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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### **Veteran Coalition to hold lecture and panel event in observance of POW / MIA Day**

Three former Asian Veterans and POW's will gather at **The Rondo Community Library, Flex Room, 461 Dale Street North, Saint Paul, MN 55103 on September 20<sup>th</sup> from 12:30pm to 2:30pm** to discuss their prisoner of war experiences during the Communist War of Aggression in Southeast Asia. Each will tell their story of incarceration and subsequent release. Sery Sok, former Khmer Republic Chief Warrant Officer, Quy Van Tran former Oplan 34A mission specialist and Insixiegmay Khao former Royal Lao Commander will discuss their capture and conditions of incarceration.

A lecture by Dr. Ha Tuong will precede the panel discussion.

In April of 1975 following the withdrawal and the ending of resupply of military provisions by the United States the communist Viet Kong, North Vietnamese Army, Khmer Rouge and Pathet Lao took control of Southeast Asia and captured Allied military personnel under the guise of peace and an end of war. The Khmer Rouge an extreme communist movement gained control of Cambodia. Chief Warrant Officer Sery Sok as well as all other Khmer republic military voluntarily gave up their weapons as a gesture of reconciliation. He was deemed an "enemy of the State" captured and taken to be murdered by the Khmer Rouge. Serey Sok will tell his story of his capture, his escape from sure death and his journey to freedom to Thailand. Former Royal Lao Commander I. Khao will tell of his capture and incarceration of 9 years with his entire family in the concentration camps of Laos. Mission specialist Quy VanTran a Republic of Vietnam Strategic Technical Directorate Navy Commando will tell of his secret mission into North Vietnam and his 13 years of incarceration in North Vietnam including time in Hoa Lo Prison "Hanoi Hilton".

This Lecture and panel discussion is the first of a series of events sponsored by the CAVWV to voice and record lesser known events during the Communist War of Aggression in Southeast Asia by members of Minnesota Asian community who experienced them.

Often Southeast Asians have made it known that little is taught and known about their experiences during the war. Popular culture and academia have overlooked and ignore their role during the war. The CAVWV is proud to play a small role in helping voice and enlighten the public about these under served communities in Minnesota.

This is a 2 hour program consisting of one 45 minute lecture, three ten minute stories and 30 minutes of questions and answers.

Seating is limited to 25, please RSVP to: [cavvv.hq@gmail.com](mailto:cavvv.hq@gmail.com)  
Scott Walker - 651-775-7560 (English)  
Ha Tuong - 612-382-2645 (Vietnamese)  
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There is no fee required but donations will be accepted.