



UNIVERSITY of ALASKA SOUTHEAST

Presents a New Exhibit

# Waging Peace in Vietnam

U.S. Soldiers and Veterans who Opposed the War

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?



**November 11 – December 8**  
**Egan Library**

## Exhibit Events:

**Friday, Nov. 11**

11 AM – 2 PM, Egan Wing  
Screening of *Hunting in Wartime*.

Award winning film about the indigenous veterans from Southeast Alaska, with commentary by **Wm. O. "Ozzie" Sheakley** - Commander: S.E. Alaska Native Veterans; Member Juneau Tlingit and Haida Community Council who was drafted in the Army in 1969 at the height of the Vietnam War.

5 – 7 PM, Egan Library  
Exhibit Opening & Reception.

With special guest **Susan Schnall**, U.S. Navy Lieutenant (ret.) President of the National Board of Veterans For Peace, led hundreds of soldiers and sailors on a peace march in San Francisco in 1968 (see photo above,) was courts martialed and sentenced to six months hard labor.

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**Exhibit and  
All Events  
Open to the  
Public**

All sessions will be live streamed at:  
<https://bit.ly/WagingPeaceLivestream>

*“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

## Exhibit Events:

### Saturday, Nov. 12

1 – 3 PM, Egan Wing

Roundtable discussion. Refreshments provided. Panelists include:

**George Bennett** (Tlingit from Hoonah), served in the U.S. Army from 1966-1968. He was drafted into the Army Dec. 6, 1966, trained at Ft. Ord, Calif as a Field Wireman and ended up as a radio operator (RTO) in Vietnam, shipping out in early October, 1967. George was assigned to the 2/12th Infantry 3rd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division. His assigned base camp was Dau Tieng in War zone C, not far from the Cambodian Border.

**Ron Carver** is the exhibit curator, social justice, and labor rights activist with roots in the American civil rights and anti-war movements of the 1960s. Carver worked with the United States Servicemen's Fund from 1969 to 1971, helping to set up coffeehouses in Army towns where soldiers would meet to write antiwar newspapers to smuggle onto the bases.

**John Kent**, a 1968 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis where he was a company commander and All-American wrestler. After combat missions in Vietnam, John became a jet fighter pilot. He later turned in his wings, refused to return to Vietnam and co-founded the Concerned Officers Movement in San Diego.

**Mike Wong** is vice president of the San Francisco chapter of Veterans For Peace. Drafted in 1968, he became a war resister after learning about the My Lai Massacre and chose exile in Canada rather than deploying to Vietnam. Returning to San Francisco in 1975, he served as a draft and military counselor during the Persian Gulf War.

### Thursday, Dec. 1

1:30 PM – 4 PM, Egan Wing

Anti-War Poetry and Story Sharing with veteran poets. Refreshments provided.

### Saturday, Dec. 3

12:30 – 3 PM, Egan Wing

Screening of *Sir! No Sir!* and Story Sharing with David Zeiger, the film's director. Refreshments provided.

### Thursday, Dec. 8

1:30 – 4:30 PM, Egan Wing

Symposium and Closing Reception.

[www.WagingPeaceInVietnam.com](http://www.WagingPeaceInVietnam.com)

**STUDENTS!**

There will be a contest with cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Details to be announced!

