

Narrator: Qui Van Ngo

Interviewer: Liam Matthew and Dante Hernandez

Date: November 3, 2022

Location: Room 471, 4th floor, Science Library

Sub-Collection: My VietNam War Oral History Project

Length of Interview: 3:09:16

The interview was conducted in room 471 of the UCI Science Library. Present during the interview was the narrator, Mr. Qui Van Ngo, and the interviewers, myself and Dante Hernandez. We followed protocols and signed up consent forms prior to beginning. We shared with him the format of questions we had and he was very understanding and agreeable. After the interview we took photos of everything he had shared with us as well as a photo together.

Qui Van Ngo showed up to the interview very well dressed, he seemed quite energetic and was very open to discussion as we walked over to the science library.

He was very patient as we got everything ready for the interview.

During the first hour of the interview, we primarily asked him questions about his life prior to the war and how he got into the military as well as his early experiences with his training. He discussed a lot about the French occupation and how many people hated them, including himself. He also talked about his school and how eventually he decided to join the army, one because if someone was killed their family would become paid and two because they were looking for people to join the army, and he felt some desire to serve his country.

Later in the second hour he discussed his time in service, from 1962 to the end of the war 1975. He discussed his injury, as well as saving his friend, Ron McCloud. There were some moments he was emotional during this section as he talked about people he had lost and what he felt like was a useless war, pitting Vietnamese against Vietnamese.

In the last hour he talked about all the work he has done since coming back to the United States. He worked at Camp Pendleton, he worked with Hollywood, he wrote books, he has generally done a lot of work related to his experiences and even still is involved in advocating for Viet Nam war veterans.