# Welcome to the new Virtual Vietnam Archive
## New search features & ArchivesSpace database interface

**+** New search filters and functions

**+** Almost 900,000 individual items now available for online research

## What is the single best new feature?

- The Finding Aid is an even better resource because in addition to background and contextual info, the detailed contents list has live links built-in to digitized materials.

+ Quickly access digitized items via <u>live links to Box/Folder/Media</u>

## Why are search results so high?!?

- Search Results are much larger with this interface, the upside of which is that a higher number of relevant items may be retrieved. Why is this? For multiple terms entered on a single line, for all words within proximity, then for every possible combination of words entered in the search, and then for every individual word. You will need to determine when the relevance ends.

+ Possible that more relevant documents will be retrieved.
- Review search results until relevance ends.

## How do I narrow down the search?

- Use quotation marks around terms to make the search more exact.

    **Example 1**:
    - One line search:
        - 5th special forces = 341,959 (all and/or word combos + each word alone)
        - 5th "special forces" = 28,885
        - "5th special forces" = 6,265
    - Advanced Search form:
        - "special forces"
          AND
        - 5th                            =14,830

    **Example 2**: 347th Transport = 16,161 BUT "347th Transport" = 0 results [correct]
    [1st results due to transport* in documents]

- Enter search terms in the specialty fields on the Advanced Search form. (Quotation marks work in these fields, too.)

- Use built-in **filters** on left side of results to view subsets of the search results.

# Using the New Virtual Vietnam Archive User Interface

## Search Form Options

Click Home Icon to return to this page

Basic Search

Go to Advanced Search

Go to Specialty Searches

**Search the Virtual Vietnam Archive (TTU)**

Enter your search terms

Click here to view Searching video guides for the Virtual Vietnam Archive.

**Show Advanced Search**

Show Map Search
Show Operation Search
Show CDEC Search
Show Thesaurus Search
Show Graffiti Search

Collections     Records     Special Projects

## Advanced Search Form

CLEAR form and start new search

Click here to view the Advanced Search video guide. Or view all Video Guides.

Search     Clear

General search terms (use one or both)

And

And
And
Or
Not

Item Number:

Item Title:

Collection Name:

Box:          Folder:

Date Span:    YYYY-MM-DD    Through:    YYYY-MM-DD

Author(s):

**Limit by Media Type**

- Audio
- Comic Books
- Computer Media
- Documents
- Finding Aid
- Images - All
- Images - Photographs
- Images - Slides
- Maps
- Microform
- Moving Image
- Museum Object
- Newsletters
- Newspapers
- Oral History
- Posters
- Scrapbooks
- Serials/Magazines

Check one or more to Limit by MEDIA Type

**Limit by Collections**

- Orderly Departure Program (ODP) Application Files in Families of Vietnamese Political Prisoners Association
- U.S. Marine Corps History Division Documents
- Combined Document Exploitation Center (CDEC) Files

**Exclude Collections**

- Orderly Departure Program (ODP) Application Files in Families of Vietnamese Political Prisoners Association
- U.S. Marine Corps History Division Documents
- Combined Document Exploitation Center (CDEC) Files

**Limit by Availability (Copyright)**

- Available Online
- Not Available Online

Copyrighted materials cannot be viewed online Click here to exclude from search results

Records Added to Database:    No Limit

No Limit
Yesterday
in the Past 3 Days
in the Past 5 Days
in the Past Week
in the Past 2 Weeks

View records recently added to the Virtual

Hide Advanced Search

Search     Clear

# Search Results – Display and Filter Options

Sort by: Relevance

- Relevance
- Title
- Created
- Modified
- Item Number
- Ascending
- Descending
- Item Date
- Record Type

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Collections   Records   Special Projects

"5th special forces"   Advanced Search
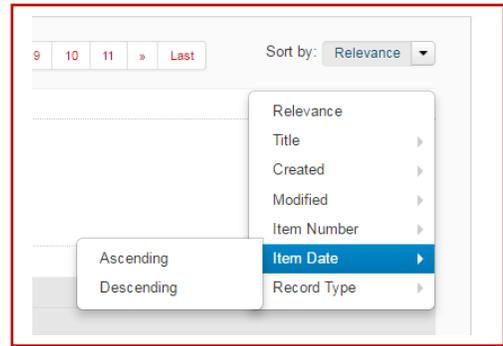
**Remove Filter**

**Filtered By**   Clear All

Text: "5th special forces" ✖

**Change Record Display Order**

Showing 1 - 25 of 6228 Results

« 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 » Last   Sort by: Relevance

"5th special forces"

**Add Filter(s) to view subsets**

– Record Type
- Person 12
- Record 6177
- Operation 12
- Collection 26
- Thesaurus 1

+ Special Project

– Media Type
- Electronic Media 1
- Microfilm 1
- Microform 9
- Moving Image 49
- Museum Object 60
- Newsletter 24
- Newspaper 2
- Oral History 23
- Serial 1382
- Slide 1889
- Audio 13
- Photograph 1402
- Document 1322

+ Available Online?

+ Language

**Additional Search Terms**

**Search Suggestions**

(To see groups of related search terms, go to Record Type above and click on Thesaurus.)

Green Beret
USSF
5th Special Forces Group Airborne
5th SF
American Special Forces
A-team
SF
elite unit

📁 **Item Number : 7360101019**   (Click To View Citation)

View Item:   **5th Special Forces Group - Certificate**
[Number of Pages: 1]
Item Creation Date: 24 June 1963
Collection: Raymond Spiess Collection
*Added: 16 Jul 2002 [Updated: 16 Jul 2002]*

View all documents in this Folder   Box   Share or Bookmark This Record

📁 **Item Number : 6370101003**   (Click To View Citation)

View Item:   **5th Special Forces Group - Special Orders**
[Number of Pages: 2]
Item Creation Date: 14 December 1962
Collection: Craig Miln Collection
*Added: 26 Jun 2002 [Updated: 26 Jun 2002]*

View all documents in this Folder   Box   Share or Bookmark This Record

📁 **Item Number : 6370101009**   (Click To View Citation)

View Item:   **5th Special Forces Group - Proficiency Ratings**
[Number of Pages: 2]
Item Creation Date: 27 May 1964
Collection: Craig Miln Collection
*Added: 26 Jun 2002 [Updated: 26 Jun 2002]*

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📁 **Item Number : 7360101007**   (Click To View Citation)

View Item:   **5th Special Forces Group - Special Orders**
[Number of Pages: 2]
Item Creation Date: 18 December 1963
Collection: Raymond Spiess Collection
*Added: 16 Jul 2002 [Updated: 16 Jul 2002]*

View all documents in this Folder   Box   Share or Bookmark This Record

📁 **Item Number : 7360101008**   (Click To View Citation)

View Item:   **5th Special Forces Group - Special Orders**
[Number of Pages: 2]
Item Creation Date: 18 December 1963
Collection: Raymond Spiess Collection
*Added: 16 Jul 2002 [Updated: 16 Jul 2002]*

View all documents in this Folder   Box   Share or Bookmark This Record

📁 **Item Number : 2940101038**   (Click To View Citation)

**Click title to see citation or more info about item**

<u>Search Results Display</u> – The search results automatically display by Relevancy, but sometimes item records might be easier to view if you change "Sort by – Relevance" to another option in the drop-down menu. You may also use the filters to the left of the search results to change the view set, such as removing those that are copyrighted and cannot be viewed online, date created, etc.

The search results display is a list of items with icon links to the materials available online (materials which are digitized scanned and are not copyrighted). Click on an icon to view the material. If the material is a document with clearly typed characters, you may **search for a word or phrase within the document file by using the CTRL-F (Find) feature**. Use the filters to the left to view subsets of the search results.

<u>Use Filters to View Subset of Results</u> – A list of available filters will automatically display on the left side of the results page. Click on plus signs to expand the category. Click on a term to activate the filter. Click the X beside a filter to remove it.

<u>Save/Download Files</u> – You may also download the material from the record by right-clicking on the PDF icon, then select "Save Target As…" or "Save Image As…" from the menu, then select a location on your computer or thumb drive at home. Files are automatically named with the unique Item Number. Or with the PDF file open, choose the Download option [Note: This may vary between browsers.]

<u>Save your Search</u> – Because the search terms are built into the webpage URL of the results pages, you may save your search and return to it later by saving this URL. Either 1) copy and paste it into a word document (you may then add notes as to type of search, what page you were on, etc.) OR 2) bookmark the search and webpage of results you are on by using your browser's bookmark/favorites feature (you may make a Vietnam Archive folder and/or rename the bookmark to better describe the search). NOTE: This saves your search, <u>not</u> your search results…keep in mind that we are adding newly digitized materials every week, so your search results may be slightly different each time you return.

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