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WTIC-TV and Radio will send a reporter-photographer team to Vietnam next month to cover the role being played by Connecticut and western Massachusetts residents in the war there.

Paul W. Morency, president of Broadcast-Plaza, Inc., announced this morning that reporter Paul Kuntz and photographer Robert Dwyer will go to Vietnam in mid-October.

"Kuntz and Dwyer are veteran newsmen with the added advantage of strong military backgrounds," said Morency. "They have enthusiastically volunteered to spend at least a month in Vietnam, covering the part being played by Connecticut and western Massachusetts men in the armed forces as well as the many men and women from this area who are making profound contributions through service in the Peace Corps or as civilian government workers, doctors or missionaries."

Morency said Dwyer would use color film as frequently as possible to provide "not only spot news coverage but what we hope will be an historic documentary."

The newsman and photographer will fly to Vietnam on or about Oct. 15. They will be quartered in Saigon, but spend most of their time in the field, covering the Marines in the area of Da Nang, the First Cavalry Division in the Highlands and the 101st Airborne Division from whatever position they will occupy in the field.

Kuntz, 35, is the assignment editor of WTIC-TV News. A member of the news staff since 1954, he joined WTIC after receiving BS and MS degrees in journalism from the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University.

Kuntz is a major in the Marine Corps Reserve and a former commanding officer of the Hartford Marine Corps Reserve Unit. He served on active duty in the Marine Corps during the Korean War.

He and his wife Marie live at 90 Andover Rd., Windsor Locks with their five daughters.

Dwyer, 40, served in the U.S. Army for more than 15 years and was a combat photographer in Europe in World War II.

A native of Providence, he entered the Army shortly before Pearl Harbor and served as an Army Air Corps aerial gunner before being transferred to the Signal Corps. He filmed the American campaign in France and Germany. Called back into the Army during the Korean War, Dwyer was again sent to Europe, where he filmed the East German uprising in 1953.

Dwyer joined the WTIC-TV staff in 1958. In 1961, he was named the National Press Photographers Assn. "news cameraman of the year" for the New England region for his coverage of the Hartford Hospital fire. He is currently vice president of the Connecticut News Photographers Assn.

Dwyer, his wife, Arlene, and their son live at 237 Woodycrest Dr., East Hartford.