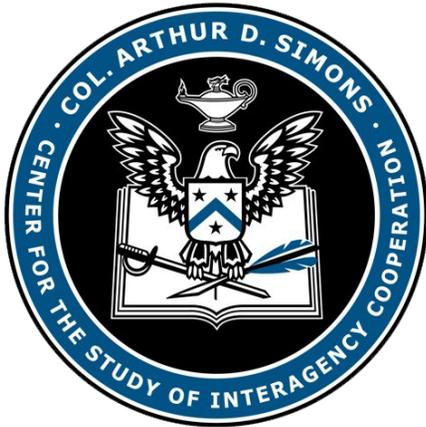


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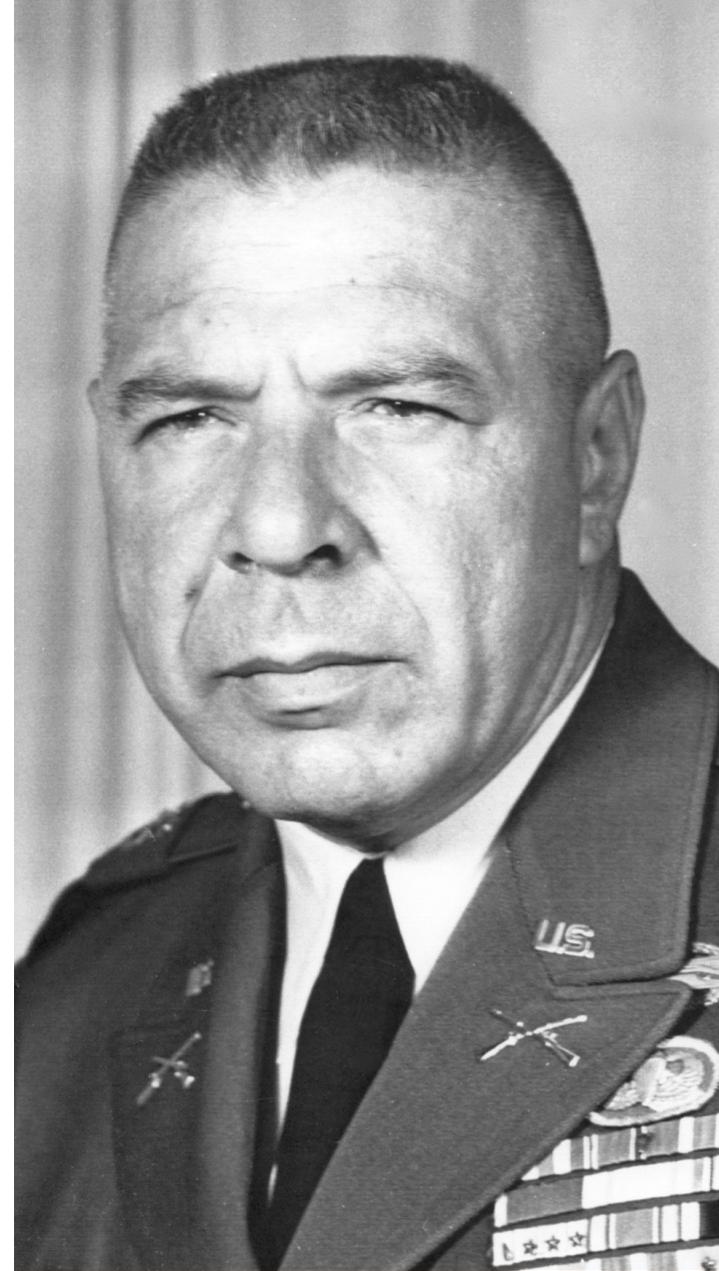
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**Bull needs your help
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Bull's Untold Story

Col. Arthur David "Bull" Simons was an early member of the Special Forces, and made a lasting impact on the community.

Simons was hand-picked by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs in 1970 to be the ground commander in the rescue of American prisoners of war from the Son Tay prison in North Vietnam.

In 1978, seven years after retiring from the military, Simons was called upon by H. Ross Perot to free two of his employees who had been imprisoned in Iran. Simons successfully freed the men, who returned to the United States in early 1979.

Col. Simons' efforts were never forgotten. The 1978 rescue of Perot's employees was detailed in Ken Follett's *On Wings of Eagles*, which was made into five-hour mini series in 1986.

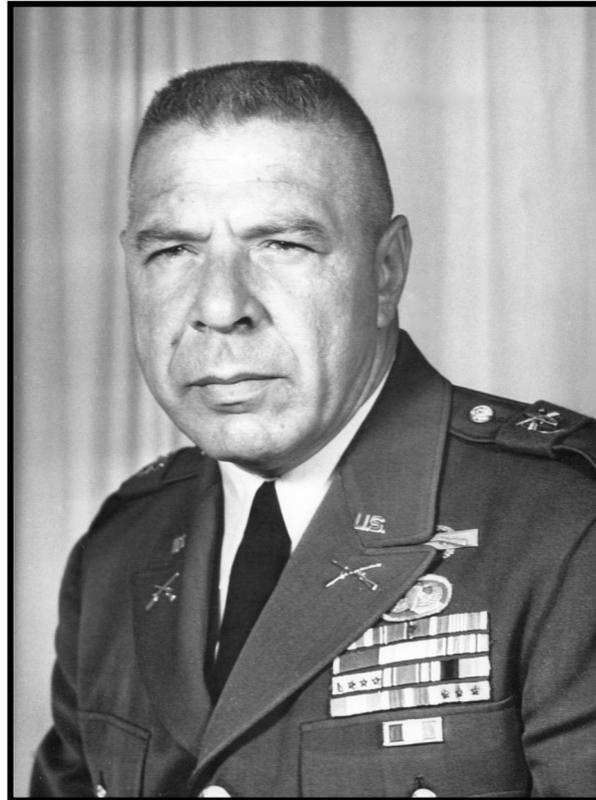
Yet, the full story of Simons' life and career has remained largely untold. That is, until now.

In 2011, the Simons Center decided that Bull's story needed telling. Enlisting the help of an author and historian at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, the Simons Center began researching Simons' life, looking for family, friends, and colleagues who might be able to shed a little more light on Bull's life and career.

Many useful contacts have been established, and individuals continue to come forward, eager to share their experiences with Bull. But the Simons Center is still interested in learning more about Bull, his life, his career, and his colleagues. If you would like to become involved with this project, please contact the Simons Center at 913.682.7244 or email editor@TheSimonsCenter.org.

Col. Arthur D. "Bull" Simons United States Army

June 14, 1918 — May 21, 1979



"We are going to rescue 70 American prisoners of war [...] from a camp called Son Tay. This is something American prisoners have a right to expect from their fellow Soldiers."

Col. Arthur D. "Bull" Simons comments to the raiders before Operation Kingpin

Who is the author?

Dr. James Willbanks is the author of the Simons biography. He has published five books on Vietnam, and is currently the Head of the Department of Military History at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, KS.

How did the Simons Center become involved with this project?

Upon making the decision to support a center for interagency cooperation, Mr. Ross Perot elected to name the center after Col. Arthur "Bull" Simons, who led the mission in 1979 (after having retired from the U.S. Army) to rescue two of Mr. Perot's employees from a prison in Teheran. Perot never forgot Simons' dedication and effort, and chose to honor Bull's memory by naming the center after him.

Col. Simons is a true American hero, and the Simons Center wishes to continue in honoring Bull's memory through the publication of his biography.

How can I contribute to this project and honor Bull's legacy?

If you have first-hand accounts about your service with Col. Simons, other personal stories, or photos that you would like to share, please contact the Simons Center. We will connect you to the author and researcher for the project.

We look forward to hearing from you, and to learning more about our namesake.

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