

Bay of Pigs April 17, 1961 -

New Frontier - We will land a man on the moon before the end of the decade. Space.

Peace Corps -

Deficit spending -

 - Oct. 14, 1962 Missles are spotted on Cuba. These are Nukes. Kennedy and Kruschev will square off.

March 16, 1968 - My Lai Massacre. The trial for Lt. Calley will take place in 1971. Sentenced to life for the death of 100 civilians. Later changed to 20 years hard labor. Frustration of the troops. An act which is unacceptable but understandable.

March 31, 1968 - [ ] announces that he will not seek re election in 1968. To the peace doves this seemed like a victory. To the war hawks a defeat of democracy. L.B.J. will now be the political scapegoat for both Reps. and Dems.

January 20, 1969 [ ] elected. Inauguration speech includes "The greatest honor history can bestow is the title peacemaker". After confrontation we enter an era of negotiation.

December 1, 1969 - First lottery winners are chosen. First in 27 years.

Dec. 2, 1969 - Nixon talks about peace with honor.

April 30, 1970 - Nixon orders troops to Cambodia. This is very confusing. It looks like escalation to me.

May 4, 1970 - Kent State in Ohio scene of a confrontation between National Guard members and college students. Four students die. The anti-war protests become louder.

April 1, 1971 - Extension of the draft for 2 years. The number of draftees is now 48% of the U.S. forces in Vietnam. What do you say about volunteers seeing the war in a positive light?

December 26 - 30, 1972 - Christmas air strikes. U.S. carries out more air Sorties since 1968.

April 27, 1972 - Paris Peace talks begin

June 17, 1972 - Watergate break in. Oct. 27 1972 - Nixon Vetoes an 85 million dollar health care bill for vets.

January 27, 1972 - Official end to hostilities in the war. Between Jan and March of 73 587 POWs were released and 23,500 troops withdrawn.

March 29, 1973 - 67 POWs from the Hanoi Hilton are released. This marks the end of the hostilities.

April 30, 1975 - Saigon Falls to the Communists. This means that the communists take the capitol of the South .... Winning the War ? Many friends of the U.S. are now at the cross hairs of V.C. guns. The Hmong population specifically.

The time from 1969 -1975 were filled with tremendous change.

July 16, 1969  Launched

Crew: Neil Armstrong, Michael Collins and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin

July 20, 1969, the U.S. held its collective breath as Neil Armstrong stood on the bottom rung of the Eagle ladder and issued "One small step for man, One giant leap for mankind". He and Buzz will collect samples for the next two plus hours.

This was a true victory for a country who was feeling very insecure about who or what it was. The Vietnam war was grinding, social unrest was burning and for one brief moment in time, we all had a sense of pride and accomplishment. This will be short lived but it was a very historic moment.