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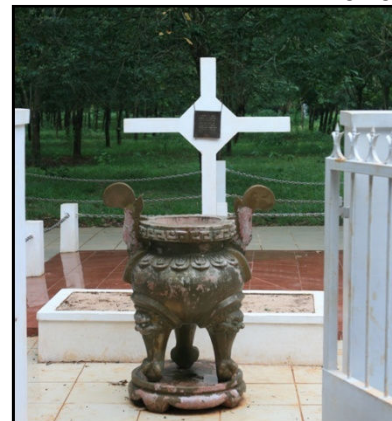
If you can arrange a bus-full (32 to 42) of your colleagues, pupils, etc, we can arrange a tour exclusively for your own group:

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THE 12 DECISIVE BATTLES OF THE THREE INDO-CHINA WARS

2010



hosted and guided by Dave Sabben MG,
former 12 Platoon commander at the Battle of Long Tan.

WHAT THE TOUR DOES:

This tour is NOT a typical tourist trip to Viet Nam. It is an (at times) intensive visit to the sites of the decisive battles of the three Indo-China Wars – and where we can't visit, we'll at least discuss the battle. It is therefore aimed at an historical rather than a cultural interest. So – What are “the twelve decisive battles”? *

The tour will begin in **HANOI**, where it all started after 1945 - visiting the Army Museum (see the tank that breached the Palace gates in Saigon 1975), the “Hanoi Hilton” prison (1965-?), Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum and other sites. Then...

DIEN BIEN PHU (1954) which ended the 1st Indo-China War (the “French War”).

DA NANG - Operation **STARLITE** (1965) – including China Beach and Marble Mt., **RED BEACH II**, the first US landings & battles of the 2nd Indo-China War (the “American War”).

HUE - the **CITADEL** (Tet 68), **QUANG TRI CITY** and **DONG HA** (Tet 72), the **DMZ** (65-73), **KHE SANH** (68), the **DA KRONG** and **A SHAU** Valleys, **HAMBURGER HILL** (69) and other sites, including the VC tunnels at **VINH MOC** – better than the ones at CU CHI.

PLEIKU – the **IA DRANG** valley (65) – the “*We Were Soldiers*” battle.

VUNG TAU - NUI DAT (66-72), walk the **LONG TAN** (66) battlefield in “real time”. See the **HORSESHOE**, the site of the **MINEFIELD** (maybe Operation **BRIBIE?**), the VC sanctuary in the **LONG HAI**'s and the beach area where **1ALSG** used to be.

SAIGON, where the 3rd Indo-China War (the “Civil War”) ended at the **GATES of the PRESIDENTIAL PALACE** (75).

See the War Remnants Museum and the Dong Hai Museum (which holds the original Long Tan Cross). We also visit the area of the **CORAL/BALMORAL** battles (69).

Along the way we'll have presentations on two of the battlefields we couldn't visit – **LAM SON** (73, in Laos) and the well known but little recognised **DICH VAN** campaign.

* The determination of the “decisive battles” is not Dave's – he has selected 12 of the 17 proposed by John Pimlott in his 1997 book “**VIETNAM The Decisive Battles**” (ISBN 1-86155-673-x). Some of the 17 battle sites could not be visited (eg, air and sea battles).

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

To register your interest in joining your own group tour, please contact:

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