

Abstract

In this diploma thesis, I deal with the everyday life of military personnel stationed in the main American bases in South Vietnam during the Vietnam War (1965-1973). The research is based on the analysis of oral history interviews with veterans that served in various occupational specialties in the rear of American armed forces. I'm describing specifics of the military service of witnesses from their entry to the armed forces, training, Vietnam experience, to their homecoming. I'm trying to analyze specific topics that are connected with the experience of military life in Vietnam, especially off duty hours of personnel. Finally, I deal with the creation of the popular culture image of the conflict.

Keywords

Oral history, everyday life, Vietnam War, American bases, off duty hours of military personnel