

Why did we leave Vietnam?

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I am a disabled Vietnam War veteran, having served in 1966 with the 1st Cavalry Division at a large base in Vietnam in the central highland area called An Khe.

The 1st Cav was noted for its fighting ability, as were all the other units. However, because our division was air mobile, the North Vietnamese feared our division simply because we could be deployed on a moment's notice and the division could cause much havoc. We had many successful mission accomplishments.

So as we celebrate the recent 40th anniversary of the last U.S. combat troops leaving Vietnam, I often wonder: Why did we simply leave Vietnam? The greatest country in the world with the strongest military? Something does not add up. Is it just me who feels this way?

[We left because we lacked guts to follow our promises](#)

I am a wounded Viet Nam veteran who was proud to serve in Viet Nam and would do it again.

As far as avidreader's comments, let me set him straight. First, Korea is known as "The Forgotten War" not Viet Nam. Second, those "patriots" you are so proudly glorifying were ruthless murders and torturers. After the Communists took over RVN they killed tens of thousands and sent millions to "re-education" camps. Third, the South Viet Namese were fighting for freedom not to be ruled by the Communists. Fourth, you would not be so loving of the "patriots" if you had gone into a village as I have and found the village chief tied to a stake, gutted, with his male organs stuffed in his mouth. His family was forced to watch this mutilation and then the wife and daughters were raped and gutted. Next time you think of your loving communist patriots, visionize what I just told you.

We left because the lying democrats in Washington, DC did not live up to our promises. After we pulled our troops out (which was a mistake along with the unwillingness to properly fight the war) we promised we would provide weapons, ammunition, and logistical support. Oh, by the way, the Communists had promised at the Paris "peace talks" they would not attack the South. After we pulled our troops out the communists mounted an all out attack. We refused to provide the South with gas for their tanks, aviation fuel for their planes and helicopters, ammunition for their weapons. South Viet Namese soldiers were on the ground calling for ammo resupply, artillery support, and close air support as they were being attacked by NVA tanks. You know what the response to them was? It was, "Sorry, we have none of that because the United States has refused to provide us with those as they promised." Since you liberals have never heard a shot fired in anger much less been face to face with an attacking enemy have no concept of what those helpless RVN soldiers went through.

So you bleeding hearts and anti-war protesters be proud of yourselves for taking the side of the enemies of freedom. Your type of thinking and actions not only cost tens of thousands of freedom loving Viet Namese people their lives but you cost the lives of many of those American service members whose names are on the memorial in DC. You and your kind gave hope to the enemy. You and your kind are not worth the life of one of the brave RVN soldiers who fought along beside me for freedom.