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VFW magazine will be publishing a book entitled *Vietnam's Deadliest Battles* for the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War. It is based on the five-year series in the magazine that ran from October 2003 through March 2009. It included 40 articles, starting with the Marine Battle of Chu Lai in August 1965 and ending with Air Force AC-130 gunship shootdowns over Laos in 1972.

Nine articles that covered actions in the 1970s were published in the magazine between 2010 and 2012 and will be part of the book. These stories were about the following:

Cambodia Campaign, May 1–June 30, 1970
Firebase Henderson, May 6, 1970
Firebase Ripcord, July 1–23, 1970
Son Tay POW Raid, Nov. 21, 1970
Laos Campaign, Jan. 30–April 6, 1971
Firebase Mary Ann, March 28, 1971
Firebase Charlie 2, May 22, 1971
SOG Recon Team Kansas, Aug. 6, 1971
Operation Linebacker II, Dec. 18-29, 1972

In addition, 19 other battles not included in the recent magazine series will be part of the book:

Qui Nhon Barracks, Feb. 10, 1965, 140th Trans. Det., 1st Avn. Bde., 22 KIA

Hill 65, *Operation Hump*, Nov. 8, 1965, 1st Bn., 503rd Inf., 173rd Abn. Bde., 48 KIA

Ap Nha Mat, *Operation Bloodhound-Bushmaster*, Dec. 5, 1965, 2nd Bn., 2nd Inf., 1st Div., 42 KIA

Chau Nhai, *Operation Utah*, March 5-6, 1966, 3rd Bn., 1st Marines, 1st Div., 43 KIA

An Hoa, *Operation Texas*, March 21-22, 1966, 1st, 4th and 7th Marines, 58 KIA

Xa Cam My, *Operation Abilene*, April 11, 1966, C Co., 2nd Bn., 16th Inf., 1st Div., 35 KIA

Loc Ninh Rubber Plantation/Hills 150 and 177, *Operation El Paso II*, June 11, 1966, 2nd Bn., 28th Inf., 1st Div., 33 KIA

Srok Dong, June 30-July 2, 1966, 4th Cav & 18th Inf., 1st Div., 36 KIA

Phu Loi/Bong Trang, *Operation Amarillo*, Aug. 25, 1966, 2nd, 16th and 26th Inf.; and 4th Cav, 1st Div., 45 KIA

Ph Athena, Cambodia, Nov. 21, 1966, C Co., 1st Bn., 5th Cav, 1st Cav Div., 33 KIA

Trung Son, March 20-21, 1967, 1st Cav Div. (5th, 8th, 12th regiments), 35 KIA

FSB Gold/Suoi Tre, March 20-21, 1967, 3rd Bn., 22nd Inf.; and 2nd Bn., 77th Arty, 4th Div., 48 KIA

Binh Son, *Operation Union*, April 21, 1967, 2nd & 3rd Bns., 1st Marines, 39 KIA

Suoi Cat/QL 1, May 21, 1967, K Trp., 3rd Sqdn., 11th ACR

Xom Bo II/LZX-Ray, *Operation Billings*, June 17, 1967, 1st Bn., 16th Inf.; and 2nd Bn., 28th Inf., 1st Div., 36 KIA

Duc Co, July 12, 1967, B Co., 1st Bn., 12th Inf., 4th Div., 32 KIA

Thon Cam Son, *Operation Kingfisher*, July 29, 1967, 9th Marines, 3rd Marine Div., 31 KIA

Con Thien/Nui Ho Khe/Hill 43, Sept. 7 and 10, 1967, 3rd Bn., 26th Marines, 53 KIA

FSB Nashua, Dec. 6, 1967, 4th Bn., 12th Inf., 199th LIB, 24 KIA

FOB 4/CCN, Da Nang, Aug. 23, 1968, SOG, 17 KIA

Ap Nam Phu, *Operation Carentan II*, April 4, 1968, C Co., 1st Bn., 505th Inf., 82nd Abn. Div., 10 KIA

If you participated in any of the battles on either list, we invite you to submit your personal accounts. Newspaper clippings and other printed materials, as well as photos, are most welcome, too. But please do not submit original photos now; only photocopies.

If you have already submitted accounts from previous requests in past years, we thank you.

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