

Viet Nam 50 years after the war

6:30 pm Friday, 18 May 2018 at the Temporary Quaker Meeting House, 1744 Farmers Loop Road



Massacre survivor in front of My Lai monument, Son My Hamlet.
Janusz Janas photo

March 16, 2018 was the 50th anniversary of the My Lai massacre. The Vietnamese held a commemoration at the site, and Alan Batten was there as part of a Veterans For Peace delegation. He will report on the event and give an update on the two legacies of the war (unexploded ordnance and agent orange dioxin contamination) that continue to impact the Vietnamese people.

Around 800,000 tons of unexploded ordnance remains scattered across the country, contaminating 6.1 million hectares or 18.71 percent of its land area, and killing more than 1,500 people every year.



Herbicide spraying mission. UPI photo

18 million gallons of herbicides were sprayed over South Vietnam. In addition to illnesses and deaths caused by initial contact, genetic damage continues to result in birth defects in the 4th generation of descendants.



Unexploded Ordnance. Reuters photo

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