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So Others May Live: Army Aeromedical Evacuation Operations in the Republic of Vietnam, 1962-1973

A Lecture by Retired Army Col. Donald Hall

Sunday, Nov. 15, 2026 at 2 p.m.

During the Vietnam War, “Dustoff” became the name for helicopter medical evacuation missions that transformed battlefield medicine. Beginning with the first five Huey helicopters deployed to Vietnam, unarmed Dustoff crews evacuated more than 900,000 wounded and injured between 1962 and 1973. Their work helped wounded service members reach lifesaving care within the critical “golden hour” after injury. Join Donald Hall, Ph.D., as he explores the history, innovation, and lasting impact of Dustoff and the evolution of battlefield medical evacuation during the Vietnam War.

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