



Staten Island OutLOUD hosts The Big Read -
Tim O'Brien's powerful stories:
The Things They Carried -
for the National Endowment for the Arts!
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Soldiers in a quiet moment. Vietnam, 1968. *Used with permission of the National Archives.*
 Staten Island OutLOUD & The Big Read -
 The National Endowment for the Arts -present:

THE THINGS THEY CARRIED

A series of community events honoring veterans' sacrifice and service.
 Featuring *The Things They Carried*, Tim O'Brien's stories of the Vietnam experience.
 Remembering veterans of all service branches and all conflict areas.
 O'Brien's stories resonate with people of all ages and backgrounds.
 Young vets returning from Iraq & Afghanistan have said it tells their story, too.

NOVEMBER EVENTS

Sat, Nov 3, 1-3pm Thank A Veteran

Richmondtown Library, 200 Clarke Ave, SINY 10314
 Meet & greet Island vets, hear their stories. Featuring vets' oral histories developed by St Adalbert students, readings from *The Things They Carried*, memoirs of other eras, and music. Veterans are our honored guests. Great for all ages.

Sun, Nov 4, 2-4pm Learning from Vietnam

Brighton Heights Church Hall, 320 St Marks Place
 A veterans-civilian dialogue moderated by Wagner Prof George Rappaport, and featuring Rev George McClain, Rev. James Seawood, Staten Island vets Justice Michael Brennan and Gene DiGiacomo. We welcome neighbors to participate in a thoughtful conversation with our special guests.

Tues, Nov 6, 2-4pm Finding Courage

Conference House, 7455 Hylan Blvd, SINY 10307
 We'll explore *The Red Badge of Courage*, a classic story of a youth's personal discovery in war time. School holiday —
 Good for all ages.

Friday, Nov 9, 7:30pm Staten Island Heroes

St John's University, 300 Howard Ave SINY 10301 (In the Spellman Hall Black Box Theatre). Join Prof Ed Fiorelli as we explore poetry & prose, and remember the valor of Fr. Vincent Capodanno, Joseph Merrell, and Angel Mendez.

Sat, Nov 10, 10:30am About The Book

St George Library Center, 5 Central Ave, SINY 10301
 Join neighbors, read & talk about *The Things They Carried*.

Sat, Nov 10, 8pm Music of the Vietnam Era

4 Saint Pauls Café, 4 St Pauls Ave, SINY 10301
 With Joan & Gary Moore. Sing, read, share ideas.

Sun, Nov 11, 3pm Soul Soldiers

Historic Richmond Town, 441 Clarke Ave, SINY 10306
 Courageous African-Americans, Latinos, Native Americans, Asian-Americans in the US military. Good for all ages.

Tues, Nov 13, 2pm About the Book

Great Kills Library, 56 Giffords Lane, SINY 10308
 Join neighbors, read & talk about *The Things They Carried*.

Fri, Nov 16, 2:30pm About the Book

New Dorp Library, 309 New Dorp Lane, SINY 10306
 Join neighbors, read & talk about *The Things They Carried*.

Sat, Nov 17, 3pm Honoring Service & Sacrifice

CSI Center for Arts, 2800 Victory Blvd, Building 1P
 A community conference on vets' issues, on the literature of Vietnam and its implications today. Details on our website.
 FREE! All ages welcome, but best for ages 12 and up.

Sun, Nov 18, 3 pm What's A Woman Doing Here?

Alice Austen House Museum, 2 Hylan Blvd, SINY 10305
 Courageous combat photographer Dickey Chapelle marched with the Marines. She was the first woman to die in action in Vietnam. Best for ages 12 & older.

Sat Nov 24, 6:30 pm Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan in Graphic Books *Comic Book Jones, 2220 Forest Ave, SINY 10303.* Graphic books on Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan. Have a snack & share your ideas. Best for ages 16 & older.

Sun, Nov 25, 3pm Vietnamese Poetry
Tibetan Museum, 338 Lighthouse Rd, SINY 10306
 Classical & modern Vietnamese poetry. Good for all ages.

Wed, Nov 28, 5:30pm We Were Soldiers
West Brighton Library, 976 Castleton Ave, SINY 10310
 Free film screening on the start of American involvement in the Vietnam War. Rated R (12 & older, parental advisement)

Fri, Nov 30, 7:30pm Mary Anne Came to 'Nam
ETG Book Café, 208 Bay St, SINY 10301
 Free film screening based on a story in *The Things They Carried*. What happens when a young soldier flies his Ohio girlfriend to the jungles of Vietnam? Ages 16 & older.

DECEMBER EVENTS

Sat, Dec 1, 2m Children & Peace After War
SI History Center, 1000 Richmond Terrace, Building H
 Children are among the most vulnerable in wartime. We'll share stories of peace, healing and reconciliation.

Sun, Dec 2, 3pm Women In Service
Noble Maritime Collection, 1000 Richmond Terr, SINY 10301
 Special guest: Vietnam veteran Mary LaManna, others TBA.

Fri, Dec 7, 7pm The Things They Carried: Its Meaning Today
Staten Island Academy, 715 Todt Hill Rd, SINY 10304
 SI Academy students co-host a conversation on the book and its meaning for those in Iraq & Afghanistan.

Sat, Dec 8, 2pm Vietnam in Image & Word
Unitarian Universalist Church, 312 Fillmore St, SINY 10301
 Creative Photographers Guild exhibit: Memories, Memoirs, and Memorials — Photographs reflecting on the Vietnam experience. Readings of letters home, poems, historic texts.

Sat, Dec 8, 8pm The Millennium So Far
60 Bay Street Gallery, 60 Bay St, SINY 10301
 An Island vet's personal story of service in Bosnia, written & performed by Ritty Mahoney. Hosted with Sundog Theatre.
 Best for ages 16 & older.

Sun, Dec 9, 3pm Remembering Their Sacrifice
Tompkinsville Park, Bay St & Victory Blvd, SINY 10301.
 A quiet candlelight gathering to read and remember the names of the 84 Islanders who died in action in Vietnam.

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"They carried all they could bear, and then some, including a silent awe for the terrible power of the things they carried."

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<http://culture.wnyc.org/articles/know-your-neighbor/2012/feb/13/nea-big-read-staten-island/>

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