## THE VIETNAM WAR 1957-1975

THE VIETNAM WAR LASTED 18 YEARS AND BECAME ONE OF THE MOST CONTROVERSIAL WARS IN U.S. HISTORY. THE PROLONGED CONFLICT BEGAN WHEN COMMUNIST VIET CONG GROUPS SUPPORTED BY NORTH VIETNAM REBELLED AGAINST THE DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM IN 1957.

THE REBELLION PROMPTED PRESIDENTS DWIGHT D EISENHOWER, JOHN F KENNEDY, AND LYNDON B JOHNSON TO INVOKE THE TRUMAN DOCTRINE AND PROVIDE ECONOMIC AND MILITARY AID TO A NATION THREATENED BY A COMMUNIST TAKEOVER. THE MAJORITY OF U.S. TROOPS DEPARTED SOUTH VIETNAM IN 1973 WHICH LED TO SOUTH VIETNAM'S SURRENDER TO NORTH VIETNAMESE FORCES ON 30 APRIL 1975.

MORE THAN 58,000 AMERICANS SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES TO DETER COMMUNIST AGGRESSION AND PRESERVE THE INDEPENDENCE OF SOUTH VIETNAM.

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