

**50th ANNIVERSARY OF MY LAI MASSACRE**  
**Vietnam Peace Commemoration Committee Announces a Peaceful Vigil**  
**Friday, March 16 at Noon at Lafayette Square, Washington DC**

**WASHINGTON DC (March 12, 2018)** — On March 16, 1968 one of the most horrific atrocities in American military history occurred when American soldiers slaughtered 504 innocent women, children, and elderly men at My Lai, Vietnam, and neighboring villages. Fifty years later, on Friday, March 16 from 12 – 1:30 p.m., the Vietnam Peace Commemoration Commission will host Never Again: A 50th Anniversary Vigil Marking the My Lai Massacre, at Lafayette Square, across from the White House, to remember this tragic event and reflect upon its lingering impacts.

Names of those killed at My Lai will be read, musical selections will be performed, and speakers, including Professor Howard Jones, author of *My Lai: Vietnam, 1968, and the Descent into Darkness*, and Earl Martin, author of *Reaching the Other Side*, who worked as a refugee relief worker in Vietnam during the war, will discuss the historic context of My Lai and its lessons for current and future military engagement.

WHAT: Never Again: A 50th Anniversary Vigil Marking the My Lai Massacre

WHEN: Friday, March 16 from 12 – 1:30 p.m. ET

WHERE: Lafayette Square, across from the White House, Washington DC

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MORE DETAILS: [www.vietnampeace.org/my-lai](http://www.vietnampeace.org/my-lai)

“My Lai was a horrific event that has never been properly addressed by the American people or the U.S. government,” says event organizer and VPCC member Terry Provance. “With this vigil, we hope to both remember the victims and help ensure that nothing like My Lai ever happens again.”

Among the goals of the vigil are:

- To acknowledge moral responsibility for crimes of war committed in our name;
- To end military strategies that target civilians with anti-personnel weapons and drone strikes;
- To demand adequate U.S. government aid to clean up Agent Orange, land mines, and unexploded ordnance still claiming lives in Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia;
- To seek the release of all government sequestered evidence of additional criminal actions committed by U.S. forces in Indochina, Afghanistan, Iraq, and elsewhere.

Never Again: a 50th Anniversary Vigil Marking the My Lai Massacre is organized by the Vietnam Peace Commemoration Committee ([www.vietnampeace.org](http://www.vietnampeace.org).)

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