

# 19 (The Final Story)

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They fought the longest war in American history

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but it wasn't.

It was different in many ways, as so were those that did the fighting.

In World War II the average age of the combat soldier was 26

In Vietnam he was 19.

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25 miles west of Saigon

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19, 19, 19, 19 In Vietnam the combat soldier typically served a twelve month tour of duty but  
was exposed to hostile fire almost everyday

Ninininininininininin 19 nininininnin 19 Hundreds of Thousands of men who saw heavy combat in Vietnam  
were arrested  
since discharge

Their arrest rate is almost twice that of non-veterans of the same age.

There are no accurate figures of how many of these men have been incarcerated.

But, a Veterans Administration study concludes that the greater of Vets  
exposure to combat could more likely affect his chances of being arrested or  
convicted. This is one legacy of the Vietnam War All those who remember the war

They won't forget what they've seen

Destruction of men in their prime

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War, War After World War II the Men came home together on troop ships, but the Vietnam

Vet often arrived home within 48 hours of jungle combat

Perhaps the most dramatic difference between World War II and Vietnam was  
coming home, none of them received a hero's welcome

None of them received a heroes welcome, none of them, none of them

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Half of the Vietnam combat veterans suffered from what Psychiatrists call

Post-Traumatic-Stress-Disorder

Many vets complain of alienation, rage, or guilt

Some succumb to suicidal thoughts

Eight to Ten years after coming home almost eight-hundred-thousand men are  
still fighting the Vietnam WarDededededede-DestructionNininininininininin Nineteen, 19, Ni-nineteen 19  
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19,19,19,19When we came back it was different

Everybody wants to know "How'd it  
happened to those guys over there  
There's gotta be something wrong somewhere  
We did what we had to do

There's gotta be something wrong somewhere  
People wanted us to be ashamed of what it made us  
Dad had no idea what he went to fight and he is now  
All we want to do is come home  
All we want to do is come home  
What did we do it for  
All we want to do is come home  
Was it worth it?

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