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called everything a war memoir could possibly be by the new york times this all time classic of the military memoir genre now includes a new forward from bestselling author and retired navy seal jocko willink whether he was fifteen years old or forty david hackworth devoted his life to the us army and quickly became a living legend however he appeared on tv in 1971 to decry the doomed war effort in vietnam from korea to berlin and the cuban missile crisis to vietnam hackworth s story is that of an exemplary patriot played against the backdrop of the changing fortunes of america and the us military this memoir is the stunning indictment of the pentagon s fundamental misunderstanding of the vietnam conflict and of the bureaucracy of self interest that fueled the war with about face hackworth has written what many vietnam veterans have called the most important book of their generation and presents a vivid and powerful portrait of patriotism odyssey of an infantryman condensed from colonel david h hackworth s blockbuster new york times bestseller about face brave men is an explosive battlefield chronicle from one of america s most decorated soldiers vividly recalling his experiences as an infantry leader hackworth takes you to the steep razor backed hills and bone chilling cold of korea to the steamy guerrilla infested jungles of vietnam to the real wars fought in the chaos of close combat here is hackworth himself jumping onto tanks to fire 50 caliber guns charging through the smoke of frag grenades to land in front of the enemy taking prisoners at bayonet point with an empty rifle revealing the brutal emotions of battle and witnessing heroism of the highest order here is the hard fought hard won legacy of one man who in 25 years amassed more than 110 medals brave men stands as one of the most extraordinary military memoirs of our time hackworth is honest extremely intelligent and perhaps the best military leader this country has had since patton philadelphian 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jahr fortgesetzt die rede ist vom vietnamkrieg der jahre 1965 bis 1975 der in der historischen rückschau wie ein schwellenkrieg zwischen dem 20 und 21 jahrhundert erscheint gestützt auf bisher unbekannte quellen aus amerikanischen archiven rekonstruiert bernd greiner die geschichte des längsten und gewalttätigsten krieges nach 1945 dabei wird deutlich warum ein krieg ohne fronten im desaster enden musste und weshalb dennoch zehn jahre vergingen ehe eine im grundsatz verfehlte politik korrigiert werden konnte und welche erbschaft aus dieser zeit bis heute nachwirkt hackworth is honest extremely intelligent and perhaps the best military leader this country has had since patton philadelphian inquirer how many years how many battlefields how many men have what it takes to pay the price of honor with a golden name and a platinum future u s army special forces captain sandy caine was born to be a soldier the latest in an eight generation line of caine men to serve duty honor country at west 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lessons to be learned or in the case of fratricide relearned perhaps no other aspect of our failures strike the military psyche harder than fratricide this study will suggest that we do not have to accept the fratricide statistics of the past however factual as inevitable of future u s conflicts it will propose that the facts of fratricide should be gathered not as a casualty prediction planning tool but as a focus to design training and operational procedures which in conjunction with advanced technology will work towards the significant reduction if not the elimination of fratricide from attack helicopter fires american patriots is one of the great untold stories in american history there have been books on individual black soldiers but this is the first to tell the full story of the black american military experience starting with the revolution and culminating with desert storm the best histories are about more than facts and events they capture the spirit that drives men to better their lives and to demand of themselves the highest form of sacrifice that spirit permeates gail buckley s dramatic deeply moving and inspiring book you ll meet the men who fought in the decisive engagements of the revolution the legendary buffalo soldiers and the heroic black regiments of the civil war you ll meet some of america s greatest patriots men who fought in the first and second world wars when their country denied them access to equipment and training segregated the ranks and did all it could to keep them off the battlefield you ll meet the heroes of korea vietnam and desert storm and you ll meet two families the lews and the pierces who have served in every american engagement since the revolution fdr used to say that americanism was a matter of the mind and heart not of race and ancestry with photographs throughout and dozens of original interviews with veterans american patriots is a tribute to the black american men and women who fought and gave their lives in the service of that ideal how have the u s army rangers acted as special operations forces in military operations since 1942 hogan s study examines the nature and purpose of the rangers over the past fifty years and shows how they have served as scouts raiders assault troops and elite infantry they have spearheaded amphibious landings raided enemy prison camps patrolled behind enemy lines in korea served alongside green berets in vietnam and carried out special missions in grenada professional officers military historians students and general readers will find this a fascinating history this analytical account opens with a short description of the origins of the ranger legend in america and then moves to a discussion of their use in world war ii as commandos in 1942 then as spearheaders in 1943 and 1944 as line infantry in europe and as special operations forces in the pacific this provocative assessment also traces the development of ranger raider units in korea the special training and use of green berets as rangers in vietnam and the shifting of ranger roles into more complex and varied types of operations in vietnam and grenada and in a world of increasing terrorism and changing combat situations illustrations maps and a lengthy bibliography add to the usefulness of the study more than two million americans have now served in afghanistan or iraq more than 5 000 americans have been killed and more than 35 000 have been grievously wounded the war in afghanistan has become america s longest war despite these facts most americans do not understand the background of or reasons for the united states involvement in these two wars utilizing an impressive array of primary and secondary sources author dan caldwell describes and makes sense of the relevant historical political cultural and ideological elements related to the wars in iraq and afghanistan perhaps most importantly he demonstrates how they are interrelated in a number of important ways beginning with a description of the history of the two conflicts within the context of u s policies toward afghanistan iraq and pakistan because american policy toward terrorism and afghanistan cannot be understood without some consideration of pakistan he outlines and analyzes the major issues of the two wars these include intelligence quality war plans postwar reconstruction inter agency policymaking u s relations with allies and the shift from a conventional to counterinsurgency strategy he concludes by capturing the lessons learned from these two conflicts and points to their application in future conflict vortex of conflict is the first accessible one volume resource for

anyone who wishes to understand why and how the u s became involved in these two wars and in the affairs of pakistan concurrently it will stand as the comprehensive reference work for general readers seeking a road map to the conflicts for students looking for analysis and elucidation of the relevant data and for veterans and their families seeking to better understand their own experience this is the first and only comprehensive history of all decorations and medals that may be awarded to men and women serving in the united states army and air force the background and design of each medal are examined as well as award criteria governing each decoration the book first looks at the army and air force medals of honor before continuing with other awards including the distinguished service cross distinguished service medal air force cross silver star legion of merit bronze star medal and purple heart the histories of more common medals like the air medal meritorious service medal army and air force commendation medals and army and air force achievement medals are also included photographs of each medal obverse and reverse accompany the text along with selected photographs of recipients and the citations for their awards

in 2014 the us marks the 50th anniversary of the gulf of tonkin resolution the basis for the johnson administration s escalation of american military involvement in southeast asia and war against north vietnam vietnam war slang outlines the context behind the slang used by members of the united states armed forces during the vietnam war troops facing and inflicting death display a high degree of linguistic creativity vietnam was the last american war fought by an army with conscripts and their involuntary participation in the war added a dimension to the language war has always been an incubator for slang it is brutal and brutality demands a vocabulary to describe what we don t encounter in peacetime civilian life furthermore such language serves to create an intense bond between comrades in the armed forces helping them to support the heavy burdens of war the troops in vietnam faced the usual demands of war as well as several that were unique to vietnam a murky political basis for the war widespread corruption in the ruling government untraditional guerilla warfare an unpredictable civilian population in vietnam and a growing lack of popular support for the war back in the us for all these reasons the language of those who fought in vietnam was a vivid reflection of life in wartime vietnam war slang lays out the definitive record of the lexicon of americans who fought in the vietnam war assuming no prior knowledge it presents around 2000 headwords with each entry divided into sections giving parts of speech definitions glosses the countries of origin dates of earliest known citations and citations it will be an essential resource for vietnam veterans and their families students and readers of history and anyone interested in the principles underpinning the development of slang

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Brave Men 1993

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Hazardous Duty 1996

a critique of american military leadership arguing that the pentagon s devotion to developing high tech weapons systems has left the troops ill prepared to fight the types of wars going on in places like bosnia and saudi arabia as evidenced by the fact that soldiers in the gulf war were wearing vietnam issue boots and carrying dangerously outmoded equipment

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Steel My Soldiers' Hearts 2003-05-06

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Reconciliation Road 2011-07-01

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The Vietnam Primer 2003

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Professional Journal of the United States Army 1989

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shortly before 8 am on 16 march 1968 c company 1st battalion 20th regiment 11th brigade americal division on a search and destroy mission in quang ngai province south vietnam entered the hamlet of my lai by noon more than 400 women children and old men had been systematically murdered to this day the my lai massacre has remained the most shocking episode of the vietnam war yet this infamous incident was not an exception or aberration based on extensive research and unprecedented access to us army archives and tracing the responsibility for these atrocities all the way up to the white house and the pentagon war without fronts reveals the true extent of war crimes committed by american troops in vietnam and how a war to win hearts and minds soon became a war against civilians

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es war ein krieg der mit einer lüge begann und mittels fortgesetzter lügen in die länge gezogen wurde er war weder aus der luft noch am boden zu gewinnen egal wie viele zusätzliche truppen ins feld geschickt wurden er war von kriegsgräueln und kriegsverbrechen von folter gefangenenmord und massakern gekennzeichnet ging mit einer faktischen aufhebung des internationalen kriegsrechts einher und wurde trotz des wissens um die unerreichbarkeit seiner ziele jahr um jahr fortgesetzt die rede ist vom vietnamkrieg der jahre 1965 bis 1975 der in der historischen rückschau wie ein schwellenkrieg zwischen dem 20 und 21 jahrhundert erscheint gestützt auf bisher unbekannte quellen aus amerikanischen archiven rekonstruiert bernd greiner die geschichte des längsten und gewalttätigsten krieges nach 1945 dabei wird deutlich warum ein krieg ohne fronten im desaster enden musste und weshalb dennoch zehn jahre vergingen ehe eine im grundsatz verfehlte politik korrigiert werden konnte und welche erbschaft aus dieser zeit bis heute nachwirkt

Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists 1989-10

hackworth is honest extremely intelligent and perhaps the best military leader this country has had since patton philadelphian inquirer how many years how many battlefields how many men have what it takes to pay the price of honor with a golden name and a platinum future u s army special forces captain sandy caine was born to be a soldier the latest in an eight generation line of caine men to serve duty honor country at west point sandy s character has been hammered out on an almost flawless anvil of military tradition but one bad apple did fall from the caine family tree when he cracked under fire in vietnam sandy s father alex dishonored the long gray line and sentenced his only child to a lifetime of brooding now pulling tours of duty in one global hot spot after another it occurs to sandy that he knows a dozen ways to kill a man for every way he knows of being one little does he know that the truth of what happened to his father in vietnam s central highlands has transformed into a thirty year legacy of deception perpetrated by washington s most powerful players and the only person with the skills to help sandy untangle the caine family secrets is abigail mancini an ambitious civilian reporter with the washington chronicle sandy and abbie know that combining special forces and the fourth estate is a recipe for disaster but living dangerously is its own reward in times of war the first casualty is the truth it s not long before sandy and abbie learn that digging it up decades later can get you killed

Military Intelligence 1988

in the aftermath of the euphoria brought on by our military victory in the persian gulf war is the realization that we still have much to learn the persian gulf war appears to have validated the quality of u s doctrine leadership and military prowess it showcased the technical superiority of our equipment and confirmed under fire the courage and competence of our soldiers sailors airmen and marines yet even in an overwhelming victory there are painfully hard lessons to be learned or in the case of fratricide relearned perhaps no other aspect of our failures strike the military psyche harder than fratricide this study will suggest that we do not have to accept the fratricide statistics of the past however factual as inevitable of future u s conflicts it will propose that the facts of fratricide should be gathered not as a casualty prediction planning tool but as a focus to design training and operational procedures which in conjunction with advanced technology will work towards the significant reduction if not the elimination of fratricide from attack helicopter fires

Dispatches from the Front 1998

american patriots is one of the great untold stories in american history there have been books on individual black soldiers but this is the first to tell the full story of the black american military experience starting with the revolution and culminating with desert storm the best histories are about more than facts and events they capture the spirit that drives men to better their lives and to demand of themselves the highest form of sacrifice that spirit permeates gail buckley s dramatic deeply moving and inspiring book you ll meet the men who fought in the decisive engagements of the revolution the legendary buffalo soldiers and the heroic black regiments of the civil war you ll meet some of america s greatest patriots men who fought in the first and second world wars when their country denied them access to equipment and training segregated the ranks and did all it could to keep them off the battlefield you ll meet the heroes of korea vietnam and desert storm and you ll meet two families the lews and the pierces who have served in every american engagement since the revolution fdr used to say that americanism was a matter of the mind and heart not of race and ancestry with photographs throughout and dozens of original interviews with veterans american patriots is a tribute to the black american men and women who fought and gave their lives in the service of that ideal

Infantry 1967

how have the u s army rangers acted as special operations forces in military operations since 1942 hogan s study examines the nature and purpose of the rangers over the past fifty years and shows how they have served as scouts raiders assault troops and elite infantry they have spearheaded amphibious landings raided enemy prison camps patrolled behind enemy lines in korea served alongside green berets in vietnam and carried out special missions in

dimension to the language war has always been an incubator for slang it is brutal and brutality demands a vocabulary to describe what we don't encounter in peacetime civilian life furthermore such language serves to create an intense bond between comrades in the armed forces helping them to support the heavy burdens of war the troops in vietnam faced the usual demands of war as well as several that were unique to vietnam a murky political basis for the war widespread corruption in the ruling government untraditional guerilla warfare an unpredictable civilian population in vietnam and a growing lack of popular support for the war back in the us for all these reasons the language of those who fought in vietnam was a vivid reflection of life in wartime vietnam war slang lays out the definitive record of the lexicon of americans who fought in the vietnam war assuming no prior knowledge it presents around 2000 headwords with each entry divided into sections giving parts of speech definitions glosses the countries of origin dates of earliest known citations and citations it will be an essential resource for vietnam veterans and their families students and readers of history and anyone interested in the principles underpinning the development of slang

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