

# Mervyn Roberts

Mervyn Roberts completed his PhD in 2016 under the guidance of Dr. Robert Citino, focusing his research on Psychological Operations during the Vietnam War. In 2018 the University Press of Kansas published his dissertation as *The Psychological War for Vietnam, 1960-1968*, which has been well reviewed. This book examines the efforts of the North Vietnamese, South Vietnamese and United States' forces psychological operations during the period covered. Dr. Roberts currently teaches History at Central Texas College in Killeen. Additionally, he teaches classes on Russian Propaganda at the Joint Special Operations University in Tampa, FL. His dissertation included work using Geographic Information's System (GIS) software to analyze intelligence data from the Vietnam War. He recently joined with a team at the University of New South Wales, Australia to collaborate this analysis and other data, and to create a website to make the data universally accessible.



Dr. Roberts began studies at UNT in 2004 between deployments to Afghanistan, where he operated in Helmand province and Eastern Afghanistan as PSYOP Team leader assigned to the Combined-Joint Special Operation Task Force. He has published widely on the topic of Special Warfare and also published *Villages of the Moon: PSYOP in Southern Afghanistan*, based on a journal he kept in 2002/03. Recent publications include a book chapter: "The Demise of PSYWAR Against North Vietnam" in *Indochina in the Year of the Pig*, and "Operation COUNTENANCE: The 1941 Invasion of Iran and the Clash of Propaganda Narratives" in the March 2019 issue of *Iranian Studies*. Dr. Roberts holds a BA in History from the University of Hawaii. He also is a graduate of the Special Operations Language Course in Farsi and was one of the older fellows to make it through Airborne School.

