

Dr. Thaddeus Radzilowski Keynotes State Convention of Vietnam Veterans of America

Dr. Thaddeus Radzilowski president of the PIAST Institute, delivered the keynote address to the annual convention of the Michigan branch of the Vietnam Veterans of America in Marquette, Michigan. Dr. Radzilowski who is a Vietnam veteran as well as a historian who has written on Vietnam and on Soviet policy in Southeast Asia, titled his address: "The Final Thaw of the Cold War: A look at the Vietnam War from the perspective of the twenty-first century."

Dr. Radzilowski analyzed the Vietnam War through the prism of the history of Asia since

1975, the end of Communism in Europe and America's Middle East experience. In the course of his talk, Dr. Radzilowski noted several points by which Polish history in the post-war period touched Vietnam, including its membership as the Communist representative on the International Control Commission for Vietnam and the impact of the Tet offensive on Colonel Richard Kukliński's decision to enlist NATO in his struggle against Communism.

The address received a standing ovation from the assembly. The National Vietnam Veterans Association has asked to publish the address.