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The Vietnam War still affects the United States in countless ways, and not only for those who lived through that era. First and foremost, it changed forever the lives of the men and women who served there. But it also had lasting effects on the political and cultural life of the nation, and politicians still speak of not wanting newer wars to turn into the “next Vietnam.”

Join in a variety of programs and events designed to enhance the reading of O’Brien’s fiction. Take advantage of the opportunities to discuss the book and to learn more about that time in American history and the culture of Vietnam itself. We hope to see you!

Tuesday, Oct. 5
Panel discussion: “Coming Home”
WCSCU, Midtown campus, Alumni Hall, 7 p.m.
A panel discussion featuring veterans from various wars. Individuals will share their experiences of transitioning from conflict settings to domestic settings, and how, in some cases, they engaged in this transition more than once.

Wednesday, Oct. 13
Vietnamese-Bombed Lunch
WCSCU, Midtown campus, Student Center Cafeteria, noon
Grab your chopsticks and enjoy an authentic Vietnamese lunch. On the menu is Pho, the national soup of Vietnam. Add some traditional garnishes, such as basil, lime, bean sprouts or onions, and become a Phanatic—one who loves to eat Pho. Lunch includes a selection of Vietnamese soups, salads, ices and desserts. Free for WCSCU students on the meal plan. $6.95 for all guests. Serving from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 7
Film Screening: “Platoon”
WCSCU, Midtown campus, Marion O’Brien Theater, 7 p.m.
Directorial sensation Oliver Stone beyond his harrowing Vietnam epics on his own experiences there. Charlie Sheen’s Chris Taylor, who arrives in Vietnam in 1967 after dropping out of college to volunteer. His psychological and moral progress are influenced by two of his compañeros, Barnes (Tom Berenger) and Fossie (Skeet Ulrich), who are, respectively, a ruthless, animal-like soldier and a “water-walker” who believes that things have gone too far after a pretty young local attack on a village where Vietcong have been sighted.

Saturday, Oct. 23
Film Screening: “A Soldier’s Sweetheart”
Bethel Cinema, Greenwood Ave., Bethel, 10 a.m.
Thomas Michael Donnelly directed this Vietnam drama, adapted from Tim O’Brien’s short story, “Sweetheart of the Song Tra Bong,” about a nurse and a soldier who are看他

Tuesday, Nov. 11
Community Veteran’s Day Event: A Celebration of Veteran’s Day
WCSCU, Midtown campus, Ives Concert Hall, noon
Join a community celebration honoring our veterans with patriotic music performed by WCSCU students, remarks commemorating Veteran’s Day and a wreath laying ceremony.

WCSU will offer CEU credit for this program. Pre-registration is required to earn CEUs. For information, call (203) 837-8486.