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Vietnam War Author Talk at Library

Plainville resident and Vietnam war veteran, John Puzzo will give a talk and power point presentation at the Plainville Public Library on Wednesday, October 7 at 7:00 p.m. about his two new books, "K/75th Rangers, 'The Highlanders' In the Vietnam War" and "Hollywood and Vietnam". The books were published 2 months ago and will be available for purchase after the presentation.

"K/75th Rangers" is a regimental and personal history of the unit in the Vietnam War. Puzzo was a member of the K/75th Rangers. Their mission and his was to be the long range eyes and ears of battlefield intelligence at the division level and to take the war directly to the North Vietnamese Army. The regiment was the scouting unit for every major action of the 4th Infantry Division in the Highlands of South Viet Nam, including the deep penetration into Cambodia in 1970.

Puzzo wrote the book to tell about the missions of the Highland Rangers in his own fashion. His work is different than other regimental histories in that he includes the historical origins of the Ho Chi Minh trail and the larger wartime environment of the American anti-war movement, which was an integral part of the 'United Front' established by Ho Chi Minh.

"Hollywood and Vietnam" looks at the way movies of the time treated the Vietnam War and soldier. "The impact Hollywood has had on shaping American opinion of the Vietnam War and the veteran cannot be downplayed. It is significant, corrosive, beyond truth, shameful, insulting, and not accidental," said Puzzo. "It contributed, more than any other medium to the cultural memory of the war – a contradiction in stereotypes."

Puzzo is a graduate of the University of Connecticut. He has also studied at Yale, the Sorbonne and the University of the Americas. Puzzo was a security Specialist and Counter Terrorism Operative with the Department of Defense in Iraq. He is currently a financial consultant with offices in Connecticut and Florida.

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