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Two or Three Sides to Every Story — “THE VIETNAM WAR”


Come judge for yourself to determine if “THE VIETNAM WAR” makes your favorite list on Thursday, September 14, at 7 p.m., at the N.C. Museum of History.

Join us for a FREE preview of the latest documentary from Ken Burns and Lynn Novick three days before the 10-part series begins airing on PBS. Jeff Smith of UNC-TV will moderate the presentation, which will be followed by a panel discussion featuring the North Carolina Museum of History Associates president Charlie Silver (a Vietnam veteran), author Dan Bolger and “Lessons of Vietnam” host Bill Dixon.

It’s been 44 years since America’s baby boomers came home from Vietnam in 1973. Ultimately, the war claimed more than 58,000 Americans and more than 3 million Vietnamese military and civilian lives. Burns said, “Not since the Civil War have we as a country been so torn apart. . . . We are all searching for some meaning in this tragedy.”

Now that some of the controversy, anger and political dust have had time to settle, Burns and Novick tackle the Vietnam War. Their new $30 million production took more than 10
years to make and is an immersive narrative. Burns and Novick set one ground rule: “No historians or other expert talking heads.”

Instead, the series will feature interviews with nearly 80 people — Americans who fought in the war and some who opposed it, along with Vietnamese combatants and civilians — as well as digitally re-mastered archival footage, home movies, and photographs taken by some of the most celebrated photojournalists of the 20th century. The series will also include audio recordings from the Kennedy, Johnson and Nixon administrations; songs that defined the era; and some original music.

DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO BE THE FIRST TO PREVIEW “THE VIETNAM WAR.” Register here. For information, call 919-807-7969.

This program is FREE, as is parking in the evenings.

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Image – Soldiers waiting for evacuation
A fellow soldier who sacrificed all that he had. Courtesy of Public Broadcasting Service (PBS).
Image – Graphic for series
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Image – Graphic for series
Flower child decorating soldiers’ rifles with carnations. Courtesy of Public Broadcasting Service (PBS).

Access images here.

For information about the N.C. Museum of History, call 919-807-7900 or access ncmuseumofhistory.org or follow on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or YouTube.

About the N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

The N.C. Museum of History is located at 5 E. Edenton Street in downtown Raleigh. Hours are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. The museum collects and preserves artifacts of North Carolina history and educates the public on the history of the state and the nation through exhibits and educational programs. Each year more than 400,000 people visit the museum to see some of the 150,000 artifacts in the museum collection. The Museum of History, within the Division of State History Museums, is part of the N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

About the N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources
The N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (NCDNCR) is the state agency with a vision to be the leader in using the state’s natural and cultural resources to build the social, cultural, educational and economic future of North Carolina. NCDNCR's mission is to improve the quality of life in our state by creating opportunities to experience excellence in the arts, history, libraries and nature in North Carolina by stimulating learning, inspiring creativity, preserving the state’s history, conserving the state’s natural heritage, encouraging recreation and cultural tourism, and promoting economic development.

NCDNCR includes 27 historic sites, seven history museums, two art museums, two science museums, three aquariums and Jennette’s Pier, 39 state parks and recreation areas, the N.C. Zoo, the nation's first state-supported Symphony Orchestra, the State Library, the State Archives, the N.C. Arts Council, State Preservation Office and the Office of State Archaeology, along with the Division of Land and Water Stewardship. For more information, please call 919-807-7300 or visit www.ncdcr.gov.

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