

We Need Your Assistance in Completing VFW's Vietnam Battles Book

Veterans of the battles listed here can be of tremendous assistance by providing their personal reflections (as brief as a couple of paragraphs will do) and unit photographs. Especially critical are quotes from actual participants.

In some cases, we still need newspaper articles (*Stars & Stripes* and hometown), magazine pieces, book chapters and after-action reports on the engagements.

Because a battle is not listed here does not mean it is not included in the book. These are simply the actions that we lack sufficient information for to complete the chapters.

Indicated under the battle heading are the items of which we are in greatest

need. Here are the battles, operations, dates, units and number of KIA:

Ph Athena (Operation Paul Revere IV), Nov. 21, 1966; C Co., 1st Bn., 5th Cav, 1st Cav Div.; 33 KIA. **Photos.**

Truong Son (Operation Pershing), March 20-21, 1967; 5th, 8th and 12th Cav, 1st Cav Div.; 35 KIA. **Everything.**

Binh Son (Operation Union I), April 21, 1967; 2nd & 3rd Bns., 1st Marines, 1st Marine Div.; 39 KIA. **Photos.**

Suoi Cat/QL 1 (Operation Kitty Hawk), May 21, 1967; K Trp., 3rd Sqdn., 11th ACR; 16 KIA. **Personal accounts and photos.**

Xom Bo II (Operation Billings), June 17, 1967; 1st Bn., 16th Inf., and 2nd Bn.,

28th Inf., 1st Inf. Div.; 36 KIA. **Personal accounts and photos.**

Duc Co (Operation Francis Marion), July 12, 1967; B Co., 1st Bn., 12th Inf., 4th Div.; 32 KIA. **Personal accounts and photos.**

Thon Cam Son (Operation Kingfisher), July 29, 1967; 2nd Bn., 9th Marines, 3rd Marine Div.; 31 KIA. **Personal accounts.**

Firebase Nashua (Operation Uniontown/Strike), Dec. 6, 1967; 4th Bn., 12th Inf., 199th LIB; 24 KIA. **Personal accounts and photos.**

Ap Nam Phu (Operation Carentan II), April 4, 1968; C Co., 1st Bn., 505th Inf., 82nd Abn. Div.; 10 KIA. **Personal accounts and photos.**

Forward Operating Base 4 (DaNang), Aug. 23, 1968, 5th Special Forces Group/SOG, 17 KIA. **Personal accounts and photos.**

Please correspond in written form only: letter, e-mail or fax. If you would like to speak with someone on the telephone, still write and indicate so by providing the basic background info on your involvement in the battle. You will be contacted later for a possible interview. Thank you.

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VFW's Book on the Vietnam War's Deadliest Battles Out in 2017

Based on *VFW* magazine's past award-winning series and its continuation for the 50th anniversary, this volume will be a one-of-a-kind. *Brutal Battles of Vietnam: America's Deadliest Days, 1965-1972* covers some 85 battles. The combat narratives are told by those who actually engaged in these life-and-death struggles.

The book is replete with battle maps, seldom-seen photos, an array of statistical facts, the definitive listing of the war's most highly decorated warriors and the most complete combat chronology of the war ever compiled and published.

This book is about, as famed war correspondent Ernie Pyle once put it, "the men who do the dying." Its objective is simple: to emphasize sacrifice. In doing so, it was necessary to be highly subjective. So in defining the "deadliest" battles we had to create cut-off casualty counts. For battles fought between 1965 and 1969 that meant about 30 U.S. KIA; for 1970-72 approximately 20 KIA. Chapters in the book are about definable individual battles—not ongoing operations or offensives. Time—hours involved—was a key factor. The two exceptions are the invasions of Cambodia (1970) and Laos (1971).

Furthermore, our goal is to emphasize the forgotten and largely unknown. Hence, the more famous battles that are already well-written about do not proportionately receive as much space. The table of contents will be displayed in the September issue.

In preparation for making *Brutal Battles of Vietnam* available, we are making a list of interested buyers. We need names, mailing addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses to guarantee notification when the book is complete. Look for progress updates.

The book is estimated to be **452 pages** with some **700 photos**. Every effort is being made to keep costs to a minimum.

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