HIST 1302 Vietnam Essay Guidelines

Sources: Vietnam Interviews (Both are in PDF on Canvas):

1) Interview with Mavin Mathiak

2) Interview with Gonzalo Baltazar

Due 11:59pm, Friday, April 30, on Canvas

100 points

Write a 4-6 page, double-spaced essay in which you develop a theme that you find particularly interesting in both of

the above interviews. Any topic will work so long as Mathiak and Baltazar provide enough information for you to fully

flesh-out your essay. Treat these as primary sources (which they are), and use the information provided by each

Vietnam veteran as a basis to back-up your argument-driven essay.

- A good essay should:

o Consist of 4-6 pages well thought-out, flawless, double-spaced pages.

Garamond 12 font.

1 inch margins.

o Develop an argument and angle that you find especially compelling.

E.g. Soldier’s experience, death, environment, etc.

o Exhibit a high degree of analysis—not merely a re-telling the story.

o Not involve the use of any other source.

The use of any outside source other than those provided will result in an automatic failure.

o NOT be a “book report.” This is a primary source-based essay. Think of it as a mini-research paper in which you

use only two sources.

o Not be plagiarized—this will result in automatic failure of the class, as per the syllabus.

o Be turned-in on time. No late papers will be accepted.

- Direct quotes should be cited like this:

o “When they brought food and water they’d bring mail” (Mathiak, 30).

o Detailed information from the interviews that is paraphrased or summarized should still be cited with a page

number or range of page numbers, e.g. (pp. 28-