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### **ARCHIVES OFFERING SPECIAL PROGRAMS DURING WEEK OF VETERANS DAY 2016**

Montgomery, AL (10/27/16) – The Alabama Department of Archives and History (ADAH) is partnering with the U.S. Vietnam War Commemoration to remember the service of Americans during the 50th anniversary of the war. During the week of Veterans Day 2016, the ADAH will offer several Vietnam War-themed public programs. Admission to all events is **free**. For more information, call (334) 242-4364. See the complete schedule below:

#### **Wednesday, November 9 at 12:00 pm**

##### **Book Talk, *Heinie Aderholt and Alabama's Vietnam Legacy* Presented by Warren Trest**

Hear the story of a legendary Alabama airman Colonel Harry C. "Heinie" Aderholt and his dauntless air commandos in Laos and Vietnam. Author Warren Trest is a retired Air Force senior historian and has authored more than fifty military histories and studies. His biography *Air Commando One: Heinie Aderholt and America's Secret Air Wars* was nominated for the Bancroft Prize for distinguished works in American History.

#### **Thursday, November 10 at 12:00 pm**

##### **Book Talk, *Ten Stars: The African American Journey of Gary Cooper* Presented by Kendal Weaver**

Discover Marine General Gary Cooper's path-breaking role as a young African American Marine captain who arrived in Vietnam in 1966. Author Kendal Weaver's book, *Ten Stars: The African American Journey of Gary Cooper -- Marine General, Diplomat, Businessman, and Politician*, is being published by NewSouth Books in the fall of 2016. Weaver was a journalist with the Associated Press (AP) in Alabama for most of his 40-year career and has written book reviews for AP since retiring in 2011.

#### **Veterans Day, Friday, November 11 at 2:00 pm**

*Alabama's Military History*, a guided tour through the Museum of Alabama's exhibits led by Curator Graham Neeley. The tour will depart from the main lobby. No advance registration required. **The Museum of Alabama will be open to the public on Veterans Day from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.**

The ADAH's Veterans Day events will also serve as a launch for ***Collecting Vietnam***, a new project to document the experience of Alabamians both overseas and stateside. **The ADAH is interested in acquiring uniforms, equipment, photographs, letters, & other items for its permanent museum & archival collections.** For more information about this project, contact Registrar, Sherrie Hamil at (334) 353-4726 or [sherrie.hamilton@archives.alabama.gov](mailto:sherrie.hamilton@archives.alabama.gov).

The Alabama Department of Archives and History is located in downtown Montgomery, directly across the street from the State Capitol. It is the state's government records repository, special collections library and research facility, and is home to the Museum of Alabama, the state history museum. The Archives and Museum are open Monday through Saturday, 8:30 to 4:30. To learn more, visit [www.archives.alabama.gov](http://www.archives.alabama.gov) or call (334) 242-4364.

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