

Vietnam War Bibliography: U.S. Air Force Publications

Note:: The Air Force has made a lot of its publications available online; I have given links to as many as I could, below. Recently, however, probably as part of a security upgrade in the aftermath of 9/11, some items (particularly publications of the Air University at Maxwell AFB) have been placed on a server that is only accessible to web browsers configured for 128-bit encryption. This does not mean you have to be in some way associated with the U.S. government to have access; it simply means that you have to have what is, by the standards of ordinary civilian Internet users, a pretty good web browser. I use Netscape 4.7, but there is probably some version of Internet Explorer that will work. I have been trying to notice cases in which a publication has been shifted to a new URL on this more secure server, & change the links in the listing below, but there are probably some cases I have not noticed, so some of the links may go to an old URL that is no longer valid.

Carl Berger, ed., *The United States Air Force in Southeast Asia, 1961-1973: An Illustrated Account*. Washington: Office of Air Force History & GPO, 1977. Rev. ed. 1984. xiv, 383 pp. D 301.2: Ai7/29/961-73

The United States Air Force in Southeast Asia. The volumes of this series make up the Air Force's main official history of the war.

Jack S. Ballard, *Development & Employment of Fixed-Wing Gunships, 1962-1972*. Washington: Office of Air Force History & GPO, 1982. xiv, 326 pp. The [FULL TEXT](#) is available online at an Air Force web site. D 301.86/2:G 99/962-72

Ray L. Bowers, *Tactical Airlift*. Washington: Office of Air Force History & GPO, 1983. xxvi, 899 pp. A prosaic accounts of the facts, without much analysis, but this is not a topic that calls for much deep thought. A lot of factual detail. The [FULL TEXT](#) is available online at an Air Force web site. D 301.86/2: Ai 7

Robert F. Futrell & Martin Blumenson, *The Advisory Years to 1965*. Washington: Office of Air Force History & GPO, 1981. xiii, 398 pp. D 301.2: So 8a (? check. seems inconsistent)

Bernard C. Nalty, *Air War over South Vietnam, 1968-1975*. Washington: Air Force History & Museums Program, 2000. xii, 540 pp. Also includes air war over Cambodia. Although the title page says it was published in 2000, I don't think it was actually released until around the end of 2001. D 301.82/7: V 67

John Schlight, *The War in South Vietnam: The Years of the Offensive, 1965-1968*. Washington: Office of Air Force History & GPO, 1988. xiii, 410 pp. [FULL TEXT](#) is available online at an Air Force web site. D 301.86/2: V 67

Jacob van Staaveren, *Interdiction in Southern Laos, 1960-1968*. Washington: Center for Air Force History, 1993. xv, 360 pp. D 301.86/2: L 78

Victor B. Anthony & Richard R. Sexton, *The War in Northern Laos, 1954-1973*. Washington, D.C.: Center for Air Force History, 1993. vii, 400 pp. This was originally published with a classification of "Secret." There is now [a copy, moderately redacted](#), online at the National Security Archive.

[Captain] Betty Barton Christiansen, *Civic Action*. Washington: Air Force History & Museums Program, 1998. vi, 274 pp. I get the impression the Air Force may originally have intended to publish this on paper like the rest of the series, but it seems to be available only as an electronic publication; [full text](#) on an Air Force web site.

Jacob Van Staaveren, *Gradual Failure: The Air War over North Vietnam, 1965-1966*. Washington, DC: Air Force History & Museums Program, 2002. xiv, 388 pp. This was originally written in the 1970s as a classified history; some modest revisions were apparently made in this unclassified version. The only part I have found time to read so far is the discussion of the Tonkin Gulf incidents on pp. 48-49. This section is distressingly inaccurate, but I don't assume this means the book as a whole will be bad. The [FULL TEXT](#) is available online at an Air Force web site.

Wayne Thompson, *To Hanoi & Back: The U.S. Air Force & North Vietnam, 1966-1973*.

Government Printing Office, 2003. 428 pp. It is not unusual for an official history volume, after publication by the Government Printing Office, to be reprinted by a private-sector publisher. But in this case what would normally have been the private-sector reprint came out first, in 2000 (see listing under "[The Air War](#)"). In any case, from what I have seen of it (I have not yet found time to read it all) this book is quite good. The [FULL TEXT](#) is available online at an Air Force web site.

Air Force Health Study. In 1978, Congress directed the Air Force to do a study, at first called the Ranch Hand Study, of the effects of Agent Orange on the personnel of Operation RANCH HAND, who suffered a considerable exposure to Agent Orange while spraying the stuff in Indochina. Much of the work was done by private contractors, mainly the Science Applications International Corporation, of McLean, Virginia. The organization responsible for the Air Force side of the project was described initially as the Epidemiology Division, USAF School of Aerospace Medicine, Human Systems Division (AFSC); later as the Epidemiology Research Division, Armstrong Laboratory, Human Systems Division (AFSC). Under both names it was located at Brooks Air Force Base, Texas. Many of the reports of this project used to be available on the Internet on an Air Force web site, but I am not sure they still are. Many are now available in the [Virtual Vietnam Archive](#) of the Vietnam Project, at Texas Tech University. [A partial listing, with links:](#)

Air Force History Report on Operation TAILWIND. Air Force History Support Office, 16 Jul 1998. A 19-page report with about 200 pages of appendices attached. [Main text & appendices](#) are on an Air Force web site.

Robert K. Abernathy, *Weapons of Choice: The "Propeller versus Jet" Controversy & the "Appropriate Technology" Dilemma.* Thesis, School of Advanced Airpower Studies, 2000. vii, 67 pp. The dispute between Harry Aderholt & William Momyer during the Vietnam War. The [FULL TEXT](#) is available online at Air University website.

Maj. Donald I. Blackwelder, *The Long Road to Desert Storm & Beyond: The Development of Precision Guided Bombs.* Maxwell AFB: Air University Press, 1993. x, 40 pp. [The 1992 thesis \(School of Advanced Airpower Studies\) from which this was derived, 61 pp.,](#) has been placed online. D 310.26/6:long 85 X

James R. Brungess, [Setting the Context: Suppression of Enemy Air Defenses & Joint War Fighting in an Uncertain World.](#) Maxwell AFB, Alabama: Air University Press, 1994. xvii, 225 pp. The Vietnam War & Desert Storm are two of the cases considered. D 301.26/6:C 76/6 (microfiche)

William A. Buckingham, Jr., *Operation Ranch Hand: The Air Force & Herbicides in Southeast Asia, 1961-1971.* Washington: Office of Air Force History & GPO, 1982. xi, 253 pp. Remarkably informative & candid for an official history of so controversial a program. The [FULL TEXT](#) is available online at an Air Force web site. D 301.2:R 15/961-71

Aloysius G. Casey & Patrick A. Casey, [Velocity: Speed with Direction: The Professional Career of Gen Jerome F. O'Malley.](#) Maxwell AFB, Alabama: Air University Press, 2007. x, 286 pp. O'Malley entered the Air Force after graduation from West Point in 1953. He piloted the first SR-71 mission over North Vietnam on 21 Mar 1968. In Apr 1971 he became vice commander, then soon afterward commander, of the 460th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, at Tan Son Nhut, flying the RF-4C. The unit stood down at the end of Aug, as the US was withdrawing from Vietnam. Soon after, he became vice commander of the 432d TRW, based at Udorn in Thailand. The 432d had F-4D & RF-4C aircraft; O'Malley flew operational missions in both. The book discusses at some length the increase in US air strikes on North Vietnam in late 1971 & early 1972, & the controversy over the controversy over whether these had violated the rules of engagement.

Gerald T. Cantwell, *Citizen Airmen: A History of the Air Force Reserve, 1946-1994.* Washington: Air Force History & Museums Program, 1997. xix, 544 pp.

Chris R. Chambliss, *The Role of Bridge Attack in the Interdiction Mission.* Thesis, School of Advanced Airpower Studies, 1997. ix, 84 pp. pp. 30-44 cover Operation Rolling Thunder. The [The text](#) is available online at an Air University web site.

Maj. Tracy W. Colburn, *Running on Empty: The Development of Helicopter Aerial Refueling & Implications for Future USAF Combat Rescue Capabilities.* vii, 38 pp. AU/ACSC/0412/97-03.

Student research paper, Air Command & Staff College, 1997. The [FULL TEXT](#) is available online at an Air University web site.

Commando Hunt V. Headquarters Seventh Air Force, May 1971. 307 pp. The air interdiction campaign directed against PAVN dry-season supply efforts from 10 Oct 1970 to 30 Apr 1971. The text has been placed on-line in the [Virtual Vietnam Archive](#) of the Vietnam Project, at Texas Tech University, in seven parts. Start by going to [front matter & pp. 1-45](#), & then access the other sections by changing the A just before the .pdf at the end of the URL to B, C, D, E, F, & G.

Marc DiPaolo, *Combat Rescue Operational Review: A Summary of Combat Rescue Operations from Vietnam to Kosovo*. Langley AFB, VA: HQ ACC/DRMR, Mar 2001. The text has been placed on-line in [Virtual Vietnam Archive](#) of the Vietnam Project, at Texas Tech University, in six parts. Pages 2-2 to 2-59 cover the war in Southeast Asia, 1961-1975. These pages can be found in the first two of the six parts that have been placed online: [front matter & pp. 1-1 to 2-19](#), & [pp. 2-20 to 2-59](#).

Major John W. Doucette, *US Air Force Lessons in Counterinsurgency: Exposing Voids in Doctrinal Guidance*. Thesis, School of Advanced Airpower Studies, Air University, 1999. vii, 92 pp. Chapter 2 (pp. 16-38) deals with Operation FARMGATE, 1961-1964. The [FULL TEXT](#) is available online at an Air University web site.

Maj. Ricky J. Drake, [The Rules of Defeat: The Impact of Aerial Rules of Engagement on USAF Operations in North Vietnam, 1965-1968](#). Maxwell AFB: Air University Press, 1993. vii, 38 pp. D 310.26/6:Rul 86 X or D 310.26/7-3:R 86 X

Dennis M. Drew, *Military Art & the American Tradition: The Vietnam Paradox Revisited*. Maxwell AFB, AL: Air University Press, 1985. iii, 9 pp. [A version that has been reformatted to fit onto fewer pages, but not actually abridged so far as I can tell](#), has been placed online. D 301.26/6:AR 7 (Clemson has this on microfiche only)

Dennis M. Drew, *Rolling Thunder 1965: Anatomy of a Failure*. Maxwell AFB: Air University Press, 1986. vi, 60 pp. [A version that has been reformatted to fit onto fewer pages, but not actually abridged so far as I can tell](#), has been placed online. D 301.26/6:R 65 (Clemson has this on microfiche only)

Col. Dennis M. Drew & Dr. Donald M. Snow, [The Eagle's Talons: The American Experience at War](#). Maxwell AFB, Alabama: Air University Press, 1988. xx, 421 pp. D 301.26/6:Ea 3

Dennis M. Drew, "Air Theory, Air Force, & Low Intensity Conflict: A Short Journey to Confusion," in School of Advanced Airpower Studies (Colonel Philip S. Meilinger, ed.), *The Paths of Heaven: The Evolution of Airpower Theory* (Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama: Air University Press, 1997), pp. 321-355. A broad look at the development of USAF doctrine on low intensity conflict; only a few pages deal specifically with Vietnam.

Major Michael S. DuPerier, USAF, *Vietnam: Incorporating Lessons Learned into the Curriculum of USAF PME*. AU/ACSC/048/1999-04. Maxwell AFB, Alabama: Air Command & Staff College, Air University. v, 40 pp. A student thesis from the Air Command & Staff College. [The text](#).

David T. Fahrenkrug, *Regime change & the role of airpower*. Maxwell Air Force Base, AL: School of Advanced Air & Space Studies, Air University Press, 2006. ix, 55 pp.

Margaret C. Faulbaum, *Air Weather Service in Southeast Asia, 1961-1976: A Pictorial Account*. Scott Air Force Base, Illinois: Military Airlift Command, 1979. vi, 156 pp. The text has been placed on-line in the [Virtual Vietnam Archive](#) of the Vietnam Project, at Texas Tech University, in four parts: [front matter & pp. 1-41](#), [pp. 42-91](#), [pp. 92-141](#), & [pp. 142-156](#).

Lt. Col. Marc D. Felman, *The Military Media Clash & the New Principle of War: Media Spin*. Maxwell AFB: Air University Press, 1993. vii, 42 pp. [The 1992 thesis \(School of Advanced Airpower Studies\) from which this was derived, 59 pp.](#), has been placed online. Felman does not appear to have made any significant effort to look at what actually appeared in the media during the Vietnam War, when writing the chapter on Vietnam.

D 310.26/6:Mi 58 X

Roger P. Fox, *Air Base Defense in the Republic of Vietnam, 1961-1973*. Office of Air Force History, 1979. ix, 278 pp. [Appendix 1](#) (pp. 172-204), "Chronology of VC/NVA Attacks On the Ten Primary USAF Operating Bases in RVN, 1961-1973," has been placed on-line at an Air University web

site & also in the [Virtual Vietnam Archive](#) of the Vietnam Project, at Texas Tech University. D 301.2: Ai 7/30/961-73 (or maybe 7/31/961-73)

Robert F. Futrell, *United States Policy toward Southeast Asia, 1943-1968*. Maxwell AFB: Aerospace Studies Institute, Air University, 1968. iv, 652 pp. Written as part of Project *Corona Harvest*. Reprinted by Dalley Book Service, Christiansburg VA.

Robert F. Futrell, [Ideas, Concepts, Doctrine: Basic Thinking in the U.S. Air Force, v. 2, 1961-1984](#). Maxwell AFB: Air University Press & GPO, 1989. xiii, 789 pp. About eighty pages of this large volume are devoted to Vietnam. D 301.26/6: Id 2/v.2

Maj. Suzanne Budd Gehri, *Study War Once More: Teaching Vietnam at Air University*. Maxwell AFB: Air University Press, 1985. iii, 36 pp.

Herman L. Gilster, [The Air War in Southeast Asia: Case Studies of Selected Campaigns](#). Maxwell AFB: Air University Press, 1993. xiii, 138 pp. Seems to involve mathematical modeling. Focus is on Commando Hunt in Southern Laos, close air support in SVN during the Easter Offensive, & Linebacker II. D 310.26/6: Ai 7/9

Col. Frank L. Goldstein, USAF, & Col. Benjamin F. Findley, Jr., USAFR, eds., [Psychological Operations: Principles & Case Studies](#). Maxwell AFB: Air University Press, 1996. xii, 364 pp. Includes Col. Benjamin F. Findley, Jr., "US & Vietcong Psychological Operations in Vietnam" (pp. 233-241), & a little on Iraq.

William H. Greenhalgh, Jr., [The Air Force in Southeast Asia: The RF-101 VOODOO, 1961-1970](#). USAF Historical Studies, no. 149. Office of Air Force History, 1979. 169 pp. Declassified in 1991. Available on microfilm #33688 from the Air Force Historical Research Agency, Maxwell AFB.

Michael E. Haas, [Apollo's Warriors: US Air Force Special Operations during the Cold War](#). Maxwell AFB: Air University Press, 1997. xiii, 369 pp. D 301.26/6: W 25/2

R. Cargill Hall, ed., *Case Studies in Strategic Bombardment*. Washington, D.C.: Air Force History & Museums Program, 1998. xiv, 665 pp. D 301.82/7: ST 8/2

William P. Head, [War from Above the Clouds: B-52 Operations during the Second Indochina War & the Effects of the Air War on Theory & Doctrine](#). Maxwell AFB, Alabama: Air University Press, 2002. vii, 138 pp.

George Herring, *"Cold Blood": LBJ's Conduct of Limited War in Vietnam*. Washington: GPO, 1991. 37 pp. Harmon Memorial Lectures in Military History, no. 33, delivered Oct 17, 1990 at the U.S. Air Force Academy. [This document](#) has been placed on-line in the Virtual Vietnam Archive of the Vietnam Project at Texas Tech University. D 305.10:33

Maj. William A. Hewitt, *Planting the Seeds of SEAD: The Wild Weasel in Vietnam*. Maxwell AFB: Air University Press, 1993. vii, 31 pp. [The 1992 thesis \(School of Advanced Airpower Studies\) from which this was derived, 47 pp.](#), has been placed online. D 310.26/6: PI 69 X

Maj. Peter W. Huggins, *Airpower & Gradual Escalation: Reconsidering the Conventional Wisdom*. Thesis, School of Advanced Airpower Studies, 2000. vii, 139 pp. The [FULL TEXT](#) is available online at Air University web site.

George R. Jackson, *Linebacker II: An Examination of Strategic Use of Air Power*. Maxwell AFB, Alabama: Air University, 1989. iv, 65 pp.

Charles Tustin Kamps, "The JCS 94-Target List: A Vietnam Myth That Still Distorts Military Thought," *Aerospace Power Journal*, XIV:1 (Spring 2001), pp. 67-80. The [FULL TEXT](#) is available online at an Air University web site.

Maj. Gregory C. Kane, *Air Power & Its Role in the Battles of Khe Sanh & Dien Bien Phu*. AU/ACSC/0344/97-03. Student research paper, Air Command & Staff College, 1997. vii, 43 pp. The [FULL TEXT](#) is available online at an Air University web site.

Herbert H. Kissling, *An Air Commando & Special Operations Chronology, 1961-1991*. Hurlburt Field, Fl: First Special Operations Wing, Air Force Special Operations Command, n.d. x, 320 pp.

Richard H. Kohn & Joseph P. Harahan, eds., *Air Interdiction in World War II, Korea, & Vietnam: An Interview with General Earle E. Partridge, General Joseph E. Smart, & General John W. Vogt, Jr.* Washington: Office of Air Force History & GPO, 1986. viii, 105 pp. The Vietnam War section is pp. 58-86. The [FULL TEXT](#) is available online at an Air Force web site.

Richard H. Kohn & Joseph P. Harahan, eds., *Strategic Air Warfare: An Interview with Generals Curtis E. LeMay, Leon W. Johnson, David A. Burchinal, & Jack J. Catton*. Washington, D.C.: Office of Air Force History & GPO, 1988. viii, 146 pp. The Vietnam War is pp. 119-130. The [FULL TEXT](#) is available online at an Air Force web site.

Col Perry L. Lamy, *Barrel Roll, 1968-73: An Air Campaign in Support of National Policy*. Maxwell AFB: Air University Press, 1996. xvi, 69 pp. The [FULL TEXT](#) is available online at an Air University web site. D 301.26/6:B 27 (Clemson has this on microfiche only)

Lt. Col. John H. Lane, *Command & Control & Communications Structures in Southeast Asia*. Maxwell AFB: Air University, 1981. xi, 230 pp. D 301.93:1/1

Gary Robert Lester, [Mosquitoes to Wolves: The Evolution of the Forward Air Controller](#). Maxwell AFB: Air University Press, 1997. xiii, 280 pp. More than half the book is devoted to the 2d Indochina War. So far as I know, the physical volume--hard copy--is not available through the normal distribution channels; it has to be ordered direct from the [publisher](#). D 301.26/6:M 85 X

Eduard Mark, *Aerial Interdiction in Three Wars*. Washington: Center for Air Force History, 1994. xi, 432 pp. Covers WWII European Theater through Jun 1944; Korea 1950-51; Southern Laos 1971-72; & Vietnam 1972. D 301.82/7:AE 8

General William M. Momyer, [Airpower in Three Wars](#). Washington, D.C.: Department of the Air Force, 1978. xiv, 358 pp. [Reprint edition](#), with a new preface by the author: Maxwell AFB, Alabama: Air University Press, 2003. xxiv, 401 pp. Momyer commanded 7th Air Force in Vietnam from mid-1966 to mid-1968, & then commanded Tactical Air Command from 1968 to 1973.

Forrest E. Morgan, *Big Eagle, Little Dragon: Propaganda & the Coercive Use of Airpower against North Vietnam*. Thesis, School of Advanced Airpower Studies, Air University, 1994. vii, 85 pp. The [FULL TEXT](#) is available online at an Air University web site.

Donald Mrozek, [Air Power & the Ground War in Vietnam: Ideas & Actions](#). Maxwell AFB, AL: Air University Press, 1988. xvi, 196 pp. D 301.26/6:V 67

Donald Mrozek, *The United States Air Force after Vietnam: Postwar Challenges & Potential for Responses*. Air University Press & GPO, 1988. 126 pp. D 301.26/6:V 67/2

Bernard C. Nalty, *Air Power & the Fight for Khe Sanh*. Washington: Office of Air Force History, 1986. x, 134 pp. The [FULL TEXT](#) is available online.

Bernard C. Nalty, *War Against Trucks: Aerial Interdiction in Southern Laos, 1968-1972*. Washington, DC: Air Force History & Museums Program, 2005. xiv, 365 pp. The part of this I have found time to read, so far, looks extremely good. D 301.2:W 19X

Jacob Neufeld, Kenneth Schaffel, & Anne E. Shermer, *Guide to Air Force Historical Literature*. Washington, D.C.: Office of Air Force History, 1985. ix, 243 pp. This bibliography was declassified in 2008, & is now [available online](#). Many of the works listed in it were originally classified, some as high as Top Secret; I have no idea how many of these have been declassified.

Richard A. Pfau & William H. Greenhalgh, Jr., [The Air Force in Southeast Asia: The B-57G -- Tropic Moon III, 1967-1972](#). USAF Historical Studies, no. 200. 1978. v, 126 pp. Declassified in 1991.

Jeffrey Record, *Serbia & Vietnam: A Preliminary Comparison of U.S. Decisions to Use Force*. Occasional Paper No. 8, Center for Strategy & Technology, Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, May 1999. 22 pp. The [FULL TEXT](#) is available online at an Air University web site.

Jeffrey Record, *Perils of Reasoning by Historical Analogy: Munich, Vietnam & American Use of Force since 1945*. Occasional Paper No 4, Center for Strategy & Technology, Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Mar 1998. 30 pp. The [FULL TEXT](#) is available online at an Air University web site.

Lt. Col. Robert D. Rego, *Anti-Infiltration Barrier Technology & the Battle for Southeast Asia, 1966-1972*. AU/ACSC/147/2000-04. Student research report, Air Command & Staff College, 2000. xi, 69 pp. The [FULL TEXT](#) is available online at an Air University web site.

John Schlight, *A War Too Long: The History of the USAF in Southeast Asia* [title on cover] or *A War Too Long: The USAF in Southeast Asia, 1961-1975* [title on title page]. Washington: GPO & Air Force History & Museums Program, 1996. 110 pp. The [FULL TEXT](#) is available online at an Air Force web site. D 301.82/7:W 19

John Schlight, *Help from Above: Air Force Close Air Support of the Army, 1946-1973*. Washington: GPO & Air Force History & Museums Program, 2003. xv, 455 pp.

Donald E. Schulz, *Communist Policy Towards Southeast Asia, 1954-1969: A Chronological Compendium*. Maxwell AFB, Alabama: Aerospace Studies Institute, Air University, 1970. iv, 662 pp. Prepared at the Battelle Memorial Institute, of Columbus, Ohio, under contract for Project *Corona Harvest*. A chronological compendium of statements from open sources, intended to complement Futrell's volume *United States Policy toward Southeast Asia, 1943-1968* (above). [The text](#) has been placed on-line in the [Virtual Vietnam Archive](#) of the Vietnam Project, at Texas Tech University.

Diana Simpson, [Vietnamese Conflict: Lessons Learned: Selected References](#). Maxwell AFB, Alabama: Air University Library, 1990. 14 pp.

Leonard D. G. Teixeira, *Linebacker II: A Strategic & Tactical Case Study*. Maxwell AFB, Alabama: Air University, 1990. v, 32 pp.

Earl H. Tilford, Jr., [Setup: What the Air Force Did in Vietnam & Why](#). Maxwell AFB, Alabama: Air University Press, 1991. xx, 308 pp. (A revised version titled *Crosswinds* was later published in the private sector.) D 301.26/6:V 67/3

Earl H. Tilford, Jr., *Search & Rescue in Southeast Asia*. Washington: Center for Air Force History, 1992. ix, 212 pp. The [FULL TEXT](#) is available online at an Air Force web site. D 301.82/7:Se 1

Captain Gilles Van Nederveen, *Sparks over Vietnam: The EB-66 & the Early Struggle of Tactical Electronic Warfare*. ARI Paper 2000-03. Maxwell Air Force Base: Air University, 2000. vii, 100 pp. The [FULL TEXT](#) is available online at an Air University web site.

Captain Gilles Van Nederveen, *Wizardry for Air Campaigns: Signals Intelligence Support to the Cockpit*. Maxwell AFB, Alabama: Air University Press, 2001. iv, 38 pp. The Vietnam section is about the way Project Teaball, introduced in mid 1972, gathered radar, sigint, & elint info to give real-time threat warnings to US aircraft over North Vietnam. [The text](#) is available online at Air University web site

Jacob Van Staaveren, *USAF Plans & Policies in South Vietnam, 1961-1963*. USAF Historical Division Liaison Office, Jun 1965. 106 pp. This was originally published as a "Top Secret" document. [A declassified copy](#) has been placed online by the National Security Archive.

Jacob Van Staaveren, *USAF Plans & Policies in South Vietnam & Laos, 1964*. USAF Historical Division Liaison Office, Dec 1965. 104 pp. This was originally published as a "Top Secret" document. [A declassified copy](#) has been placed online by the National Security Archive.

Jacob Van Staaveren, *USAF Plans & Operations in Southeast Asia, 1965*. USAF Historical Division Liaison Office, Oct 1966. 102 pp. This was originally published as a "Top Secret" document. [A declassified copy](#) has been placed online by the National Security Archive.

Jacob Van Staaveren, *The Air Force in Vietnam: The Search for Military Alternatives, 1967*. Office of Air Force History, Dec 1969. v, 80 pp. This was originally published as a "Top Secret" document. [A declassified copy](#) has been placed online by the National Security Archive.

Jacob Van Staaveren, *The Air Force in Southeast Asia: Toward a Bombing Halt, 1968*. Office of Air Force History, Sept 1970. vii, 102 pp. This was originally published as a "Top Secret" document. [A declassified copy](#) has been placed online by the National Security Archive.

A Timothy Warnock, *Short of War: Major USAF Contingency Operations*. Washington, DC: Air Force History & Museums Program/Maxwell AFB, Alabama: Air University Press, 2000. xxix, 274 pp

Daniel L. Haulman, "Vietnam Evacuation: Operation FREQUENT WIND" (PP. 83-93)

Daniel L. Haulman, "Cambodian Airlift & Evacuation: Operation EAGLE PULL" (PP. 95-104)

Daniel L. Haulman, "Crisis in Southeast Asia: Mayaguez Rescue" (pp. 105-114)

Kenneth P. Werrell, [Archie, Flak, AAA, & SAM: A Short Operational History of Ground-Based Air Defense](#). Maxwell AFB, Alabama: Air University Press, 1988. xx, 198 pp. Vietnam is pp. 95-136.

Kenneth P. Werrell, "Did USAF Technology Fail in Vietnam? Three Case Studies." *Airpower Journal*, Spring 1998, pp. 87-99. The F-105, the fixed-wing gunship, & the laser-guided bomb. The [FULL TEXT](#) is available online at an Air University web site.

Darrell D. Whitcomb, [On a Steel Horse I Ride: A History of the MH-53 Pave Low Helicopters in War & Peace](#). Maxwell AFB, Alabama: Air University Press, 2012. xxxi, 738 pp.

R. Michael Worden, [Rise of the Fighter Generals: The Problem of Air Force Leadership, 1945-1982](#). Maxwell Air Force Base, AL: Air University Press, 1998. xiii, 281 pp.

R. Frank Futrell, William H. Greenhalgh, Carl Grubb, et. al., [Aces & Aerial Victories: The United States Air Force in Southeast Asia 1965-1973](#). Office of Air Force History, 1976. xiii, 188 pp. D 301.26/6:Ac 3/965-73

USAF Southeast Asia Monograph Series.

Volume I, Monographs 1 & 2: Col. Delbert Corum et. al., *The Tale of Two Bridges* & Maj. Paul Burbage et. al., *The Battle for the Skies over North Vietnam*. Washington: GPO, 1976. xi, 193 pp. The [FULL TEXT](#) is available online at an Air Force web site. D 301.86:1/1,2

Volume II, Monograph 3: Col. John A. Doglione et. al., *Airpower & the 1972 Spring Invasion*. Washington: GPO, 1976. xii, 113 pp. The [FULL TEXT](#) is available online at an Air Force web site. D 301.86:2/3

Volume III, Monographs 4 & 5: Gen. William W. Momyer, *The Vietnamese Air Force, 1951-1975, an Analysis of its Role in Combat*, & Capt. Thomas D. Des Brisay, *Fourteen Hours at Koh Tang*. Washington: GPO, 1977. xiv + 161 pp. The [FULL TEXT](#) is available online at an Air Force web site. D 301.86:3/4,5

Volume IV, Monograph 6: *Last Flight from Saigon*. D 301.86:4/6

Volume V, Monograph 7: Lieutenant Colonel Alan L. Gropman, *Airpower & the Airlift Evacuation of Kham Duc*. Washington: Government Printing Office, 1979, 1985. viii, 87 pp. The [FULL TEXT](#) is available online at an Air Force web site. D 301.86:5/76

Volume VI, Monograph 8: Brig. Gen. James R. McCarthy & Col. Robert E. Rayfield, *Linebacker II: A View from the Rock*. Maxwell AFB: Air War College, 1979; reprinted Washington: GPO, 1985. xvi + 208 pp. The [FULL TEXT](#) is available online at an Air Force web site. D 301.86:6/8

Volume VII, Monograph 9: Maj. Donald K. Schneider, *Air Force Heroes in Vietnam*. Maxwell AFB: Air War College, 1979. xiv + 86 pp. The [FULL TEXT](#) is available online at an Air Force web site.

CHECO Reports

Project CHECO (Contemporary Historical Examination of Current Operations), under HQ, PACAF, produced histories of important events during the war. Most CHECO reports have been declassified, in whole & in part. Copies of many are available from Dalley Book Service, 90 Kimball Lane, Christiansburg VA 24073. Copies of some can be purchased from the [National Technical Information Service](#) (NTIS). Complete or almost complete texts of many of the reports have also been placed online in the [Virtual Vietnam Archive](#) of the Vietnam Project, at Texas Tech University. For a listing, with links to the full texts, enter "Contemporary Historical Examination Of Current Operations (CHECO) Reports Of Southeast Asia (1961-1975)" in the "Collection Title" field. Some have also been placed online by the Defense Technical Information Center ([DTIC](#)). In the listing below of those that are available either online in hard copy from Dalley, bear in mind that many of those available online can also be obtained from Dalley:

General

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