



40 YEARS OF MEMORIES

FIRST AQUARIUS CLASS



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Introduction

Before 1975 the Republic of Vietnam Naval Candidate School (or in short The Naval Academy) was a part of the Naval Training Center at Nha Trang, a beautiful Coastal city about 200 miles north of Saigon.

Totally 26 classes of naval officers were trained there, and the 11th Class was named as the Aquarius Class because Aquarius is the 11th group of stars on the Zodiac. The name of our 11th class in Vietnamese is “Bảo Bình”, meaning a Precious Vase, and as a custom we friendly address a classmate as a “Bình”, for example “Bình San” means “Vũ Hữu San”.

This document is about our lives since the time when we entered the Academy in 1961 until 2001, 40 years of memories. The class history and activities, our classmates’ biographies and especially their writing are all in this document. We hope that the information can be passed to the next generation and to whoever would like to understand an aspect of the Vietnam War and its aftermath of that difficult time.

We have been doing our best to translate the document from Vietnamese to English, but we know that the English version might contain some errors, and the sentiment of the articles might not be carried over because the difference in the languages. We thank you, all readers, for your feedback, and we try to correct the errors as soon as we can.



