; countryside near DaNang; construction of Buddhist monument, DaNang; airliner or "Freedom Bird" that flew Tuke out of Vietnam.

SPECIAL PHYSICAL ARRANGEMENT: Slides #1-49 and #81-141 are believed to be uncontaminated and are housed in Slide Box 1.

Slides #50-66 (*which have been exposed to mold, but do not appear to be contaminated*) and Slides #67-80 and #142-163 (*mold damage; inactive mold still present!*) are housed in Slide Box 2. Both Slide Boxes are housed together in a single larger box, which is shelved separately within the Veterans History Project Collection.

Oral History: Tape 367, 368, transcript. Also available on CD in standard audio format - VHPTukeR

Unidentified. Army.

Videotape: VHP Video #3 - "Memories"

Originally shot on color Super 8 movie film, a product which did not become publicly available until 1965. Transferred to videotape, with music added, around

2000. The footage on this videotape appears to have been filmed in or near Vietnam, on what appears to be an airbase. Scenes include soldiers relaxing on base, views of the countryside and villages shot from a moving vehicle, a variety of aircraft landing and departing, and scenes of children at an orphanage or school, including a dance performance. (Total time approx. 30 min. Index available in front of Transcript Box 1).

Waller, Orman Eugene “Gene”. Air Force, 374th Tactical Airlift Wing. (1962-1985). Okinawa, Japan; Taiwan; Vietnam; elsewhere in Pacific.

Manuscripts: (3 folders)

1. Identification cards (1971-1987)
2. Photocopy of original layout of photograph album, with annotations by Waller and NPL staff in 2008
3. Photograph album (photographs removed)

Oversize Drawer L-2, Folder 9:

Newsletter: “Det One Report”: Yearbook Supplement for the People Who Fly and Support the C-130E Hercules Aircraft of the 374th Tactical Airlift Wing, July 4, 1972

Photographs – Snapshots:

Holdings consist of 86 color snapshots, plus one 8x10 black and white print (filed with larger photographs) which document Waller’s experiences in Thailand, Cambodia, and Taiwan from 1972-1974 during the Vietnam War. Waller worked as a loadmaster on a C-130 Hercules transport plane. The snapshots are arranged based upon their original order in Waller’s photograph album and have been assigned numbers by library staff for ease of retrieval and referral. See Manuscripts for the original album and photocopies of the original arrangement within the album.

Perhaps most significant among these snapshots are a few images (photos # 10-13, #25) of U.S. negotiations with the North Vietnamese in Hanoi during November 1974, where Waller was present. One of the individuals photographed was one of the chief interrogators at the infamous North Vietnamese prison compound known as the “Hanoi Hilton.” Other unrelated snapshots (photos #33-39) show North Vietnamese prisoners on the runway at Camp Evans, An-Toi, South Vietnam in February 1973. They are either embarking or disembarking from transport aircraft, and the activities are being supervised by officials from the Polish (Communist) Army. Most of these images are taken from inside the open bay of the aircraft. Another small series of photographs (photos #51-53, #58, #81) show High Altitude Low Opening (HALO) paratroopers about to make their jump over Koke Thiem, Thailand in May 1973, also taken from inside the open bay of the aircraft. The vast majority of the remainder of the snapshots show Waller and his friends at leisure, relaxing in their quarters, at the NCO Club, or sight-seeing, especially in Thailand. Some photographs show his living quarters and living conditions in barracks or apartments. Locations of photographs include: Utapao, Lopburi, Takhli, Koke Thiem, and Korat, Thailand; Phnom Penh, Cambodia; Taiwan; Hanoi, North Vietnam; Camp Evans, An-Toi, South Vietnam; Incirlik, Turkey; and Elmendorf, Alaska.

Oral History: (digital recording – MP3 file) – VHPWallerO; transcript #529.

DVD: DVD #1 - "The Way It Is: The Tactical Airlift Story" and "A-10 Thunderbolt II"

DVD created from a videotape including two different programs. The first, entitled, "The Way It Is: The Tactical Airlift Story" and produced by Aerospace Audio Visual Service for the Tactical Airlift Command of the U.S. Air Force, is about tactical airlift operations featuring the C-130 Hercules aircraft and includes scenes of cargo aircraft operations and personnel, including numerous interviews with airmen. They discuss various missions including flying in supplies, food, medical supplies, ammunition, evacuating casualties and dead bodies, and prisoners. (Color : approx. 53 min.). This is followed by a shorter film entitled: "A-10 Thunderbolt II" about the specialized tank-killing aircraft built by Fairchild Industries. (Color : approx. 15 min.) Scenes feature demonstrations of the A-10's bombing technique and power against enemy armored forces, and highlights the 81st Tactical Fighter Wing based at Bentwaters in England. No dates of either film are provided, but they appear to be from the mid-1970s.

Wargo, Nicholas "Nick" J. Sr. Army. (1966-1969). An Son.

Oral History: Tapes 101 & 102, transcript. Also available in digital format (MP3 file) - VHPWargoN

Williams, Billy Garland. Army. (1966-1968). Vietnam.

Oral History: Tape 365, index available. Also available on CD in standard audio format - VHPWilliamsBG

Williams, Willie H. – see *Joy, Willie H. (Williams)*

Whitworth, Malchiga C. Army, 1st Inf. Div., Vietnam.

Photographs - Snapshots: 11 color copy photographs

Oral History: (digital recording – MP3 file) – VHPWhitworthM

See also Korean War series

Wright, Harold L. Marines, 3rd Marine Division. (1968-2000). Vietnam.

Oral History: Tape 328, index available (filed with transcripts). Also available on CD in standard audio format - VHPWrightL