An invitation to a public seminar hosted by the

Australian Centre for the Study of Armed Conflict and Society &

the Sea Power Centre - Australia

Tuesday 24 March 2015 - UNSW Canberra (ADFA) Lecture Theatre North

**“Was the Navy Ready for Vietnam? Lessons and Legacies 50 Years On”**

**Registration by 18 March is essential.**

**Register your attendance with Mrs Shirley Ramsay (s.ramsay@adfa.edu.au).**

1300 Welcome Professor Tom Frame

1305 Introduction Captain Michael McArthur RAN

1310 “Operation *Trimdon* or how not to conduct joint operations”

Professor Jeffrey Grey

1335 “The Navy in 1965: Force Structure, Manpower Plans and Overseas Deployments”

Commodore Jack McCaffrie RAN Rtd

1400 "From Bradley’s Head to Cap St Jacques: HMAS *Sydney*’s Passage from Carrier to Transport"

Commander Alastair Cooper RAN

1425 “The Adams Class DDGs: Ships Looking for a War?”

Vice Admiral David Shackleton AO RAN Rtd

1450 Refreshments and Demonstration of 1ATF Vietnam Database and Website

1515 “Vietnam and the Evolution of the Clearance Diving Branch”

Commodore Hector Donohue AM RAN Rtd

1540 "Naval Training Challenges in 1965 "

Rear Admiral Brian Adams AO RAN Rtd

1605 “HMAS *Voyager* and Vietnam: A Necessary Distraction?”

Tom Frame

1630 “HMAS *Sydney* III and the LPD Project”

Captain Stephen Hughes RAN

1655 Closing remarks

The seminar proceedings will be edited, published and launched in October 2015.

Please register by 18 March: RSVP to Mrs Shirley Ramsay – s.ramsay@adfa.edu.au

**Presenters**

**Rear Admiral Brian Adams AO RAN Rtd**

Brian Adams served in the Australian Navy from 1968 to 2005. Afterwards, he has been the Service Member of the Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal, a consultant on government and defence matters and an employee of Saab Technologies. He is currently a non-executive director of Saab Technologies Australia Pty Ltd and a University of Wollongong professorial fellow.

**Commander Alastair Cooper RAN**

Alastair Cooper joined the Royal Australian Navy in 1988 and served as a seaman officer before transferring to the Reserves in 2000. He subsequently worked in private sector telecommunications and the public service, and is currently on leave from the Attorney-General’s Department serving in uniform as the Chief of Navy’s Research Officer. He graduated from UNSW/ADFA in 1991 with an honours degree in history.

**Commodore Hector Donohue AM RAN Rtd**

Hector Donohue joined the Navy in 1955 and subsequently sub-specialised as a Clearance Diver and Torpedo Anti-Submarine Officer. During his career, he commanded two major fleet units, HMAS *Yarra* and HMAS *Darwin,* and had wide experience in the policy and force development areas within Defence. In 1969 he went to Vietnam to advise the US Navy on measures to counter the swimmer saboteur threat. After leaving the navy he had a successful career in defence-related industry. He holds a BA from University of Canberra and a MA (Hons Class 1) from UNSW. He is currently co-authoring a book on the history of RAN Diving.

**Professor Tom Frame**

A Junior Entry graduate of the RAN College Jervis Bay and the University of NSW, Tom Frame served in the Navy for fifteen years. He has been the Director of ACSACS since July 2014 and has written on many aspects of Australian naval history.

**Professor Jeffrey Grey**

Jeffrey Grey is professor of history at UNSW Canberra. The author or editor of many books on Australian, Commonwealth and international military history, he is editor of the journal *War & Society* and managing editor of the *Australian Army Journal*.

**Captain Stephen Hughes**

Captain Hughes joined the Navy in 1986 and graduated from UNSW Canberra with a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering. He was Executive Officer of HMAS *Newcastle* and deployed to the Northern Arabian Gulf in support of the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Iraq under OP CATALYST in 2003. He commanded HMAS *Melbourne* in 2006. He has a Master of Arts in Strategic Studies from Deakin University and a Master of Business Studies in Project Management from the UNSW. Captain Hughes assumed his current posting as Director Joint Amphibious Capability Implementation Team within Navy Strategic Command in January 2013. He has been selected for promotion to Commodore in December 2015 when he will assume the duties of Director General Maritime Development within Capability Development Group.

**Captain Michael McArthur RAN**

Captain McArthur joined the RAN in 1980, qualified as a Principal Warfare Officer in 1989, and has served in numerous ships and sea-going appointments including HMAS *Sydney* during Gulf War I (1991), HMAS *Darwin,* East Timor – in 1999 and as part of deployed CTG to the Arabian Gulf in 2002-3. Captain McArthur holds a Master of Arts degree from the Department of War Studies, Kings College, London University.

**Commodore Jack McCafferie RAN Rtd**

Jack McCaffrie is a Visiting Fellow at the Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources and Security at Wollongong University. His current work includes a history of the Pacific Patrol Boat Program and a study of the RAN’s development from 1955 to 1983.

**Vice Admiral David Shackleton AO RAN Rtd**

David Shackleton joined the RAN in 1966 as a seaman officer, subsequently qualifying as a Principal Warfare Officer and undergoing exchange service with the RN.  He had Vietnam service in *Perth* in 1968, commanded *Derwent* and served in DDGs on four further occasions; including command of *Brisbane*.  He commanded the RAN from 1999 to 2002 and instituted considerable change across the navy.