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1968
*The Turning Point in
the Vietnam Era –
Looking Back 40 Years
Later*

An Interdisciplinary Forum
on the Vietnam Era

October 17, 2008

Vietnam Era Educational Center
Robert B. Meyner Reception Center
Holmdel, New Jersey



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LOCATION:

The New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial and Vietnam Era Educational Center, and the nearby Robert B. Meyner Reception Center, are all located on the grounds of the PNC Bank Arts Center at Exit 116 off the Garden State Parkway, in Holmdel, Monmouth County, New Jersey.

Holmdel is approximately 1 hour by car from Newark Airport, 1½ hours from New York City, and 2 hours from Philadelphia and Atlantic City.

ABOUT THE FOUNDATION:

The New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization incorporated in the State of New Jersey.

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About the Forum:

The year 1968 was marked by extraordinary events that shook American society to its very core causing it to reevaluate its stand on politics, civil rights, and our war in Vietnam. Historians consider 1968 as the turning point in the Vietnam War and the era it defined. Just weeks after our government assured the public that the US was winning the war against Communism in Vietnam, the year began with an enemy assault as part of a general offensive against Americans and their South Vietnamese allies. During the year, military tactics were adjusted by Washington as public opinion began to change at home, which impacted soldiers on the ground. The news media, reporting from the war zone during this "Television War," fostered skepticism about government and military claims of quick victory." By March, President Johnson announced to a shocked public that he would not seek reelection. The assassinations of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Sen. Robert F. Kennedy stunned the nation. Demonstrations turned into riots, including at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago. 1968 saw the national mood shift from confidence and optimism to skepticism and pessimism, putting pressure on politicians to affect desired changes. Social changes began to be addressed, and efforts began towards ending the war in Vietnam.

* Of special interest to teachers: The Vietnam Era Educational Center is a registered New Jersey Professional Development provider. Attendance at this forum will provide 5 hours toward your Professional Development requirement, if you attend all three sessions.

Forum Sessions

- Media – How the year’s events were portrayed by the media and influenced public opinion at home
- Race and Gender – An examination of the changes in women and minorities’ voices and participation in the era
- Politics – The shift in leadership and influences on policy-making decisions
- War and Warriors – How military strategy was affected by Washington and the overall effect on the troops serving in the field

Keynote Speaker

Richard Schultz attended DePaul University College of Law and served as the editor-in-chief of the *DePaul Law Review*. After graduation, he earned a teaching fellowship at New York University, receiving his master's in Tax Law in 1964. From 1964 to 1970, he worked in the US Attorney General's Office in Chicago.

He was an Assistant United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois based in Chicago and Chief of the Criminal Division at the time of the 1968 Democratic National Convention. He conducted the grand jury investigation surrounding the Convention riots.

Schultz co-prosecuted the "Chicago 7" conspiracy case with the United States Attorney at the time, Thomas Foran. Charging such radicals as Abbie Hoffman, Jerry Ruben and David Dellinger for their involvement in the 1968 Democratic National Convention riots in Chicago, Schultz proved to be a formidable and well-prepared prosecutor. Bright, ambitious, and meticulous in his preparation, Schultz aggressively pressed forward to indict the "Chicago 7" with crimes against the United States government.

Schultz later went into private practice with Foran, specializing in commercial litigation, until Foran’s retirement in 1999. Schultz currently practices with the law firm of Dykema in Chicago, IL. Some of his recent clients include Bally’s Entertainment Corporation, Coca-Cola, and the Chicago Transit Authority.

Forum Schedule

8:00 - 8:45 am

Registration & Continental Breakfast,

Robert B. Meyner Reception Center

8:45 - 9:00 am

Welcome, Meyner Reception Center

9:15 - 10:30 am

Concurrent Sessions

(final schedule will be distributed at registration)

10:45 am – Noon

Concurrent Sessions

Noon - 1:30 pm

Luncheon & Keynote Address,

Robert B. Meyner Reception Center

1:45 - 3:00 pm

Concurrent Sessions

3:00 pm

Professional Development Certificate Distribution, (Vietnam Era Educational Center)

**REGISTRATION FORM --- Vietnam Era Forum --- October 17, 2008
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Choice of session topics. Please number your sessions in order of preference, from 1 to 4 (with 1 being most desired). You will be assigned to 3.

Media _____ Race/Gender _____

Politics _____ War/Warriors _____

Fee: Before Oct. 9 \$60 \$ _____

After Oct. 9 \$70 \$ _____

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