

Vietnam War Commemoration Lecture Series



The CORDS Program in Vietnam

Presented by Dr. James H. Willbanks

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Reception at 5:30 p.m. • Presentation at 6 p.m.

Stove Factory Ballroom • 417 S. 2nd Street • Leavenworth, KS 66048

In this the ninth lecture of the series, Dr. James H. Willbanks, General of the Army George C. Marshall Chair of Military History at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, will discuss the Civil Operations and Revolutionary Development Support (CORDS) program. CORDS was a unique hybrid civil-military structure that pulled together all the various U.S. military and civilian agencies involved in the pacification effort, including the State Department, USAID, USIA and the CIA.



Dr. James H. Willbanks is the General of the Army George C. Marshall Chair of Military History and former Director of the Department of Military History at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He has been on the faculty since 1992, when he retired from the Army as a lieutenant colonel with 23 years service as an infantry officer in various assignments, to include a tour as an advisor with a South Vietnamese infantry regiment during the 1972 North Vietnamese Easter Offensive.

Willbanks is an honor graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and a graduate of the inaugural class of the School of Advanced Military Studies. He holds a B.A. in History from Texas A&M University, and an M.A. and Ph.D. in History from the University of Kansas. He is the author or editor of 14 books on the Vietnam War and other topics in military history. Dr. Willbanks also served as a consultant to Ken Burns in the preparation of a 10-part documentary on the Vietnam War to which began airing on PBS television in 2017.

His military awards and decorations include the Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with "V" and Oak Leaf Cluster, two Purple Hearts, and Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with two Silver Stars.

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