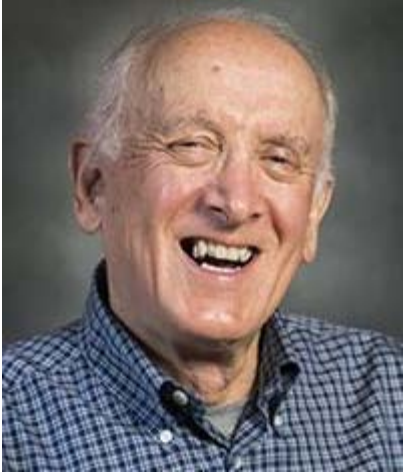


Alfred University professor to give talk marking 50th anniversary of Tet Offensive

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Gary Ostrower

ALFRED, NY – At the Feb. 1 Bergren Forum, Gary Ostrower, professor of history at Alfred University, will give a talk titled “The Vietnam War: As seen by four GIs who were there.”

Ostrower will lead a discussion about the Vietnam War on the 50th anniversary of the Tet Offensive. One of the largest military campaigns of the war, the Tet Offensive was launched on Jan. 30, 1968, by forces of the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese People Army against 13 cities in Central South Vietnam. The surprise attacks occurred on the Tet holiday, which celebrated the Vietnamese New Year.

Four Vietnam War veterans will also participate in the discussion, commenting on their experiences during the war. They are: George Harris II (U.S. Marines); Scott Spillane and Art Couchman (U.S. Army); and Frank Duserick (U.S. Navy). Duserick is a retired professor of business at Alfred University who earned his bachelor’s degree at the U.S. Naval Academy.

The Bergren Forum, sponsored by the Division of Human Studies, is held at 12:10 p.m. each Thursday the University is in session in Nevins Theater, Powell Campus Center. It is open to the public, free of charge. Attendees may bring their lunches; coffee and tea are provided.