



Waging Peace in Vietnam

U.S. Soldiers and Veterans who Opposed the War



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In the mid-Sixties, as the U.S. escalated troop numbers in Vietnam, tens of thousands of soldiers, sailors and pilots refused to fight, sail and fly bombing missions. As scholar David Cortright notes: "It is arguable that by 1970 U.S. ground troops in Vietnam had ceased to function as an effective fighting force. The disintegration of military morale was a factor in the Nixon administration's decision to accelerate troop withdrawals." What are the lessons for today?

Students should take note of the essay contest sponsored by the Tacoma chapter of Veterans For Peace.

"No one did more to bring an end to America's cruel and unjust war in Vietnam than the patriotic GIs and veterans who turned against it. This extraordinary history of their struggle should inspire all of us who seek to end the ongoing and interrelated threats of war, nuclear doomsday, and environmental catastrophe."

—Daniel Ellsberg, *The Pentagon Papers*

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