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An Panel Discussion with Connie Edwards, Timothy Kendall,
Patrick Lam and John Raschke

Part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library
Veterans Remember Oral History project

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Connie Edwards, Timothy Kendall, Patrick Lam and John Raschke, who all have been interviewed as part of the ALPL's Vietnam collection, were interviewed on the date listed below as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's *Veterans Remember-Vietnam* Oral History project.

Interview dates & location:

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Museum

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Connie Edwards, Timothy Kendall, Patrick Lam and John Raschke have each been interviewed separately as part of the *Veterans Remember-Vietnam* oral history project. For this panel discussion, the Oral History program collaborated with the Illinois Public Media/WILL-TV to sponsor this panel discussion with Vietnam veterans, in conjunction with the public release of the new ten-part PBS documentary on the Vietnam War, which was produced by Ken Burns and Lynn Novick. Timothy Kendall participated in the panel discussion via Skype. Kimberlie Kranich of IL Public Media introduced the panel and co-hosted the event with panel moderator Dr. Mark DePue.

The evening began with a viewing of an excerpt from the Ken Burns documentary, followed by a short discussion between moderator Mark DePue and the panel members. Panel members were asked to reflect on their experiences in Vietnam, and to share their views on the war from the perspective of nearly fifty years. Dr. DePue then opened it up for questions from the audience. Connie Edwards served as a nurse in Vietnam, Timothy Kendall protested the draft and spent several months in jail, Patrick Lam left Vietnam in 1979 on a boat at the age of seven, and John Raschke served with MAC-V as an engineer advisor to a South Vietnamese unit operating in the Mekong Delta region of South Vietnam.

Subject Headings/Key Words: Vietnam war; treatment of returning Vietnam veterans; Vietnam War draft; nursing during Vietnam War; resistance to the draft; Vietnamese boat people; advising the South Vietnamese Army (ARVN)

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