

Vietnam War Commemoration Lecture Series



The Vietnam War and the 1968 Presidential Election

Presented by Colonel Pat Proctor, Ph.D.

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

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

In this 12th lecture of the series, Col. Pat Proctor, Ph.D., will discuss the 1968 presidential election and its impact in the midst of one of the most tumultuous years in U.S. political history. The Vietnam War debate, fractures in the Democratic Party, race politics, and a generational divide all converged to reshape the nation's political landscape for the remainder of the Cold War. What does this period tell us about America and today's political landscape?



Colonel Pat Proctor is an active duty U.S. Army officer with more than 26 years of service and is a veteran of the conflicts both in Iraq and Afghanistan. He served with the small group of soldiers, scholars and diplomats working under General David Petraeus and Ambassador Ryan Crocker that created the strategy for the war in Iraq that came to be known as the Iraq "Surge."

Proctor has written extensively on current affairs, military history, and military simulation topics with numerous articles in multiple publications. His book titles include: *Blameless? The 1990s and the U.S. Army's Role in Creating the Forever-Wars in Afghanistan and Iraq*, *Containment and Credibility: The Ideology and Deceptions that Plunged America into the Vietnam War*, and *Task Force Patriot and the End of Combat Operations in Iraq*.

Col. Proctor earned his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Purdue University. He also holds three master's degrees – one from the U.S. Army War College, one from the School of Advanced Military Studies (SAMS) and one from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. He also earned a doctorate in history from Kansas State University. Col. Proctor currently serves as a chief of operations group at the Mission Command Training Program (MCTP) at Fort Leavenworth, training the U.S. Army's functional and multi-functional brigades.

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