

Jane Fonda Speaks out

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'I made a huge, huge mistake that will haunt me to my grave': 'Hanoi' Jane Fonda speaks out as Vietnam vets protest her Maryland event 43 years later.

- In 1972 Jane Fonda made comments against soldiers fighting in Vietnam
- Vietnam war vets protested against her saying they would 'never forget'
- One said that he blamed Fonda for the loss of hundreds of U.S. lives



Jane Fonda has apologised for making a 'huge mistake' that led people to believe she was against soldiers fighting in Vietnam, after being confronted by 50 military veterans at an event in Maryland.

The 77-year-old was at a speaking engagement at the Weinberg Center for the Arts in Frederick when she was confronted by the army veterans and their supporters.

Fonda became infamous for travelling to North Vietnam in 1972 where she was pictured sitting on a North Vietnamese anti-aircraft battery wearing a helmet and posing with a gun. The picture, and statements she made criticizing attacks on the dike system along the Red River, were taken to be an insult to American troops and led to Fonda being known as 'Hanoi' Jane.

The [Frederick News-Post](#) reports that many of the protesters at the event served in Vietnam and carried signs that read: 'Forgive? Maybe. Forget? Never.'

Fonda told the audience that she made a 'huge mistake' that led many to think she was against soldiers fighting in Vietnam. She said: *'It hurts me and it will to my grave that I made a huge, huge mistake that made a lot of people think I was against the soldiers.'* But referring to the protesters, she said her celebrity status made her a 'lightening rod'. She said: *'This famous person goes and does something that looks like I'm against the troops, which wasn't true, but it looked that way, and I'm a convenient target. So I understand.'*

Bob Hartman, an Army veteran who served in Vietnam in 1967 and 1968, told the newspaper that he blamed Fonda for breaking off negotiations among the countries and held her responsible for thousands of American lives.