
2018 Full Disclosure Vietnam War Commemorative Calendar

(50th Anniversary of 1968 events)



The battle for Hue (the former imperial Capital, located in central Vietnam) was the most contested battle (January 31- March 2) in the 1968 Tet offensive, widely considered to be the political turning point of the American war in Vietnam. Pictured is the National liberation Front (NLF) flag placed on the Hue Citadel flag tower on January 31.

1968 was a defining year in the American War in Vietnam and in US history. The Tet offensive turned the tide in the war; President Johnson decided not to run for a second term. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated. GIs at Fort Hood and the Presidio took stands against the war, and campuses exploded with protest.

For more information about these events, consult the Full Disclosure chronology at <http://vietnamfulldisclosure.org/index.php/a-brief-chronology-of-vietnam-the-united-states-and-their-relations>.

The calendar is for 2018, but all entries, except for 2018 holidays which are *italicized*, are anniversaries of events from 1968. All Vietnam war-related entries are in **bold**. Apologies in advance for omissions due to lack of space and/or consciousness.

January

2018



Northern nemesis: An NLF (South Vietnamese National Liberation Front) soldier taking part in the Tet offensive, 1968 (Getty Images / Agence France-Presse)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <i>New Year's Day.</i>	2	3	4	5 GIs threatened with Article 15 (non-judicial) punishment for antiwar positions.	6 Alexander Dubček succeeds Novotný as Communist leader of Czechoslovakia.
7 1st class US postage raised from 5 cents to 6 cents.	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 5,000 women rally in D.C. in Jeannette Rankin Brigade. 1st all female antiwar protest. <i>MLK Holiday.</i>	16 The Youth International Party (Yippies) founded.	17 LBJ calls for the non-conversion of the U.S. dollar.	18 In the White House Eartha Kitt criticizes Lady Bird Johnson about the war.	19	20
21 20,000 North Vietnamese troops attack the American air base at Khe Sanh. A 77-day siege begins.	22	23 North Korea seizes the <i>USS Pueblo</i> , claiming the ship violated its territorial waters while spying.	24 Operation Coburg, Australian and New Zealand military action in Vietnam, begins.	25	26	27
28 Radiation alert following B-52 crash on Jan. 21 in Arctic air base of Thule in Greenland.	29	30 The Tet Offensive is launched all over South Vietnam.	31 The Battle for Hue begins; fighting until March 2.			

Some time in January Vietnam veteran Jeff Sharlet launches the first GI-run anti-war paper addressed to GIs, calling it *Vietnam GI (VGI)* & UFO coffee shop opens in Columbia, South, Carolina near Fort Jackson as outreach to GIs.

The Tet offensive reaches all US military bases in Vietnam and 110 cities and towns in South Vietnam, including 34 of 44 provincial capitals and 64 district capitals.

February

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South Vietnamese General Nguyen Ngoc Loan, chief of the national police, shoots suspected NLF officer Nguyen Van Lem, also known as Bay Lop, on a Saigon street on Feb. 1, 1968.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 In Saigon, suspected NLF fighter shot in head by police chief Gen. Nguyen Ngoc Loan.	2 Springer Publishers in West Berlin, bombed. Groundhog Day.	3
4	5	6 Dutch 2nd Chamber condemns US bombing of North Vietnam.	7 Reporter Peter Arnett quotes US major in Ben Tre city: 'It became necessary to destroy the town to save it'.	8 Protest at a white-only bowling alley in Orangeburg, SC broken up by patrolmen; 3 students killed.	9	10
11	12 Memphis TN: After the crushing to death of 2 workers, over 1000 black sanitation workers begin strike.	13 US sends 10,500 additional soldiers to Vietnam.	14 <i>Valentine's Day.</i>	15 Pvt. George Davis court-martialed after refusing orders to Vietnam.	16	17
18 Thousands of people in West Berlin demonstrate against US war in Vietnam.	19 First statewide teachers' strike in U.S. history in Florida. Presidents Day.	20 State troopers used tear gas to stop protest at Alcorn A & M in Mississippi.	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Joint Chiefs Chairman Wheeler, asks for 206,000 more soldiers for Vietnam war.			

Frederick Douglass was born in February 1818 on the Eastern Shore of the Chesapeake Bay in Talbot County, Maryland. *Black History Month.*

March

2018



A soldier outside a burning hut in My Lai. The picture provides context for the horrific events of March 16, 1968. Credit Ron Haberle, courtesy of National Archives

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Clark Clifford replaces McNamara as U.S. Secretary of Defense.	2 48 U.S. Army soldiers killed in ambush at Tan Son Nhut airbase near Saigon. Marines end Operation Hue City.	3
4 Martin Luther King Jr. announces plans for Poor People's Campaign.	5	6 Unrecognized Rhodesia executes 3 Black citizens, prompting international condemnation.	7 The battle for Saigon (as part of Tet offensive) ends.	8 Capt. Dale Noyd sentenced to 1-year hard labor; refusing to train pilots for war. International Women's Day.	9 Sgt. Peppers album wins 4 Grammy awards. Student protests spark 1968 Polish political crisis.	10 North Vietnamese and Communist Laotian troops overrun a secret US radar facility, Lima Site 85 (on Laotian mountaintop).
11 Operation Sure Thing: 28-day offensive by US & South Vietnamese battalions near Saigon. <i>Daylight Savings Time.</i>	12 By a slim margin LBJ defeats anti-war Democrat Eugene McCarthy in the NH primary; political support for LBJ eroding.	13	14 Sen. Robert Kennedy offers secret proposal: he will stay out of the presidential race if LBJ will change his war strategy.	15	16 Hundreds in My Lai massacred by Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 20th Infantry U.S. Army.	17 Antiwar rally in London results in 86 injured and over 200 arrested. 10,000+ rallied peacefully. <i>St. Patrick's Day.</i>
18	19 Howard University, In protest over ROTC program & war; demands Afrocentric studies.	20 LBJ signs a bill removing gold backing from US paper money. <i>Spring Equinox.</i>	21 Israeli forces cross Jordan River to attack PLO bases. World Poetry Day.	22 Announcement: Westmoreland to be relieved of his command.	23 Rev Walter Fauntroy, is 1st non-voting congressional delegate from DC.	24 Aer Lingus Flight 712 crashes killing 61 passengers and crew.
25 LBJ meets with "The Wise Men" who advise he "take steps to disengage."	26 Second day of LBJ meeting with "the Wise Men". Joan Baez marries antiwar activist David Harris in NYC.	27 Suharto officially succeeds Sukarno as president of Indonesia.	28 Initial report by participants at My Lai: 69 NLF soldiers were killed; no mention of civilian casualties.	29 Students seize building at Bowie State College in Maryland.	30 Leavenworth - Capt. Levy put in "disciplinary segregation" for refusal to teach Special Forces going to Vietnam.	31 LBJ decides not to seek re-election; also announces a partial bombing halt.

Army: court martial of Pfc. Mike Nelson after he "complained to his Congressman on the treatment of troops on-base". Pvt. George Davis sentenced to 4 years at Hard Labor for refusal to go to Vietnam. Fort Jackson - Robert Tater and Steven Kline threatened with court martial for antiwar agitation.

Women's History Month.

April

2018



Andrew Young (left) and others on balcony of the Lorraine pointing to where the shot originated while Martin Luther King lies at their feet. (Joseph Louw photo)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 The U.S. 1st Cavalry Div. begins Operation Pegasus to reopen Route 9, relief route to besieged Marines at Khe Sanh. <i>Easter Sunday.</i>	2 Senator Eugene McCarthy wins Democratic primary in Wisconsin.	3 Navy court-martials PO/3 Dennis Ciesielski for refusal of orders to Vietnam.	4 Martin Luther King, Jr., assassinated in Memphis, TN exactly one year after his "Beyond Vietnam" speech.	5 Berlin Brigade is "locked down" to protect GIs from antiwar leafletters.	6 LBJ orders 5,000 troops to Chicago to combat an "insurrection"; death of Black Panther Bobby Hutton in Oakland shootout.	7
8 The siege of Khe Sanh base ends with withdrawal of NVA troops; US then secretly shuts down the base.	9 Fort Ord: military will court martial Pvt. Kenneth Stolte and PFC Daniel Amick for passing out antiwar leaflets.	10 Equal Pay Day.	11 Defense Sect. Clark Clifford: Westmoreland's request for 206,000 more soldiers will not be granted.	12 Day of Holocaust Remembrance (Yom Hashoah).	13	14
15	16	17 Berkeley CA anti-war demo; brutal actions of police in Berkeley spark global outcry. <i>Tax Day.</i>	18 PO/3 Dennis Ciesielski: 1-year hard labor; bad conduct discharge for refusing to board ship to Vietnam.	19 Fort Sill: Pvt. Andy Stapp is given undesirable discharge for antiwar activity.	20	21
22 Earth Day.	23 Beale AFB: Jeffrey Beale given "undesirable discharge" for hunger strike in opposition to the Vietnam War.	24	25	26 A million college & high school students boycott class in opposition to the war.	27 Antiwar march in Chicago ends in police attack; 200,000 students in NYC boycott classes; GIs for Peace March in SF.	28
29 "Hair" opens at Biltmore Theater NYC for 1750 performances.	30 The Battle of Dai Do or Dong Ha along the DMZ. Vietnam Day of Liberating the South (1975).					

April 4-11 Uprisings in 125 US cities in response to King's assassination; Army reserves are called-up.

April 23-30 Student demonstrators at Columbia University in NYC protest Columbia's institutional ties to the Institute for Defense Analyses (IDA), weapons research think tank affiliated with the Pentagon as well as its plan to build a gym in Harlem.

National Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

May

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Catonsville Nine, after burning 378 draft files with napalm in Cantonville, Maryland: Daniel & Philip Berrigan, Marjorie Bradford & Tom Melville, Mary Moylan, David Durst, John Hoqan, Tom Lewis, & George Misch.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Air Force gives George Edwards 1-year hard labor, dishonorable discharge, for refusal to go to Vietnam. May Day.	2 Gold reaches then record high (\$39.35 per ounce) in London.	3 <u>Braniff Flight 352</u> crashes near Dawson, Texas, killing all 85.	4	5 The NLF launches "Mini Tet": series of rocket and mortar attacks against Saigon and 119 cities. Cinco De Mayo.
6 Street battle between students & troops in Paris, 1,000 injured.	7	8 Pulitzer prize awarded to William Styron (<i>Confessions of Nat Turner</i>).	9	10 Peace talks between US and the DRV open in Paris.	11 Students & police battle in Paris, 1000 injured.	12 "March of Poor" led by Rev. Ralph Abernathy reach Washington, D.C.
13 Paris student demos; 1 million march through the streets of Paris. <i>Mother's Day.</i>	14 Beatles announce formation of Apple Corp.	15 A tornado strikes Jonesboro, Arkansas, killing 36.	16 Earthquake kills 47 in Japan.	17 Catonsville 9, burn 378 draft files with napalm.	18	19 Nigerian forces capture Port Harcourt and form a ring around the Biafrans.
20	21 USSR performs nuclear test (underground).	22 Fort Ord: Ken Stolte & Dan Amick given 4 years hard labor & dishonorable discharge for disloyalty.	23	24 FLQ separatists bomb the U.S. consulate in Quebec City.	25	26
27 30-50,000 attend meeting of Union Nationale des Étudiants de France (National Union of the Students of France).	28 <i>Memorial Day.</i>	29 UN votes sanctions on white-minority-ruled Rhodesia.	30 De Gaulle disbands French Parliament. West German Parliament accepts emergency crisis law.	31		

May 1968: punctuated by demonstrations and massive general strikes as well as university and factory occupations across France.

June

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Standing with co-defendants (William Sloane Coffin Jr. Michael Ferber, and Mitchell Goodman) famed pediatrician Dr. Benjamin Spock (second from left) talks to newsmen here June 14th after they were convicted by a federal jury of conspiring to counsel young men to evade the draft.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Simon & Garfunkel's "Mrs Robinson" hits #1.	2
3 Radical feminist Valerie Solanas shoots and wounds Andy Warhol.	4 Robert Kennedy, with 88% voting for him & rival anti-war candidate McCarthy, wins the CA Democratic primary.	5 Sirhan Sirhan shoots Bobby Kennedy, who dies next day. World Environment Day.	6 Navy court martial, hearing for Fred Patrick: conscientious objection to war, valid defense vs. charge of AWOL.	7 850 women machinists at the Ford factory in Dagenham, UK go on strike over unequal pay.	8 New colonial constitution for Bermuda adopted.	9
10	11	12	13	14 Boston jury convicts Dr. Spock, 3 others, of conspiring to violate the Selective Service Act.	15 John Lennon and Yoko Ono plant an acorn at Coventry Cathedral.	16
17 Malayan Communists begin 2nd insurgency; state of emergency re- imposed in Malaysia. <i>Father's Day.</i>	18 Supreme Court bans racial discrimination in sale & rental of housing.	19 50,000 participate in Solidarity Day March of Poor People's Campaign. Juneteenth.	20	21 Supreme Court Chief Justice Earl Warren resigns.	22	23 War in Vietnam becomes the longest war in American history.
24 Resurrection City in Washington, D.C. closed permanently.	25	26 Iwo Jima & Bonin Islands returned to Japan after 23 years occupation by the United States Navy.	27 Ludvik Vaculik publishes "Manifest of 2000 words", promoting Prague Spring reforms	28 Daniel Ellsberg indicted for leaking Pentagon Papers.	29	30 Lockheed C-5 Galaxy heavy military transport aircraft first flies in the U.S.

LGBTQAI Month.



The Phoenix Program was a CIA creation in Vietnam. It consisted basically of assassination squads which aimed to physically eliminate NLF leaders.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Westmoreland replaced as U.S. commander in Vietnam by General Creighton W. Abrams.	2 El Al Israeli airliner hijacked to Algeria by the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP).	3	4 <i>Independence Day.</i>	5	6	7 France performs nuclear test at Mururoa atoll.
8 Israeli-Egyptian artillery duel along Suez Canal.	9	10	11	12 USSR performs nuclear test at Eastern Kazakh/Semipalitinsk USSR.	13 French government-Couve de Murville forms.	14 Bastille Day.
15	16	17 Saddam Hussein becomes Vice Chairman of the Revolutionary Council in a coup in Iraq.	18 Semiconductor company Intel is founded. Nelson Mandela International Day.	19	20 The 1st International Special Olympics Summer Games are held in Chicago, IL.	21
22	23 Anti-racist insurrection in Cleveland results in 11, including 3 police officers, killed.	24	25 Pope Paul VI encyclical "On The Regulation of Birth"-anti-contraception.	26 South Vietnam opposition leader <u>Trương Đình Dzu</u> calls for coalition govt., given 5 years hard labor	27 Anti-racist demonstration in Gary, Indiana.	28
29 Gram Parsons refuses to play with the Byrds in South Africa.	30	31				

The Phoenix assassination program is established to crush the secret NLF infrastructure in South Vietnam. US, Britain, USSR & 58 nations sign Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty.

August

2018



1968, at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago, thousands of Vietnam War protesters battle police in the streets, while the Democratic Party falls apart over disagreements about the war in Vietnam.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
				7.6 Casiguran earthquake in the Philippines kills at least 207 and injures 261.		100,000 attend Newport Pop Festival, Costa Mesa, California.
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Republican Convention in Miami begins.	Hiroshima Day.		Anti-racist demonstration in Miami.	Nagasaki Day.	Anti-racist demos in Miami, Chicago, & Little Rock.	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
			USSR performs nuclear test at Sary Shagan.			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		Prague Spring ends as 750,000 Warsaw Pact troops and 6,500 tanks with 800 planes invade Czechoslovakia.		Killeen, TX: 5 Oleo Strut coffee house staff charged with possession of illegal drugs.	100+ Black GIs at Fort Hood, TX protest being sent for "riot control" duty to Chicago for the Democratic convention	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Demonstrations begin at Democratic Convention in Chicago		John G. Mein, US Ambassador to Guatemala, is assassinated in Guatemala City.		Demonstrations at Democratic Convention culminate in "police riot".	12,000 die in 7.8 quake destroys 60,000 buildings in NE Iran.	

August 5-8 Republican National Convention in Miami Beach nominates Richard Nixon, who pledges that he will end the Vietnam War as soon as he takes office. A line of tanks has sealed off Miami Beach from demonstrations taking place in Miami.

August 26-30 Democratic National Convention in Chicago nominates Hubert Humphrey, as the police confront 10,000+ protestors in what the Kerner Commission later termed a "police riot".

September

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Some of the Fort Hood 43 who refused orders to go to Chicago during the Democratic Convention in August. From left, Pfc. Ernest Bess, Atty. Michael Kennedy, Pfc. Guy Smith, Sp/4 Albert Henry, Pvt. Ernest Frederick, Sgt. Robert Rucker, Sp/4 Tollie Royal. October 1968 at Fort Hood, Texas.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Earthquake in Iran, 2,000 killed.
2 Vietnam National Day (1945 independence from France).	3 <i>Labor Day.</i>	4 Nigerian troops conquer Abia Biafra.	5 Nuclear test in Eastern USSR.	6 In Atlantic City, 150 members of New York Radical Women protest Miss America Pageant.	7	8
9	10 <i>Rosh Hashanah (New Year's Day).</i>	11	12 Al Hijra (New Year's Day).	13 Albania leaves Warsaw Pact.	14 USSR's Zond 5 is launched on 1st circumlunar flight.	15
16 Mexican Independence Day (1810).	17 The Marylebone Cricket Club tour of South Africa is cancelled.	18	19 Yom Kippur.	20	21 Fort Hood - 5 of the Ft Hood 43 found guilty of failure to report for reveille.	22 <i>Autumn Equinox.</i>
23 Proclamation of the Republic of Puerto Rico in revolt against Spain (1868).	24 US performs nuclear test at Nevada Test Site.	25	26	27	28 3 more of the Fort Hood 43 sentenced to hard labor.	29 Greek referendum results in more power to military junta.
30 The gooth U.S. aircraft shot down over North Vietnam.						

Vietnam GI reports that the stockade at Fort Leonard Wood is so overcrowded that there's a waiting list! Same story as elsewhere -- GIs are going AWOL in ever-increasing numbers. There are 135 men awaiting trial who live in regular barracks, pulling soft duty -- and they're even getting passes.

October

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Precipitated by the murder of Presidio stockade prisoner Richard Bunch, and in protest of prison conditions, as well as the war, prisoners broke ranks and sat in the grass, singing "We Shall Overcome".

Walter Pawlowski, reading demands during The Presidio Mutiny of 1968. Photo: Steve Rees

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	¹ Fort Dix - Spec/4 Allen Myers acquitted of handing out "subversive" literature.	² Mexico City student demo ends in bloodbath, hundreds killed, more injured, and 1300+ arrested.	³ Juan Francisco Velasco Alvarado seizes power in military coup in Peru.	⁴	⁵ Police baton civil rights demonstrators in Derry, Northern Ireland marking the beginning of <i>The Troubles</i> .	⁶
⁷ Operation Sealord: largest combined naval operation of the war; with over 1200 U.S. Navy and South Vietnamese Navy ships.	⁸ Indigenous Peoples' Day.	⁹ The Catonsville 9 sentenced to 18 years; several go underground. Government seizes oil fields in Peru.	¹⁰ Navy nurse Susan Schnall drops flyers from the air for GIs for Peace March on military bases in San Francisco Bay Area:	¹¹ NASA launches <i>Apollo 7</i> , the first manned Apollo mission. National Coming Out Day.	¹² GIs for Peace demo in San Francisco, including speech by Schnall in uniform leading to court martial. Dia de la Raza.	¹³
¹⁴ The Presidio mutiny: a sit-down protest by 27 prisoners at the Army stockade, San Francisco.	¹⁵	¹⁶ Tommie Smith and John Carlos give Black Power salute after winning medals in the Olympics; Rodney Riots in Jamaica.	¹⁷	¹⁸ John Lennon & Yoko Ono fined £150 for marijuana possession; US Olympic Comm. Suspends Smith & Carolos.	¹⁹ Derry Citizen's Action Committee stages a sit-down at Guildhall Square as part of civil disobedience campaign in Northern Ireland.	²⁰
²¹ U.S. releases 14 North Vietnamese POWs.	²² Gun Control Act of 1968 enacted.	²³	²⁴ People's Democracy (PD) stages protest at Parliament, Belfast, Northern Ireland.	²⁵	²⁶ 6 of Fort Hood 43 singled out for harsher punishment; said to have played a leading role in demo.	²⁷ In London, 50,000 protest the war.
²⁸	²⁹ USSR performs nuclear test at Sary Shagan.	³⁰	³¹ LBJ ends bombing of North Vietnam (Rolling Thunder). Halloween.			

Tacoma's Shelter Half coffeehouse, the fifth such coffeehouse in the nation, opens. The GI Civil Liberties Defense Committee issues an appeal for telegrams of support on behalf of antiwar GIs.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month. National Bullying Prevention Month.

November

2018



Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, left, and President Richard M. Nixon after Kissinger was sworn in as the 56th secretary of state in the East Room of the White House on Sept. 22, 1973. (Associated Press)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
					A banned march in Derry, North Ireland, by members of the Derry Citizen's Action Committee (DCAC), is joined by thousands.	300,000 demonstrate against fascist junta in Greece.
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Battles between Jordanian army & Palestinian Al Fatah forces. Daylight Savings.	Richard Nixon narrowly defeats Hubert Humphrey for the US Presidency.	Led by Third World Liberation Front (TWLF), San Francisco State students strike for Ethnic Studies. Election Day.	USSR performs nuclear test at Novaya Zemlya USSR.		Ian Paisley and Ronald Bunting lead a Loyalist march to the Diamond area of Derry, North Ireland.	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Operation Commando Hunt: to interdict people & supplies on the Ho Chi Minh trail. 3 million tons of bombs will be dropped on Laos.	12 US Supreme Court: Epperson v. Arkansas, declares law banning teaching evolution in public schools unconstitutional.	Craig, Home Affairs Minister, bans all marches, excepting Loyalist parades, in Derry, Northern Ireland.	National "Turn in Your Draft Card Day" features draft card burning.		The Derry Citizens Action Committee defies a ban on marches in Derry, Northern Ireland.	Panagoulis is condemned to death for attempting to assassinate Greek dictator Papadopoulos
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Military coup in Mali, president Modibo Keita flees.	US performs nuclear test at Nevada Test Site. Transgender Day of Resilience.		Beatles release "Beatles" (White Album). <i>Thanksgiving.</i>	<i>Veterans Day. Buy Nothing Day.</i>	4 men hijack Pan Am Flight 281 from New York to Havana, Cuba.
25	26	27	28	29	30	
<i>International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.</i>		President-elect Nixon appoints Harvard professor Henry Kissinger as National Security Advisor.		John Lennon and Yoko Ono release their 1st album "Two Virgins" in UK.		

William E. Colby replaces Robert Komer as head of CORDS (Civil Operations and Revolutionary Development Support), the group responsible for the brutal Phoenix Program.

November 27–30: 1st National Women's Liberation Conference in Lake Villa, Illinois.

Native American Heritage Month.

December

2018



The Hô Chí Minh trail:
A logistical system that ran from the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (North Vietnam) to the Republic of Vietnam (South Vietnam). The system provided support, in the form of manpower and materiel, to the National Front for the Liberation of South Vietnam.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 World AIDS Day.
2	3 International Day of Persons With Disabilities. Chanukah.	4	5	6 National Day of Remembrance & Action on Violence Against Women (Canada).	7	8 Rolling Stones release <i>Beggars Banquet</i> , which contains the classic song "Sympathy for the Devil."
9	10 International Human Rights Day.	11	12 Operation Taylor Common: search and destroy operation by Task Force Yankee, of 1st Marine Division.	13 Brazilian President Da Costa e Silva issues Ato Institucional Número Cinco emergency decree.	14	15
16 Revocation of the Edict of Expulsion of Jews from Spain at Second Vatican Council.	17	18 International Migrants Day.	19	20	21 Launch of Apollo 8 begins the first US mission to orbit the Moon.	22 Mao Zedong starts the "Up to the mountains and down to the villages" movement.
23 82 members of US intelligence ship Pueblo released by North Korea.	24	25 Christmas Day.	26 Kwanzaa begins.	27 China performs nuclear test at Lop Nor, PRC.	28 Israeli forces launch an attack on Beirut airport.	29
30	31 New Year's Eve.					

By year's end, U.S. troop levels reach 549,500 with 30,000 American deaths to date; over a 1000 per month were killed in 1968 and there were 155,536 individuals who were Away Without Leave (AWOL) from the US military. Vietnamese casualties are more difficult to come by, with estimates of 181,000+ NVA and NLF killed and at least 40,000 civilians. U.S. Army. Ramsey Clark's Justice Department prosecutes 1,500 draft refusal cases.