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Though many of the stories were very insightful and interesting one of the stories caught special attention. I was appalled by Lyndon Johnson's comment regarding Vietnam, "Vietnam was just a Raggedy-ass, little forth-rate country (Johnson). The comment struck a chord because we had our soldiers located in Vietnam risking their lives for what they believed in. The comment to me seemed insincere and insensitive. If he sincerely believed it was simply a "raggedy-ass" country then why were we there (Johnson). The comment could have been more tactfully said. His dissatisfaction in the country should have been kept to himself; his comment suggests the country is not of importance demeaning the importance of placing our troops there.

I was very pleased to read the story by John Singlaub who spoke of the treatment of captives. He explained how they were well treated, needs were attended to and develop their views on the idea of freedom and equal pay. I wish I could say that this was a common practice for all captives but the unfortunate reality is that it was not. The idea of caring for the needs of captives shows a rising care of those in need. In my opinion, more wars could be won if both sides worked together showing compassion and educating the other side in peaceful tactics. I am not certain what the success rate of such a practice was, but never the less it is a good start.

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