

Our Vietnam Regional Exchange opened the day after Christmas, 1965



AAFES' Vietnam Regional Exchange opened:

300 major retail outlets

1,800 concessions

180 food facilities, from cafeterias to snack wagons

The last associates were evacuated from Vietnam on **April 30, 1975**, just before the fall of Saigon.



November 1966. AAFES Chief Brig. Gen. Joseph Hardin tours Vietnam PXs.



4,000. Number of customers daily at Saigon's Cholon PX in the late 1960s.



80. Number of snack wagons that went to the troops, such as Soldiers relaxing at beach.



1968. A Soldier near Da Nang enjoys his purchases from a mobile food truck.



1970. Grand opening of the Sky Soldiers PX. Now, Soldiers didn't have to travel 40 miles to shop.



2013. The Exchange becomes a partner in the Vietnam War's 50th anniversary celebration to honor Vietnam vets.



BET YOU DIDN'T KNOW . . .

Near Mineral Wells, Texas, Fort Wolters was home to 500 Vietnamese airmen and 1,500 American service members attending helicopter training during the Vietnam War. The post closed in 1975.

Curious about Exchange history? Contact Steve Smith, smithstev@aafes.com.