

UNCLE SAM WANTS YOU!

To read a book, so check out these military novels

The Ghost Road by Pat Barker

[F/BAR]

Central to this novel are two men divided by class and experience but sharing a mutual respect and empathy. One is Lieutenant Billy Prior, cured of shell shock by famed psychologist Dr. William Rivers at Craig Lockhart War Hospital and determined to return to the front in France even as the war enters its final ferocious phase in the late summer of 1918. The other is Dr. Rivers himself, consumed by the medical challenge and moral dilemma of restoring men to health so that they can be sent back to the battlefields and almost certain death.

Regeneration by Pat Barker

[F/BAR]

This novel tells what happened as only a novel can. It is a war saga in which not a shot is fired. It is a story of a battle for a man's mind in which only the reader can decide who is the victor, who the vanquished and who the victim.

Cold is the Sea by Edward L. Beach

[F/BEA]

There are some who go down to the sea in ships and some who go under the sea. The causes of catastrophe can be subtle as well as manifold, but fortunately only a few fail to come back to port. To them and to the valiant memory, this story is dedicated.

Dust on the Sea by Edward L. Beach

[F/BEA]

A perilous undersea wolf pack patrol in the Yellow Sea, as the war in the Pacific winds toward its climax, forms the backdrop for this novel of submarines and the men who command them.

Run Silent, Run Deep by Edward L. Beach

[F/BEA]

This is an historical novel, although it was certainly not intended to be. Like the best of that genre, it presents the past more effectively than the best of history books. The book's authentic detail comes not only from the realm of historical fact, but it also comes from the author's knowledge of the complex mechanical, electric, hydraulic, pneumatic, electronic, optical and navigational systems that together were the World War II "fleet-type" U.S. submarine.

Eagle Station by Mark Berent

[F/BER]

The war brought them together. Brothers in combat who fought, flew and survived the Tet offensive of 1968, they were the bravest and the best in the worst of times. Now they face their greatest challenge. October 1968, Court Bannister and Wolf Lochert are sent to Eagle Station, a radar post in northern Laos that is under attack from a ruthless, unknown enemy. Manuel Dominguez defies Air Force rules by dropping from helicopters to save downed pilots.

Rolling Thunder by Mark Berent

[F/BER]

The time is late 1965 and 1966, the places, Beinh Hoa, Da Nang, and Tahkli. While back in Washington, LBJ sits over lunch and personally picks bombing targets in an attempt to fight a limited; in Vietnam the war knows no limits. There, as the hostilities escalate, the fates of three men intertwine.

Storm Flight by Mark Berent

[F/BER]

The daring raid on the Son Tay prisoner-of-war camp starts a chain reaction that forces each of Berent's men to examine his courage, strength and abilities in ways he'd never thought possible.

Air Battle Force by Dale Brown

[F/BRO]

On America's newest combat base, U.S. Air Force aerial warfare expert Major General Patrick McLanahan and his crew of daring engineers are devising the air combat unit of the future. Known as Air Battle Force, it can launch concentrated, stealthy, precision-guided firepower to any spot on the globe within hours. Soon McLanahan and his warriors will have their target.

Battle Born by Dale Brown

[F/BRO]

Patrick McLanahan, the veteran navigator-bombardier and brigadier general in the U.S. Air Force has been sent to a B-1B Lancer unit in Nevada to develop and train a tactical strike unit designed to seek out and destroy enemy missiles. The fragile peace in Asia is shattered when what was supposed to be a joint U.S.-Japan-South Korea mock bombing raid turns lethal. Instead of hewing to the script, South Korean fighter-bombers streak north to destroy several North Korean command-and-control, Special Forces and secret police centers in a support of a massive people's revolt against the Communist regime.

Chains of Command by Dale Brown

[F/BRO]

In this book the author delivers his most provocative and explosive novel to date: a gripping story about the future of the U.S. air Force and new political and military realities and a world still poised for war.

Fatal Terrain by Dale Brown

[F/BRO]

What will it take for the U.S. Air Force to enter the twenty-first century? It's about to find out but at a deadly price. In Asia, all hell is breaking loose. The People's Republic of China has struck Taiwan and when the United States comes to Taiwan's aid, it is dealt a stunning setback. China begins to scoop up its lost territory in Asia and sets into effect an audacious military and geopolitical plan aimed at immobilizing the United States so it cannot retaliate. But the United States still has one card to play. Want to read the book to find out what it is?

Hammerheads by Dale Brown

[F/BRO]

A U.S. Coast Guard Falcon reconnaissance jet tracks down an unidentified "smuggler's profile" air transport in the Miami sector. The suspected plane ignores all signals and rather than turn tail as they might have in the past, the dope open fire, splashing the Falcon and killing its crew. A Coast Guard cutter approaches a rusty Panamanian freighter in the Gulf of Mexico. As they prepare to board, crewmen open fire with bazookas, virtually obliterating the cutter's bridge and killing its men.

Night of the Hawk by Dale Brown

[F/BRO]

First Lieutenant David Luger sacrificed his life to save his fellow crewmembers and his body was left behind in the frozen wastes of Siberia. But, Luger didn't die - his captors nursed his battered body back to health and his mind was emptied, and then reprogrammed by a ruthless KGB officer. The United States discovers that Luger is alive and in the secret facility. Together with a U.S. Marines special operations assault team and the original crew of the Old Dog, an extraction mission is planned to get him out of the compound in Lithuania.

Shadows of Steel by Dale Brown

[F/BRO]

The world is a dangerous place. Hardly a revelation, but for the new president of the United States, nothing drives it home more forcefully than the sight of a newly nuclear Iran throwing its weight around the Persian Gulf, while the United States stands by uneasily, its military weakened by years of budget cuts and unpopular, inconclusive police actions.

Sky Masters by Dale Brown

[F/BRO]

When Lieutenant Colonel Patrick McLanahan is offered the chance to test-fly a new, high-tech B-2 bomber in strategic warfare training sorties, he jumps at the chance. The People's Republic of China has laid claim to a long-contested island group and decimated a Philippine oil platform. Tensions escalate and a volatile skirmish leads to the unthinkable ... China launches a tactical nuclear weapon against its enemy's forces.

Storming Heaven by Dale Brown

[F/BRO]

America is under siege. Henry Cazaux, one of the world's most feared and deadly terrorists, is conducting a campaign of vindication and revenge against the United States. Cazaux's first attack is on a small northern California airport, even as he is fleeing federal authorities that are hot on his trail. Cazaux heads directly for San Francisco International Airport, where he unleashes an entire cargo of high impact explosives. The story hurtles toward a breathtaking climax over the skies of Washington, D.C.

Aviators by W.E.B. Griffin

[F/GRI]

It is 1964, and the Vietnam War has begun to escalate, its new style of battle demanding new weapons and tactics and men who can use them. This novel is filled with crackling adventure and realism, rich characters, real heroes and that special flair for the military heart and mind that has made Griffin's novels so popular.

Battleground by W.E.B. Griffin

[F/GRI][CAS/F/GRI]

Daredevil pilot Charles Galloway takes command of a fighter squadron and finds his mettle severely tested...Lieutenant Joe Howard, scanning the skies as a member of the Coast Guard, sends the message of his life...Officer candidate Private John Marston Moore volunteers for a mission so secret he cannot be told where it is or what he'll be doing.

The Berets by W.E.B. Griffin

[F/GRI]

Craig Lowell's nephew has been accused of assaulting a sergeant and his only way out is to accept an assignment to a newly formed elite force within the Army, the Special Forces. Never before has the U.S. given so select a group of men so demanding and grueling a training regimen.

The Captains by W.E.B. Griffin

[F/GRI]

To anyone else, it may have been a "police action." To those who were there, it was a war. For some, it was a chance for more glory. For others, such as Captain Craig Lowell, it was a chance to discover his leadership qualities, even as it meant leaving a wife and child to return home a widower.

Counterattack by W.E.B. Griffin

[F/GRI]

This novel launches The Corps into hardcover with a story that sweeps from the devastating surprise attack on Pearl Harbor to America's first bold counterstrike against the Japanese on the beaches of Guadalcanal. It is the story of the men of the Marine Corps, their loves and loyalties, of an elite fraternity united by a tradition of courage and honor, as they enter the battle that will determine control of the Pacific.

Retreat, Hell by W.E.B. Griffin

[F/GRI][LP/F/GRI]

In the fall of 1950, the U.S. Marines confront an uphill battle as they make their way from Inchon across the 38th parallel, dealing with the full force of Chinese military might and the disappearance of an officer's son behind enemy lines.

Under Fire by W.E.B. Griffin

[F/GRI]

This novel is filled with the crackling realism, adventure, rich characters and that special flair for the military heart and mind that are his hallmarks.

Kilo Class by Patrick Robinson

[F/ROB]

The world is poised on the brink of destruction while major powers clash over who will control the seas.

Nimitz Class by Patrick Robinson

[F/ROB]

It's as big as the Empire State Building, a massive floating fortress at the throbbing heart of a U.S. Navy Carrier Battle Group. Its supersonic aircraft can level entire cities at a stroke. So when the first stunned messages say only that the Thomas Jefferson has disappeared, the Navy reacts with disbelief. But as her battered escorts report in, the truth becomes inescapable: a Nimitz Class carrier has been claimed by nuclear catastrophe, the mightiest military unit on earth, vaporized without warning by an accidental detonation of unimaginable power. No other explanation is possible.

Falcons by Ray Rosenbaum

[F/ROS]

This novel is a sweeping novel of men at war, traces the experiences of two Army Air Forces bomber pilots, Ross Colyer, a career minded, by-the-book officer and Broderick Templeton III, the pampered son of a U.S. senator, from the dark days of Pearl Harbor to the flak-and fighter filled skies of the Pacific, European and Mediterranean theaters during World War II.

Hawks by Ray Rosenbaum

[F/ROS]

This is a powerful story of men and women at war and takes the reader from the snowy Himalayas, where cargo pilots battle the elements and Japanese fighters to get their precious loads of fuel and spare parts across the infamous "hump" to East China, where Japanese and American fighter pilots struggle for control of the air.

The Iron Men by Leonard B. Scott [F/SCO]

It is the end of WWII and Germany is falling. As Germany enters its tumultuous post war era, we follow Horst Volker, as he becomes the most powerful and ruthless leader within Stasi, the infamous East German secret police.

The Buffalo Soldiers by Tom Willard [F/WIL]

This is a story of Sergeant Major Augustus Sharps of the 10th Cavalry, one of the six African-American regiments authorized by Congress in 1866. He and other former slaves fought valiantly for their freedom, but in the West they were fighting for the freedom and security of white settlers who often despised them.

The Sable Doughboys by Tom Willard [F/WIL]

A nickname for the African-American soldiers of World War I, The Sable Doughboys chronicles the Sharps family through the war. The novel follows Adrian and David Sharps and their families, to Virginia, where they join the 93rd Division, and to France, where they experience more racial discrimination, endure the horrors of trench warfare and face death in the battle of the Meuse-Argonne.

The Stone Ponies by Tom Willard [F/WIL]

Franklin LeBaron Sharps is a young paratrooper sent to Vietnam in 1965 with the celebrated 101st Airborne Division, the “Screaming Eagles.” This story takes a brutally graphic look at the war in its early years when the United States was divided over its conduct and its military heroes were suffering both abroad and at home.

Wings of Honor by Tom Willard [F/WIL]

Adrian Samuel Sharps was born, literally, to a military life. America’s wars have haunted the family for seventy years, claiming some of its members and Samuel, too, hears the call. After the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Samuel takes down the battle-sabre his father and grandfather carried into war and makes his way to Tuskegee, Alabama, where, for the first time in history, black men are being trained as combat pilots.

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LP/F=Large Print Fiction

CAS=Book on Cassette

M=Mystery