

# Delve Deeper into "Soldados: Chicanos in Việt Nam"

A film by Charley Trujillo and Sonya Rhee

**This multi-media resource list provides a range of perspectives on the issues raised by the upcoming P.O.V. documentary "Soldados: Chicanos in Viet Nam," which premieres September 2, 2003 at 10:00pm on PBS (check local listings)**

Based on the 1991 American Book Award winner of the same name, Viet Nam War veteran Charley Trujillo and producer Sonya Rhee's **"Soldados: Chicanos in Viet Nam"** is the first documentary to recount the harrowing experience of a generation of Mexican-American boys who fought in Viet Nam. Raised in the San Joaquin Valley of California, their first journey away from their rural hometown was to the war-torn rice paddies of Viet Nam. Profoundly changed by the experience, the soldados returned with a new conception of themselves and their country – and of the particular challenges facing them as Chicanos. A Latino Public Broadcasting (LPB) co-presentation (TBC). A Diverse Voices Project Selection.

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## P.O.V. WEBSITES

Vietnam Stories Since the War -

[www.pbs.org/pov/stories/](http://www.pbs.org/pov/stories/)

(A P.O.V. Web-only project)

This site is designed as a gathering place for personal stories and a forum for dialogues about Vietnam's legacy. (1996)

Regret to Inform -

[www.pbs.org/pov/pov1999/regrettoinform/index.html](http://www.pbs.org/pov/pov1999/regrettoinform/index.html)

In this Academy Award nominee, filmmaker Barbara Sonneborn is compelled to make a brave pilgrimage to the remote Vietnamese countryside where her husband died. She explores the meaning of war and loss on a human level and weaves interviews with Vietnamese and American widows into a vivid testament to the chilling legacy of war. (2000)

Mai's America -

[www.pbs.org/pov/pov2002/maisamerica/index.html](http://www.pbs.org/pov/pov2002/maisamerica/index.html)

A spunky Vietnamese teenager named Mai gets the chance of a lifetime — to study in the United States. Expecting Hollywood, she instead lands in rural Mississippi, a crazy quilt of self-proclaimed rednecks, cliquish teenagers, South Vietnamese exiles and transvestite soulmates. (2002)

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## PBS WEBSITES

American Experience - Vietnam: A Television History

[www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/vietnam](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/vietnam)

This companion site features a timeline of the Vietnam War, information about key decision makers, personal accounts by Vietnamese and American survivors of the war, information about weapons of war and major campaigns, as well as a glossary of terms. (1997)

Battlefield Vietnam -

[www.pbs.org/battlefieldvietnam/](http://www.pbs.org/battlefieldvietnam/)

This site offers an overview of the war, as well as a timeline of events and in-depth explorations of guerrilla tactics and the air war. (1998)

Hitchhiking Vietnam: Letters from the Trail -

[www.pbs.org/hitchhikingvietnam/](http://www.pbs.org/hitchhikingvietnam/)

Filmmaker Karin Muller journeys through contemporary Vietnam to see what has changed decades after the war. (1997)

Frontline—Give War a Chance: Lessons of Vietnam -

[www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/military/etc/lessons.html](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/military/etc/lessons.html)

Frontline producer Rick Young interviews Major H.R. McMaster, author of *Dereliction of Duty: Lyndon Johnson, Robert McNamara, The Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the Lies that Led to Vietnam*. (1999)

Remembering Vietnam: An Online Newshour Special Report -

[www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/asia/vietnam/](http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/asia/vietnam/)

This special report commemorates the 25th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War with links to Online Newshour articles and interviews about Vietnam. (2000)

Pete Peterson: Assignment Hanoi -

[www.pbs.org/hanoi](http://www.pbs.org/hanoi)

This companion site to the film, which chronicles the former POW's return to Vietnam as U.S. Ambassador on a mission of reconciliation, also features tips for filming in Vietnam. (1999)

Frontline World—Vietnam: Looking for Home -

[www.pbs.org/frontlineworld/stories/vietnam/index.html](http://www.pbs.org/frontlineworld/stories/vietnam/index.html)

Journalist Nguyen Qui Duc returns to Vietnam looking "for home, for a bit of myself, for a country that always exists in my memory." (2003)

U.S.-Vietnam Relations: An Online Newshour Special Report -

[www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/asia/vietnam/recent.html](http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/asia/vietnam/recent.html)

This online report features extensive articles and interviews about the state of U.S.-Vietnam relations. (2000)

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## OTHER WEBSITES

National Vietnam Veterans Art Museum -

[www.nvvam.org](http://www.nvvam.org)

This museum, located in Chicago, IL, contains artwork concerning Vietnam, all of which is created by Vietnam Vets. The website itself contains numerous samples of artwork that can be found within the museum.

Vietnam Veterans Against the War -

[www.vvaw.org](http://www.vvaw.org)

Created in response to the Vietnam War, Vietnam Veterans Against the War speaks out against many of the injustices that take place as a result of war. On the website, one can find articles about the Vietnam War as well as the more recent situation in Iraq.

Children of Vietnam Veterans -

[www.geocities.com/Pentagon/9125](http://www.geocities.com/Pentagon/9125)

This is a site where children of Vietnam Veterans can write about and share their experiences of having a parent partake in the Vietnam War.

Vietnam Veterans' War Stories -

[www.war-stories.com](http://www.war-stories.com)

This is a site where Vietnam Vets can post their personal stories and share them with those who log on.