

# Vietnam War Red Cross Donut Dollies "A Touch of Home"

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Inf Division, Americal "Thanks You"



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"Donut Dolly" Patty & Americal cook in Chu Lai, Vietnam



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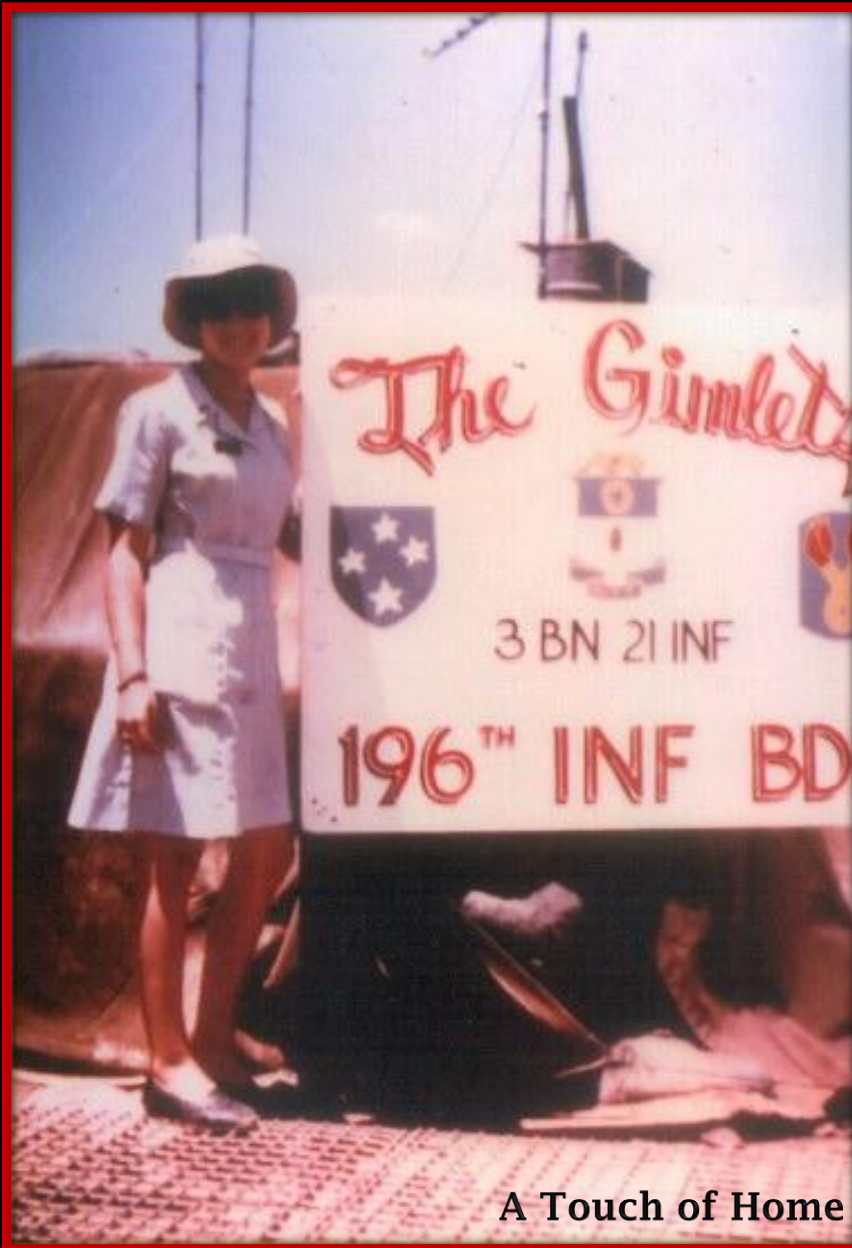


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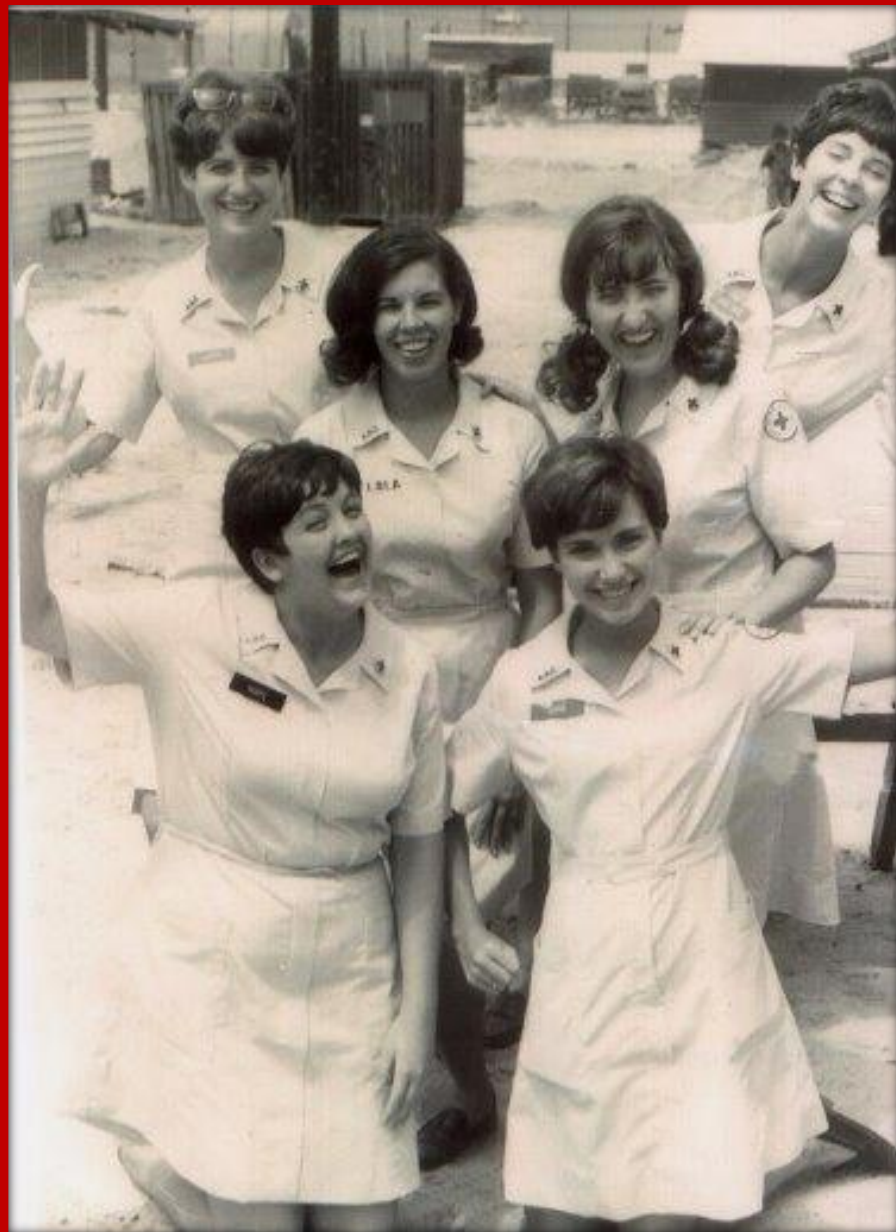


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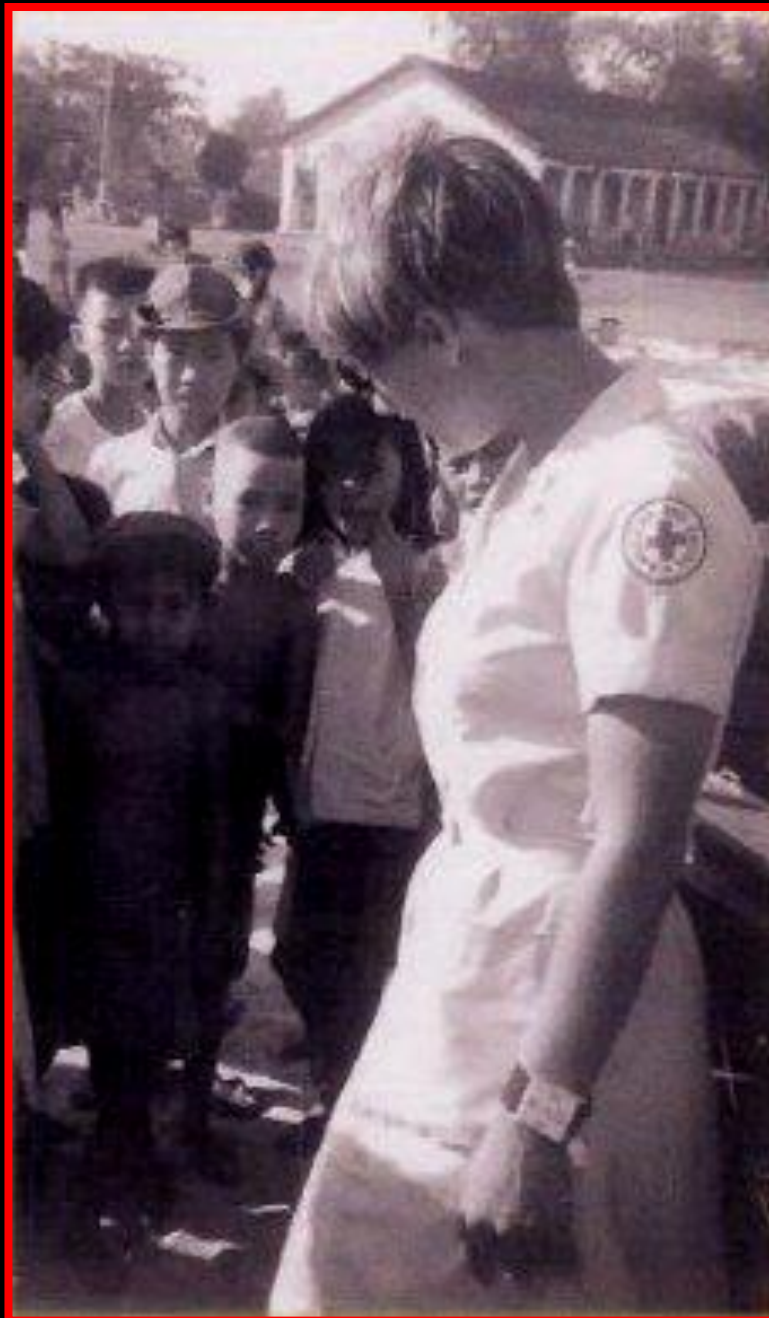


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**On Christmas Day, Donut Dollies and the Americal Division Band "Vietnam"**  
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**Donut Dolly on Chopper. On her way to troops, A Touch of Home**



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**Christmas Day, 1969 at besieged Special Forces Camp  
Bu Prang in the central highlands**

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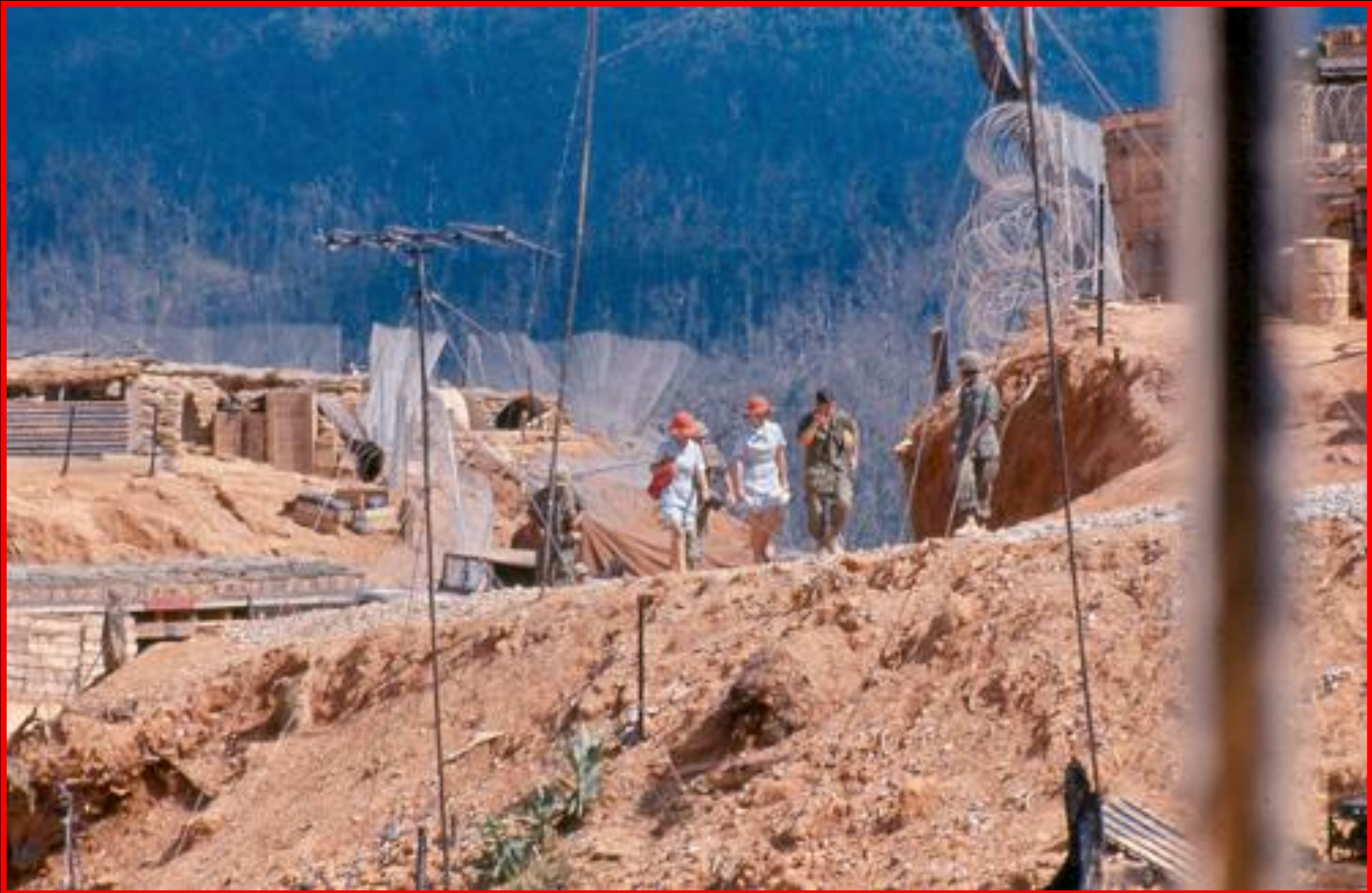


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**The Sandpipers (folk Music Group) with Donut Dollies**



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The Sandpipers (folk Music Group ) Perform at Cam Ranh Bay for Troops**



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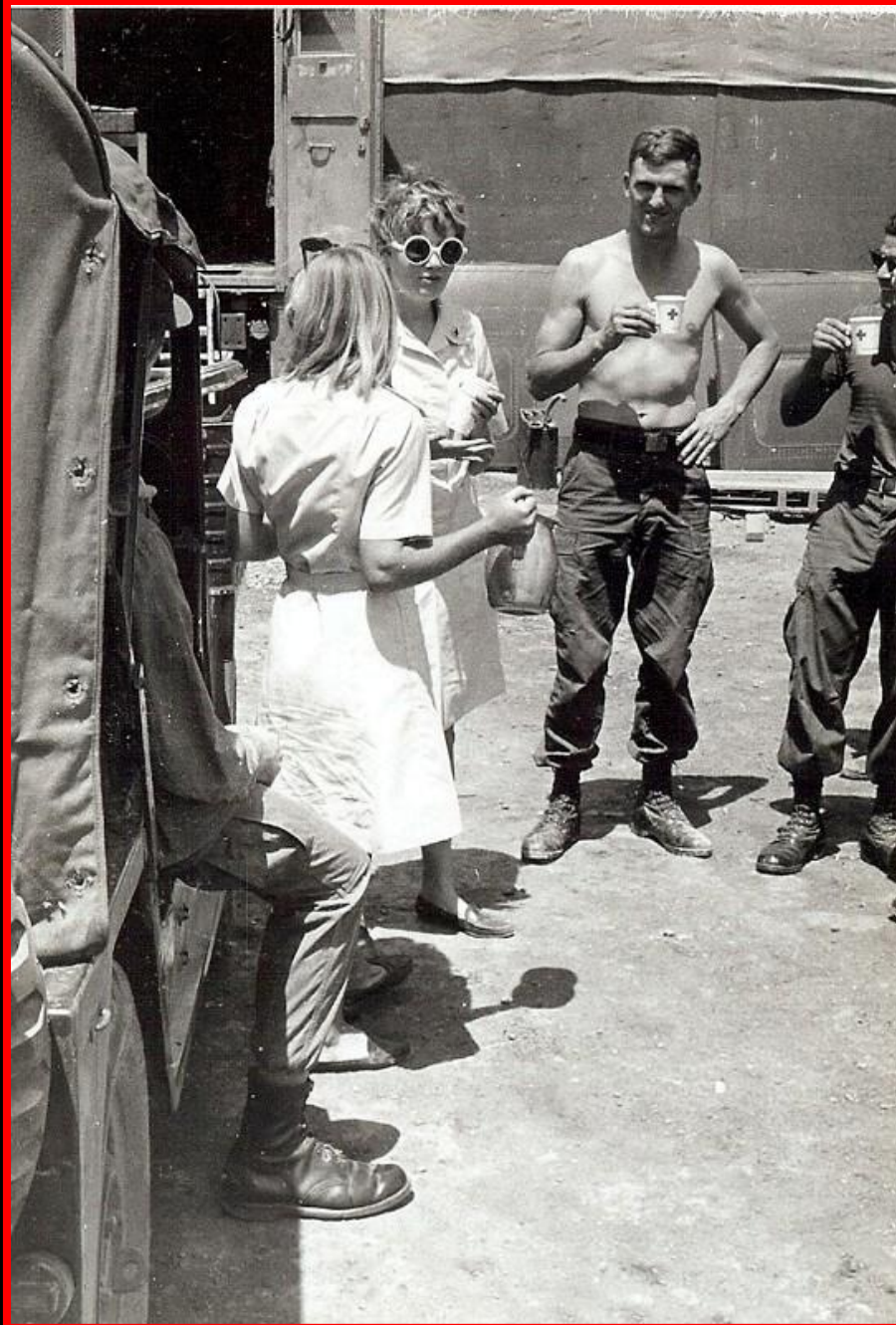
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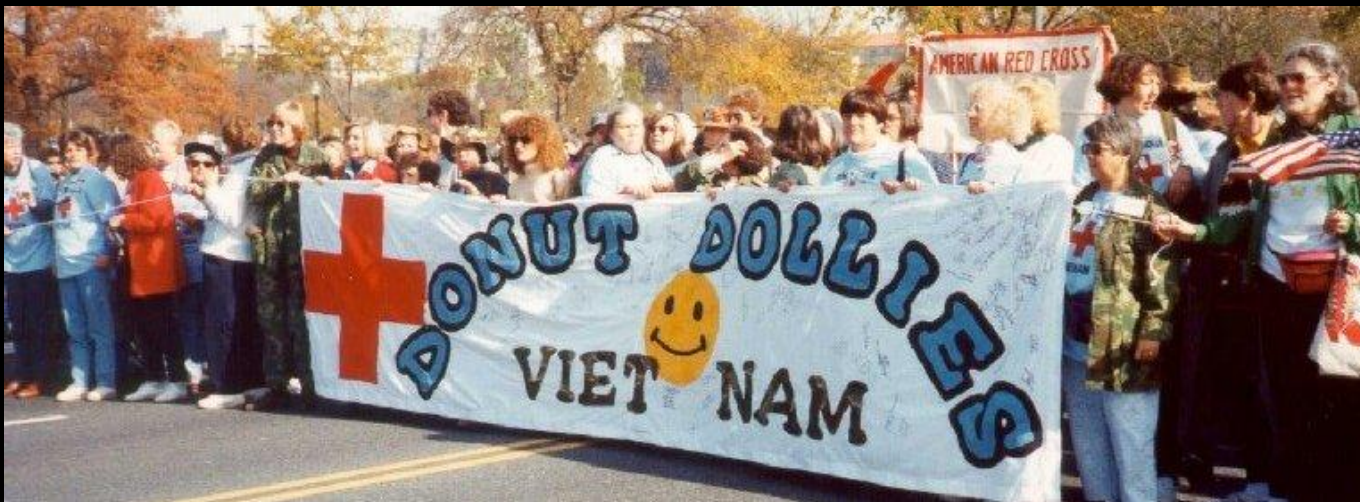
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# Vietnam War "Red Cross Girls" Donut Dollies



The first American Red Cross field director arrived in South Vietnam in February 1962. Red Cross assistance to the armed forces expanded rapidly as the number of American service personnel increased, especially after the introduction of combat troops in 1965. The number of Red Cross workers in Vietnam and support areas in Southeast Asia peaked at nearly 500 in the 1968-1969 period, at the same time that American troop strength was at its height. The American Red Cross moved its personnel out of Vietnam when the United States withdrew its fighting forces in March 1973. For a time afterwards, the Red Cross used Bangkok, Thailand, as the base for its reduced operations in the region. Throughout the time Red Cross workers were in Vietnam, they shared the hardships and dangers of war with the military personnel they were there to serve. Five American Red Cross staff members lost their lives in Vietnam and many others were injured.

During the eight years of American combat activity in the war (1965-1972), the Red Cross handled more than 2,168,000 emergency communications between servicemen and their families. Red Cross field directors and chapter staff at home assisted an average of 27,800 servicemen each month with personal and family problems. An average of over 280,000 servicemen a month participated in recreation activities at Red Cross centers and in SRAO programs in Vietnam and neighboring countries.

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