



U.S. Navy in Asia 1842-1942

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Three Wednesdays 9:30am-12:30pm ~ October 7, 14, & 21

Valle Verde Social Room

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Our involvement in Asia began with the New England traders and the opening of western trade concessions. Our navy was needed in Asia to protect Americans and their business interests for 100 years, until we were driven out by the Japanese in 1942.

This is a most rich and interesting period of recent history featuring greed, corruption, world politics, exotic women, illicit drugs, changing alliances, heroes and deadly battles. so I hope that you enjoy this series.

Session 1: 1842 to 1898. This session includes the famous opium wars in which our navy supported the English, Commodore Perry's opening of Japan to western trade and ideas, the beginning of the free trade concessions in China, and our initiation of the river patrols in China to protect against pirates. The session ends with Commodore Dewey's capture of the Philippine islands.

Session 2: The period 1900 to 1938 covers our navy's involvement in the Boxer Rebellion and the results of our open-door policy toward China. Our navy was increasingly involved in combat with the warlords that were now governing China and Japan's invasion of Manchuria in 1931 and China proper in 1937. The session ends with the sinking by Japanese bombers of the U.S.S. Panay.

Session 3: 1938 to 1942. The final session addresses the beginning of our withdrawal from China and the complete domination by Japan of the foreign trade enclaves. On the eve of Pearl Harbor the last American marines and ships were pulled out of China and relocated in the Philippines. Our Asiatic fleet was then driven out of the Philippines and retreated to the Dutch East Indies where it was destroyed in final battles with the Japanese invasion fleets.



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VISTAS Fall 2009 Calendar

Seminar/Event	Dates	Time	Venue
SB History, Architecture & People	Thurs, Oct 22	9:30am-12:15pm	SB Courthouse Mural Rm
	Thurs, Oct 29	9:30am-12:30pm	Covarrubias Adobe
	Thurs, Nov 5	9:30am-12:30pm	TBD
The Bible: A New Approach	Mon, Nov 2, 9, 16	9:30-12:30pm	Valle Verde Social Room
Tragic Lives of Three Artists: Michelangelo, Caravaggio & Van Gogh	Tues, Nov 24, Dec 1, 8, 15	1:30pm-3:30pm	Valle Verde Auditorium



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