

# WHY THE VIETNAM WAR IS IMPORTANT 50 YEARS LATER

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***Dedicated to all those who served  
in the noble and valiant effort to turn back  
the forces of aggression and tyranny  
in Vietnam and Southeast Asia,  
all the men and women of our armed forces –  
and the many civilians too  
who played important roles,  
and of course our South Vietnamese allies  
and those of other nations who joined in that effort,  
and – perhaps especially – all their families.  
Thank you, my brothers and sisters.***

***And just one thing more: It didn't have to end that way.***

*Lewis Sorley, October 28, 2014*

*Adapted from an address at the Army Navy Club*

## Introduction

The Vietnam War is, arguably, as divisive today as it was four decades ago. Unfortunately, far too many Americans do not possess the basic factual information about United States involvement in Southeast Asia to formulate informed opinions on the matter. But that fact is not the fault of the average American.

Lifelong [Leftist] academicians, biased journalists, anti-war activists and historically inaccurate motion pictures—often working in tandem—have created the average American's view on the Vietnam War.

The accepted narrative history of the Vietnam War is an invented history replete with egregious falsehoods and distortions.

Vietnam Veterans for Factual History (VVFH) is a [501c(3)] group founded by Vietnam Veterans and their supporters. Its mission is to study and disseminate factual, well researched information about the Vietnam War and correct the myths that have permeated academia and our society since the war's beginning. Our goal is to correct those falsehoods and distortions that have become part of the dramatized and written accounts of the Vietnam War, despite logic and the availability of accurate historical analysis.

VVFH has begun publishing a multi-volume *Indochina* book series that examines key events during the Second Indochina War. Each book in the series covers a single year and the main political, military and cultural aspects of the war that year. The series challenges long held myths about the Vietnam War.

Published volumes in the new series are *Indochina--In the Year of the Dragon 1964*; *Indochina--In the Year of the Snake 1965*; and *Indochina--In the Year of the Cat 1975*. Other VVFH endeavors include attending Vietnam War academic conferences, for which we have published two "Pre-sponses." These are "*Our Pre-sponse*"--*Our Supplement to the TTU-NARA Conference on Vietnam In the Year 1963* and "*Our Pre-sponse*"--*A Supplement to the Kroc Institute Conference: Then and Now--Assessing the Critical Lessons*. VVFH has also started to develop an educational packet for secondary, high school and college instructors who can use the guide to teach the real history of the war.

Please visit <http://vvhf.org> and <http://www.viet-myths.net/OSpecialVVFHBookOffer.htm> for more information about VVFH's mission, members and how to order the book series.