



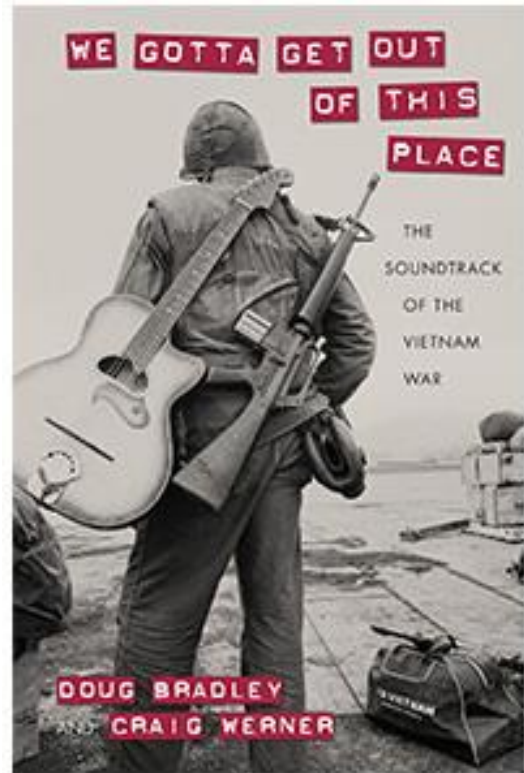
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## The Vietnam War: Songs of the Soldiers

a talk by

**Michael Zager**

**Wednesday, September 15, 2021  
7:00 – 8:30 p.m. on zoom**



Listening to music during the Vietnam War was an "informal" application of music therapy for the American troops. Songs reminded soldiers of home, loved ones, and "We Gotta Get Out of This Place" (a hit by The Animals). One soldier stated, "Music was our way of combating loneliness." 50 percent of the soldiers between the ages of seventeen and twenty listened to the Armed Forces Vietnam Network (AFVN) radio more than five hours a day.

The talk will consist of listening to recordings of the hits during the '60s and '70s that were listened to by the troops, including protest songs. A video accompanies each song. Topics addressed in the talk will include: why the U.S. entered the war, the racial divide (Soul Music and Rock 'n Roll), armed forces censorship of music, recruiting South Vietnamese soldiers by using music, the importance of the Woodstock Music Festival, the Vietnam draft, North Vietnamese propaganda (Hanoi Hannah) and antiwar protests.

Michael Zager holds the positions of the Dorothy F. Schmidt Eminent Scholar in Performing Arts, Professor of Music, and Director of the Commercial Music Program at Florida Atlantic University. He has produced, composed, and/or arranged original music in a wide range of musical idioms including albums, commercials, television, and source and theme music for major motion pictures and is the recipient of 3 Fulbright grants and 7 Visiting Professor grants in Thailand. Michael's first presentation to LLL on "The Jazz King" was given rave reviews.

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