Col. Gregory Daddis on NO SURE VICTORY: ASSESSING PROGRESS IN THE VIETNAM WAR

How does an army know if it is winning or losing in an unconventional war? When conventional metrics no longer matter, how does an army measure its progress and military effectiveness? Daddis explores how the U.S. Army attempted to answer such questions during the Vietnam War, a multifaceted conflict in which indicators such as "body counts" offered only a small glimpse into the complex problem of wartime assessments. Daddis is a colonel in the U.S. Army and an Academy Professor in the Department of History at the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York. A West Point graduate, he served in numerous army command and staff positions in the United States and overseas, and is a veteran of both Operations Desert Storm and Iraqi Freedom. During his most recent deployment, Daddis served as the command historian for the Multi-National Corps-Iraq in Baghdad. He earned an MA in history from Villanova University and holds a PhD from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is author of Fighting in the Great Crusade: An 8th Infantry Artillery Officer in World War II (LSU Press, 2002) and No Sure Victory: Measuring U.S. Army Effectiveness and Progress in the Vietnam War (Oxford University Press, 2011).

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