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## 'Born on Fourth of July' Speaker Replaced for Vietnam Reunion

Walter Capps, who has taught a course on the Vietnam War at the University of California-Santa Barbara, has replaced Ron Kovic as the keynote speaker at next weekend's Vietnam Veterans Reunion in Omaha.

Kovic, whose story was portrayed in the book and film, "Born on the Fourth of July," initially accepted an invitation to speak at the reunion. He has canceled because of a conflict, a spokesman for the reunion said.

Along with featured sessions on Agent Orange and prisoner of war-missing in action questions, Capps said he would speak on "the positive role models of Vietnam veterans."

Capps teaches the Vietnam course for which Sen. Bob Kerrey, D-Neb., has been a guest speaker for several years. Kerrey is co-chairman of this year's reunion.

More than 1,000 students take Capps' course each year. The course is broadcast on cable television to an estimated 7,000 others in the Santa Barbara area.

Col. Mike Peck, a leading specialist on POWs and MIAs from the Vietnam War, will appear at a 6 p.m. Friday ceremony at Memorial Park and at

10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Holiday Inn Central, 72nd and Grover Streets.

The controversy over Agent Orange and whether the defoliant used in the war causes cancer and other medical problems will be a topic during seminars Thursday and Friday.

The reunion runs through Aug. 12. Most activities are scheduled at the Holiday Inn Central.