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NCMF 20TH GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING & ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM

17 OCTOBER, JHU/APL KOSSIAKOFF CENTER

11100 JOHN HOPKINS ROAD, LAUREL, MD 20723-6099

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION COST

Fee includes breakfast (8:15 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.) and lunch (Noon - 1:00 p.m.). \$25 Members, \$50 Guests (includes 1 year NCMF membership). Registration Deadline is 12 October, 2018

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SYMPOSIUM SNAPSHOT, 17 OCTOBER:

CRACK THE SKY, SHAKE THE EARTH

— Message to North Vietnamese forces who were informed that they were “about to inaugurate the greatest battle in the history of our country”

A distinguished panel of NSA historians and former NSA field personnel who were assigned to the NSA Watch Center in Saigon at the time of the 1968 Tet Offensive will give their firsthand accounts of the series of coordinated surprise attacks on U.S. and ARVN forces that is now considered by many to be the turning point of the Vietnam War.

The discussion will focus on NSA's reporting on the surprise attack and the NSA field office implementation of alternate intercept planning following the first strike on Nha Trang, headquarters of the U.S. I Field Force, during the evening hours of 30 January 1968 and the attack on Saigon early the following morning.



Adding their perspective will be a separate panel of senior CIA historians who will discuss the Vietnam War and a 50-year look-back on the CIA's involvement in the wars in Southeast Asia. A highlight of the discussion will be a contrast/comparison of the Afghanistan and Vietnam Wars.

Panel discussions will be preceded by a 1968 film clip featuring Walter Cronkite and his proclamation to the American public that

the Vietnam War was “unwinnable”. This statement and his trip to Vietnam in February 1968 are viewed by many to have begun the erosion of public support for the U.S. war effort in Vietnam.