# VIETNAM: PHOTOGRAPHY

SGT. TC DAWSON & DICKEY CHAPELLE

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- THERON C. (TC) DAWSON SERVED HIS COUNTRY IN VIETNAM, WHERE HE WAS BASED IN DANANG FOR FOUR MONTHS AND LONG THANH NORTH FOR SIX MONTHS.
- During this time, he served as a radar operator on a plane called a Grumman OV-1 Mohawk.
- The military utilized the photos and radar readings Sgt. Dawson took to locate enemy troops and equipment hidden under the dense jungle canopy.
- AERIAL RADAR AND PHOTOGRAPHY PLAYED AN INTEGRAL ROLE DURING THE VIETNAM WAR.





#### BELOW THE JUNGLE CANOPY

- WHILE SGT. DAWSON SERVED THE US HIGH ABOVE THE TREES, ANOTHER ASPECT OF THE WAR WAS PLAYING OUT ON THE JUNGLE FLOOR.
- AMERICAN AND VIETNAMESE SOLDIERS ENGAGED IN BRUTAL, HAND-TO-HAND COMBAT IN THE DENSE JUNGLE.
- ANOTHER GROUP, SOMETIMES FORGOTTEN, WAS CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE FIGHTING. THIS GROUP WAS THE VIETNAMESE CITIZENS.
- AMERICAN TROOPS WERE TASKED WITH DEFEATING THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST FORCES WHILE ATTEMPTING TO MINIMALIZE CIVILIAN CASUALTIES.



### THROUGH THE LENS OF WAR

• IN EVERY AMERICAN CONFLICT SINCE THE CIVIL WAR, PHOTOGRAPHY HAS BEEN UTILIZED TO DOCUMENT THE ACTION.

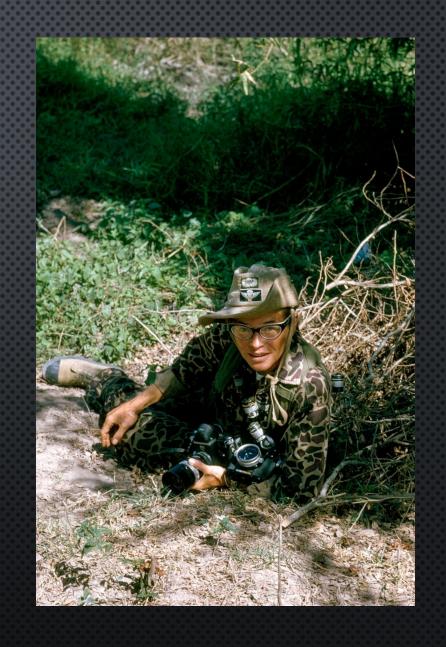
• WAR PHOTOGRAPHY NOT ONLY HELPS TELL
THE STORY OF THE CONFLICT ITSELF, BUT ALSO
THE INDIVIDUAL STORIES OF THE SOLDIERS
AND CITIZENS WHO LIVED IT.





## DICKEY CHAPELLE

- WAR PHOTOJOURNALIST DICKEY CHAPELLE BEGAN HER CAREER AS A PHOTOGRAPHER FOR NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC IN WORLD WAR II, WHERE SHE MADE A NAME FOR HERSELF AS A PROFESSIONAL STORY TELLER DURING ONE OF HISTORY'S DARKEST MOMENTS.
- WHEN THE CONFLICT IN VIETNAM ERUPTED, SHE HEADED THERE TO DOCUMENT THE WAR FROM THE GROUND, TELLING THE STORIES OF THE SOLDIERS AND CIVILIANS THROUGH THE LENS OF HER CAMERA.



# CHAPELLE'S LEGACY

- DICKEY CHAPELLE'S WORK HAS ALLOWED THE WORLD TO SEE A GLIMPSE OF WHAT WAR IS REALLY LIKE, AND HAS LEFT US ALL WITH A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE CONFLICT IN VIETNAM.
- Chapelle was killed on November 4, 1965 while on patrol with a Marine platoon in Vietnam.

