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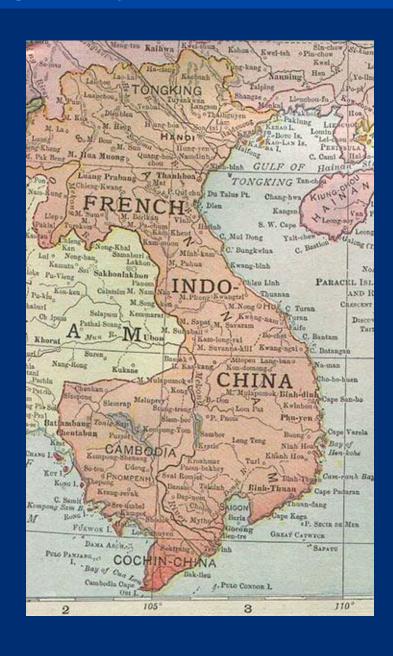
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#### Indochina 1892 - 1936

1892



Possessions Cambodian Peninsula (Vietnam, Laos & Cambodia)

1927



Founding of Saigon 1696

1936



Emperor Bao-Dai. Head of state 1954 deposed

1936



King Monivong - Cambodia

# Indochina 1937 -

1937



Gov. Gen. Doumer. Indochina 1897 - 1902

1939



New York World's Fair

1943



Alexander Yersin (Bubonic plague)

#### Viet Minh 1945

1945



Bao Dai Defaced (Ok Japan)

1945



Marshall Petain (French head of state – 1940)

1945



De Lagree (Head Mekong Expedition – 1866)

1946



Empress Phuong – Married to King Annam 1934

#### Viet Minh 1946

1946



**National Defense** 

1946



de Behaine - Missionary (1741 – 1799)

1946





Ho Chi Min – President NVN

# National Liberation Front 1963 (Vietnamese communist)

1963



Shooting down US helicopter

1963



Attacking strategic village

1965



Bien Hoa Airfield

1967



VC on US tank

#### **National Liberation Front 1968**

1968



Guerrilla – Struggle for freedom

1968



Bazooka attack

1970



10th anniversary NLF

1971



Defending a village

1951



Emperor Bao - Dai

1955



Refugees raft

1957



Constitution 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary

1959



Agrarian Reform

1959



Map of North and South Vietnam

1959



**Boy Scouts Jamboree** 

1960



Refugee family

1960



5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Republic

1961



President Diem (1st President SVN)

1962



Strategic village defense

1963



Common defense

1964



10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Div. North and South Vietnam

1966



Refugees

1967



National Day elections

1968



**SEATO UN Allies** 

1969



Pacification Campaign

1970



Tet offensive aid

1971



Armed Forces Day

1972



Wounded Soldier

1973



Quang Tri victory

1973



Pres. Thieu - Agrarian Reform

1974



**SEATO 7 Nations** 

1974



Tourism

1969



M-3 battle and refugees

# **South Vietnam unissued**

1967



**Buddist Youth Movement** 

1967



1967



Preparation for invasion of North Vietnam

1961



Ho Chi Minh

1954



Malenkov/Ho/Mao

1954



Dien Bien Phu

1956



Mac Thi Buoi (Guerrilla leader)

1958



Resistance movement in SVN

1959



Phu Loi massacre

1960



Vladimir Lenin

1961



Yuri Gagarin

1961



15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary National resistance

1962



War for reunification

1973



Female guerrilla – National defense

1973



**Fidel Castro** 

1965



NLF 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in SVN

1966



Female guerrilla and POW

1967



Captured US pilots

1968



Cuban guerrillas

# North Vietnam 65-72 shootdown







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1969



Guerrilla scenes

1969



Guerrilla scenes

1970



Viet Cong flag

1970



Indo Chinese People's Summit

1973



Democratic People's Republic of Korea

1974



Solidarity with Chilean Pres. Salvador Allende

1975



People's Republic of Poland

1976



Ho Chi Minh - Unification of Vietnam

#### Vietnam 1976 unified

1976



Liberating Saigon

1979



VN Peoples' Army

1980



50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Communist Party

1984



VN – Laos – Cambodia Friendship

# **Southeast Asia 1967**

